



## SKEENA-QUEEN CHARLOTTE REGIONAL DISTRICT

**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD) held at the Regional District office in Prince Rupert on Friday, February 15, 2013.

### PRESENT

Chair B. Pages, Village of Masset

Vice Chair D. Nobels, Electoral Area A - teleconference

Directors G. Garon, Alternate, City of Prince Rupert  
N. Kinney, City of Prince Rupert  
D. Franzen, District of Port Edward  
I. Gould, Village of Port Clements  
L. Johnson, Alternate, Village of Queen Charlotte  
P. Christensen, Alternate, Electoral Area C - teleconference  
M. Racz, Electoral Area D - teleconference  
E. Putterill, Electoral Area E

Regrets: A. Ashley, City of Prince Rupert  
C. Kulesha, Village of Queen Charlotte  
K. Bergman, Electoral Area C

Staff: J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer  
J. Robb, Treasurer  
J. Fraser, Deputy Corporate Officer

Public: 0  
Media: 0

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:00 p.m.

### 2. **AGENDA**

2.1 **MOVED** by Director Kinney, **SECONDED** by Director Franzen, that the agenda be adopted as amended, with the addition of the following:

- 4.3 Moresby Island Management Committee – January 10, 2013 Meeting Minutes;
- 7.7 North Central Local Government Association – Executive Committee Nominations;
- 8.4 Director Racz – Northern Development Initiative Trust (verbal report);
- 11.2 Director Franzen - Northwest Fish & Wildlife Conservation Association – Restriction of Trout and Char Retention in the Skeena Region;
- 12.1 Director Putterill – Sandspit Water Treatment; and
- 12.2 Director Gould – Marine Planning Forum (Haida Gwaii) appointment.

**102-2013**

**CARRIED**

### 3. MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

#### 3.1 SQCRD Regular Board Meeting – January 18, 2013 Minutes

MOVED by Director Franzen, SECONDED Alternate Director Garon, that Resolution No. 030-2013 from the January 18, 2013 SQCRD Board meeting be amended by deleting the second paragraph “and that the Board not support the application as it is in an area used for recreational purposes and in the vicinity of a barge site”;

AND THAT the minutes of the January 18, 2013 SQCRD Regular Board meeting be adopted as amended.

**103-2013**

**CARRIED**

#### 3.2 Rise and Report – January 18, 2013

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Gould, that the staff report entitled “Signing Authorities 2013” be received;

THAT the following Board Directors and staff be assigned signing authority for the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District:

- 1) Chair – Barry Pages
- 2) Vice Chair – Des Nobels
- 3) Director Anna Ashley
- 4) Director Nelson Kinney
- 5) Staff – Joan Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer
- 6) Staff – Jennifer Robb, Treasurer
- 7) Staff – Joanne Fraser, Deputy Corporate Officer.

**104-2013**

**CARRIED**

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Gould, that the following appointments be made for 2013:

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| 1. Haida Gwaii Museum  | Director Michael Racz                            |
| 2. North Coast Local Govt Association                        | Mayor Dave MacDonald                             |
| 3. Yellowhead Highway Association                            | Director Nelson Kinney<br>Alternate: Anna Ashley |
| 4. Vancouver Island Regional Library                         | Director Evan Putterill                          |
| 5. Port Edward Historical Society<br>(North Pacific Cannery) | Mr. Marty Bowles                                 |
| 6. Prince Rupert Regional Archives                           | Director Nelson Kinney<br>Alternate: Anna Ashley |
| 7. Haida Gwaii Regional<br>Recreation Commission             | Director Ian Gould                               |
| 8. Mainland Waste Management                                 | Mrs. Jean Martin                                 |

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| 9. Ground Fish Association  | Director Des Nobels                                |
| 10. Coastal Community Network   | Director Des Nobels<br>Alternate: Dan Franzen      |
| 11. Marine Planning (Mainland) with<br>Min. Forests, Lands & Natural Resources      | Director Karl Bergan                               |
| 12. Marine Planning (Haida Gwaii) with<br>Min. Forests, Lands & Natural Resources   | Director Gould                                     |
| 13. Municipal Insurance Association   | Director Karl Bergman                              |
| 14. Municipal Finance Authority   | Director Barry Pages<br>Alternate Dan Franzen      |
| 15. BC Ferries Advisory Committee   | Director Evan Putterill<br>Alternate Michael Racz  |
| 16. C2C Rural Policing Working Group  | Director Des Nobels                                |
| 17. Fisheries & Oceans<br>Hecate Strait/Queen Charlotte<br>Sound Glass Sponge Reefs | Director Des Nobels                                |
| 18. Bowie Seamount Advisory Board   | Director Michael Racz                              |
| 19. Haida Gwaii Tripartite  | Director Evan Putterill<br>Alternate Carol Kulesha |
| 20. Northern Development Initiatives Trust  | Director Michael Racz                              |

**105-2013****CARRIED**

AND THAT staff apply to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources for funding to cover costs for the appointed Directors to attend the marine planning meetings.

