



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, Prince Rupert, BC on **Friday, February 17, 2012**

PRESENT

Chair B. Pages, Village of Masset
Vice-Chair D. Nobels, Dodge Cove (Electoral Area "A")
Directors J. Rice, City of Prince Rupert (Alternate Director)
G. Garon, City of Prince Rupert (Alternate Director)
I. Gould, Village of Port Clements
C. Kulesha, Village of Queen Charlotte
K. Bjorndal, District of Port Edward
K. Bergman, Oona River (Electoral Area "C")
M. Racz, Graham Island (Electoral Area "D")
E. Putterill, Moresby Island (Electoral Area "E")

Absent: A. Ashley, City of Prince Rupert
N. Kinney, City of Prince Rupert

Staff: Joan Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Robb, Treasurer

Public: 1

Media: 1

1. CALL TO ORDER 7 pm

2. AGENDA

2.1 MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Garon, that the agenda be adopted with the following amendments:

- 4.3 SQCRD Electoral Area Advisory Committee - May 19, 2011 Minutes
- 7.9 Moresby Island Management Committee - Electoral Area "E" Voters List
- 7.10 Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) - Feasibility Study for Regional Conifer Essential Oils Industry, NDIT Project #2729-50
- 7.11 NDIT - Haida Gwaii Semester Marketing Campaign, NDIT Project #2726-50
- 7.12 Union of BC Municipalities - Province to Review Municipal Taxation and Local Government Revenue
- 8.3 Director Evan Putterill - BC Ferry Commissioner's Review
- 10.1 Joan Merrick, CAO - Subdivision Referral - Oona River
- 10.2 Joan Merrick, CAO - Subdivision Referral - Hunt's Inlet
- 11.6 Director Des Nobels - Alberta Energy Group
- 13.1 In-Camera Meeting to follow under *Sections 90.(1)(a) and 90.(1)(c)* of the Community Charter

053-2012

CARRIED

3. MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 SQCRD Regular Meeting - January 27, 2012

MOVED by Director Bjorndal, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the January 27, 2012 SQCRD Statutory Minutes be adopted as presented.

054-2012**CARRIED**

3.2 SQCRD Special (Budget) Meeting - January 28, 2012

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the January 28, 2012 SQCRD Regular Minutes be adopted as presented.

055-2012**CARRIED**

3.3 RISE & REPORT

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the following be appointed to the Moresby Island Advisory Planning Commission:

Heron Wier
Emmy O'Gorman
Carole Bowler
Kristi Schmitz
Stanley Hovde

056-2012**CARRIED****4. STANDING COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES – BUSINESS ARISING**

4.1 Moresby Island Management Committee – December 8, 2011 (Revised) Minutes

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the Revised Minutes of the Moresby Island Management Committee meeting held December 8, 2011 be received as presented.

057-2012**CARRIED**

4.2 Moresby Island Management Committee – January 12, 2012 Minutes

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Kulesha, that the Minutes of the Moresby Island Management Committee meeting held January 12, 2012 be received as presented.

058-2012**CARRIED**

4.3 SQCRD Electoral Area Advisory Committee - May 19, 2011 Minutes

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Alternate Director Garon, that the Minutes of the SQCRD Electoral Area Advisory Committee meeting held May 19, 2011 be received as presented.

059-2012**CARRIED****5. DELEGATIONS**

None.

6. FINANCE**6.1 Cheques Payable over \$5,000 — January, 2012**

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the report of cheques payable for over \$5,000 for the month of January, 2012 be received as presented.

060-2012**CARRIED****7. CORRESPONDENCE****7.1 Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union (COPE) - BC Hydro's Installation of Smart Meters**

MOVED by Director Bjorndal, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the correspondence from the COPE regarding BC Hydro's Installation of Smart Meters be received and filed.

061-2012**CARRIED****7.2 Pitch-In Canada - The benefits and cost of being a patron of Pitch-In**

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Gould, that correspondence from Pitch-In Canada regarding the benefits and cost of being a patron of Pitch-In be received and filed.

062-2012**CARRIED****7.3 CUPE BC - Alternatives to Federal funding of infrastructure through Public Private Partnerships/Proposed Canada European Union Trade Agreement (CETA)**

MOVED by Director Gould, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the Board write to the federal government requesting that funding be made available for non-P3 water infrastructure projects to the same degree as P3 infrastructure projects, and further that the letter be copied to the Regional District's appropriate Ministry's Member of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly.

063-2012**CARRIED**

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Bjorndal, that a letter be written to UBCM asking for clarification on how the proposed Canada European Union Trade Agreement (CETA) this will affect local governments in British Columbia.

064-2012**CARRIED****7.4 North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) - Call for Nominations for 2012-2013 NCLGA Executive.**

Note: This item was referred to the In-Camera meeting.