**106-2013****CARRIED**

### 3.3 SQCRD Special (Budget) Board Meeting – January 19, 2013 Minutes

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Alternate Director Johnson, that the minutes of the January 19, 2013 SQCRD Special (Budget) Board meeting be adopted as presented.

**107-2013****CARRIED**

**4. STANDING COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES – BUSINESS ARISING**

## 4.1 Electoral Area Advisory Committee Meeting – July 12, 2012 Minutes

MOVED by Director Franzen, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the minutes of the July 12, 2012 Electoral Area Advisory Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

**108-2013****CARRIED**

## 4.2 Electoral Area Advisory Committee Meeting – January 10, 2013 Minutes

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the minutes of the January 10, 2013 Electoral Area Advisory Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

**109-2013****CARRIED**

## 4.3 Moresby Island Management Committee Meeting – January 10, 2013 Minutes

MOVED by Director Franzen, SECONDED by Alternate Director Johnson, that the minutes of the January 10, 2013 Moresby Island Management Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

**110-2013****CARRIED**

*Director Putterill joined the meeting at 7:15 p.m.*

**5. DELEGATION**

## 5.1 Tessa Gill, Head of Stakeholder Management, Pacific Northwest LNG – Overview of the Proposed Pacific Northwest LNG project on Lelu Island

Tessa Gill, Head of Stakeholder Management, for Pacific Northwest LNG, presented the Board with an overview of their proposed liquid natural gas export facility on Lelu Island. This facility would liquidify and export natural gas from northeast BC. The natural gas would be supplied by Progress Energy Canada Ltd. Both companies are owned by Petronas.

The construction of the facility would create up to 3,500 direct and indirect jobs at its peak and the operation of the facility would create 200 to 300 jobs.

The pipeline from northeastern BC to Lelu Island would be built and operated by TransCanada Pipelines. Pipeline construction is expected to take approximately 3 years and employ up to 2,500 people.

The projected timeline is as follows:

- Late 2013 Submit Environmental Assessment
- 2013 – 2014 Government Regulatory Review Process
- Late 2014 Initial Construction Permits
- Late 2014 Final Investment Decision
- 2015 – 2018 Construction
- Late 2018 LNG Delivery Begins.

The following summarizes answers provided regarding questions made by the Board :

- There would be approximately 220 vessels per year passing through the area.
- With respect to the sources of power for the facility, Miss Gill stated the company is still investigating sources. They have been talking options with BC Hydro.
- Miss Tess assured the Board that the proposal has an end-of-life component as it is part of the regulatory process.
- As for the life span of the facility, Miss Tess explained it is typically 20 to 25 years, however, major overhauls can be done for additional decades of use. Given the substantial investment in a project of this size, it is likely that the life of the facility would be maximized to last several decades.

The Chair thanked Tessa Gill for her presentation.

## 6. FINANCE

- 6.1 J. Musgrave, Administrative Assistant - Cheques Payable over \$5,000 for January, 2013

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the staff report on Cheques Payable over \$5,000 issued by the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District for January, 2013 be received and filed.

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**CARRIED**

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Prince Rupert Gas Transmission – TransCanada's proposed gas pipeline project to Port Edward

MOVED by Director Franzen, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the correspondence from the Prince Rupert Gas Transmission regarding TransCanada's proposed gas pipeline project to Port Edward be received and filed.

**112-2013**

**CARRIED**

- 7.2 Coastal Regional Chairs Group – BC Ferries fares and costs

MOVED by Director Franzen, SECONDED by Alternate Director Garon, that the correspondence from the Coastal Regional Chairs Group regarding BC Ferries fares and costs be received and filed.

**113-2013**

**CARRIED**

- 7.3 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – BC Ferries' issues

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the correspondence from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District regarding BC Ferries' issues be received.

**114-2013**

**CARRIED**

7.4 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – Coastal Communities Network Conference Call

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the correspondence from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District regarding Coastal Communities Network Conference Call be received and filed.

**115-2013**

**CARRIED**

7.5 City of Prince Rupert – Selling of Ridley Terminals

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the correspondence from the City of Prince Rupert regarding the selling of Ridley Terminals be received;

AND THAT a letter be sent to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, supporting the City of Prince Rupert's opposition to the sale of Ridley Terminals, along with their rationale, and that it should remain a public utility.

**116-2013**

**CARRIED**

7.6 Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Retention of freshwater fish species in Skeena and cutthroat trout on Haida Gwaii

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the correspondence from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding Retention of freshwater fish species in Skeena and cutthroat trout on Haida Gwaii be received.

**117-2013**

**CARRIED**

7.7 North Central Local Government Association – Executive Committee Nominations

MOVED by Alternate Director Garon, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the correspondence from the North Central Local Government Association regarding Executive Committee Nominations be received and filed.

**118-2013**

**CARRIED**

**8. REPORTS – RESOLUTIONS**

8.1 J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer – Industrial Property Assessments

MOVED by Director Franzen, SECONDED by Alternate Director Garon, that the staff report entitled "Industrial Property Assessments" be received for information.

**119-2013**

**CARRIED**

- 8.2 J. Fraser, Deputy Corporate Officer – April Priority Setting Workshop in Oona River

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that the staff report entitled “April Board Meeting and Priority Setting Workshop” be received;

AND THAT arrangements be made for the Board to travel to Oona River in the late afternoon on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and return to Prince Rupert the morning of Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**120-2013**

**CARRIED**

- 8.3 Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Commission – January Month-end Report

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that the Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Coordinator’s report regarding activity during the month of January be received.

**121-2013**

**CARRIED**

- 8.4 Northern Development Initiative Trust

*With respect to the issue of pooling allocations, Director Michael Racz reported that after recommendations made from members of the Northwest Regional Advisory Committee, a resolution was passed at the February 13, 2013 Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Board meeting that NDIT combine the nominal allocations of the regional development account, with the exception of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District and the District of Port Edward allocations, for a five year period from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2017.*

MOVED by Alternate Director Garon, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that the verbal report from Director Racz regarding the Northern Development Initiative Trust Regional Advisory Committee be received.

**122-2013**

**CARRIED**

## **9. BYLAWS**

- 9.1 Bylaw 469.1 – Being a Bylaw to amend the Sandspit Water Service Establishment Bylaw No. 469

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Alternate Director Johnson, that the “Sandspit Water Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 469.1” be adopted.

**123-2013**

**CARRIED**

## **10. LAND REFERRALS/PLANNING**

None.

**11. NEW BUSINESS****11.1 Director Putterill – Resolution submissions to North Central Local Government Association**

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Alternate Director Garon, that the following resolution be submitted to the North Central Local Government Association for consideration at the 2013 UBCM Convention:

WHEREAS the system of mass emergency and hazard notification in the Province of BC is slow and ineffective, as demonstrated by Emergency Management BC's slow notification response times for two recent Tsunami warnings;

AND WHEREAS fast and wide-reaching emergency and hazard notification systems are proven to save lives, while slow and ineffective ones inevitably cost lives;

AND WHEREAS some communities have access to effective hazard and emergency mass notification systems, while others don't;

AND WHEREAS the technology and financial capacity needed to establish a world class system of emergency and hazard mass notification province-wide are available;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the North Central Local Government Association, Union of BC Municipalities and Federation of Canadian Municipalities urge the Provincial and Federal Governments to establish a world class emergency and hazard mass notification system, including the following:

1. The establishment of a province-wide, all-hazard radio system by expanding Weatheradio Canada coverage, with Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) protocols, to 100% of the populated areas in British Columbia by the end of 2014; and
2. The establishment of a federal/provincial/local government cost-shared funding program with the purpose of ensuring that all of the communities in BC are able to establish mass notification systems that meet local needs.

**124-2013****CARRIED**

MOVED by Alternate Director Garon, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that the Deputy Assessor and Appraiser from BC Assessment be invited to attend a future Board meeting to review the assessment process.

**125-2012****CARRIED**



- 11.2 Director Franzen – Northwest Fish & Wildlife Conservation Association – Requesting letter against restricting public angling opportunities.

MOVED by Director Franzen, SECONDED by Alternate Director Garon, that a letter be sent to the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Steve Thomson, opposing their proposal to remove trout and char retention on all streams in the Skeena region.

**126-2013**

**CARRIED**

## **12. OLD BUSINESS**

- 12.1 Director Putterill – Sandspit Water Treatment Plant

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Alternate Director Garon, that a letter be sent to the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development requesting assistance in expediting the Infrastructure Planning grant application made by Electoral Area E for the issue of Sandspit water treatment;

AND THAT staff provide a report to a future Board meeting on possible funding options for the treatment of Sandspit water.

**127-2013**

**CARRIED**

- 12.2 Director Gould – Marine Advisory Group

MOVED by Director Gould, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that Director Putterill replace Director Gould on the Board of the Marine Planning Partnership for North Pacific Coast for Haida Gwaii;

AND THAT Director Gould be appointed as the alternate for this position.

**128-2013**

**CARRIED**

## **13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions from the public.

## **14. IN CAMERA**

None.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Alternate Director Garon, that the Regular Board meeting of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District be adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

**129-2013**

**CARRIED**

Approved and adopted:

Certified correct:

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Barry Pages  
Chair

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Joan Merrick  
Chief Administrative Officer