- 7.5 Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure - Erosion at Shingle Bay
- MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the correspondence from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding Erosion at Shingle Bay be received and filed.
- 065-2012** **CARRIED**
- 7.6 Human Resources and Skills Development Canada - Extended EI Benefits Pilot Project (No. 15)
- MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the correspondence from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada regarding Extended EI Benefits Pilot Project (No. 15) be received and filed.
- 066-2012** **CARRIED**
- 7.7 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) - Auditor General for Local Government - Audit Council appointments
- MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Bjorndal, that the correspondence from the UBCM regarding Auditor General for Local Government-Audit Council appointments be received and filed.
- 067-2012** **CARRIED**
- 7.8 Community to Community (C2C) - March 12-13, 2012 C2C Forum
- MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Alternate Director Garon, that the Regional District provide a \$2,500 contribution towards the March, 2012 C2C Forum.
- MOVED by Director Putterill, ACCEPTED by Director Nobels to include an additional \$2,500 for the Haida Gwaii Process.
- DEFEATED**
- MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Alternate Director Garon to provide \$1,250 for the Mainland C2C and \$1,250 for a Haida Gwaii Process.
- 068-2012** **CARRIED**
- 7.9 Moresby Island Management Committee (MIMC) - Electoral Area "E" Voters List
- MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Kulesha, that the correspondence from the MIMC regarding Electoral Area "E" Voters List be received and that a response be sent outlining how the Voters List is managed by the Regional District.
- 069-2012** **CARRIED**

- 7.10 Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) - Feasibility Study for Regional Conifer Essential Oils Industry, NDIT Project #2729-50

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the correspondence from the NDIT regarding Feasibility Study for Regional Conifer Essential Oils Industry, NDIT Project #2729-50 be received and filed.

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CARRIED

- 7.11 NDIT - Haida Gwaii Semester Marketing Campaign, NDIT Project #2726-50

MOVED by Director Bjorndal, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the correspondence from the NDIT regarding Haida Gwaii Semester Marketing Campaign, NDIT Project #2726-50 be received and filed.

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CARRIED

- 7.12 Union of BC Municipalities - Province to Review Municipal Taxation and Local Government Revenue

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that a letter be written to the Ministry stating that local governments should have representation on the panel.

072-2012

CARRIED

8. REPORTS – RESOLUTIONS

- 8.1 Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Commission Coordinator - January, 2012 Report

MOVED by Director Garon, SECONDED by Director Kulesha, that Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Coordinator's January, 2012 report be received and filed.

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CARRIED

- 8.2 Justina Musgrave, Administrative Assistant - Village of Queen Charlotte-Skidegate Fire Services

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Racz that pursuant to *Section 13(1)(b)* of the Community Charter, the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District consents to the provision of fire protection services established by the Village of Queen Charlotte Bylaw No. 20-2008 in that area that is within both the boundaries of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District and the boundaries of the Skidegate Indian Reserve #1 and that such consent is granted for a term of six months from the date of this resolution.

074-2012

CARRIED

- 8.3 Director Evan Putterill - BC Ferry Commissioner's Review

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Kulesha, that the following resolution be sent to the NCLGA:

Downloading Ferry Costs onto Local Government
Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District

WHEREAS the 14th recommendation in the BC Ferry Commissioner's report on the Coastal Ferry Act, if implemented, would allow for the downloading of provincial subsidization of the ferry system to Local Government.

AND WHEREAS the NCLGA and UBCM have endorsed numerous resolutions calling on the Provincial and Federal Government to cease any downloading of costs onto cash strapped Local Governments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM and the NCLGA insist that the Government of BC rejects any recommendations, and abandons any plans, that would enable the downloading of any costs on to Local Government in relation to our Coastal Ferry Services.

BC Ferry Fares and Service Levels
Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District

WHEREAS the NCLGA and UBCM have resolved to lobby the provincial government to:

- a. Recognize our coastal ferry services as essential extensions of our provincial public highway system and provide the independent BC Ferry Commission with a mandate to provide comprehensive recommendations aimed at creating equity between our terrestrial and marine highways; and
- b. Ensure the BC Ferry fares are reduced and current service levels are maintained at current levels until such time as the provincial government implements legislation that recognizes our coastal ferry services as essential extensions of our provincial public highway system and creates equity between BC's terrestrial and marine highway systems.

AND WHEREAS the BC Ferry Commissioner's 2012 report on the Coastal Ferry Act contains recommendations that are inconsistent with UBCM and NCLGA policy, as described above, including:

- a. The Commissioner's 11th recommendation, which calls for a price cap at the rate of inflation. As ferry fares are already well past the tipping point of affordability, if implemented, this recommendation would not create equity between our terrestrial and marine highways and would instead ensure that fares remained unaffordable in perpetuity; and
- b. The Commissioner's 9th and 16th recommendations which, if implemented, would give the Commissioner the mandate to reduce core ferry service levels.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NCLGA and UBCM insist that the Government of BC rejects any recommendations, and abandons any plans, to increase ferry fares and/or reduce core ferry service levels, as such actions would have been irreparable negative impacts on the economic wellbeing of Coastal British Columbia.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM and NCLGA continue to lobby the Government of BC to implement legislation that recognizes our coastal ferry services as essential extensions of our provincial public highway system and

creates equity between BC's terrestrial and marine highway systems.

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CARRIED

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Alternate Director Garon, that the report from Director Evan Putterill regarding BC Ferry Commissioner's Review be received.

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CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

- 9.1 Bylaw No. 537.1-2012 Amendment to the Director's Remuneration Bylaw No. 537, 2011

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Putterill to give first, second and third readings to Bylaw No. 537.1-2012;

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CARRIED

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Nobels that the Board adopts Bylaw No. 537.1-2012.

078-2012

CARRIED

10. LAND REFERRALS

- 10.1 Joan Merrick, CAO – Subdivision Referral - Oona River

MOVED by Director Bergman, SECONDED by Alternate Director Garon, that the Board supports the proposed subdivision in Oona River (DL 1697 & 1699) providing the park dedication is removed from the subdivision plan.

079-2012

CARRIED

- 10.2 Joan Merrick, CAO – Subdivision Referral - Hunt's Inlet

MOVED by Director Gould, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the Subdivision Referral - Hunt's Inlet be deferred until the next meeting.

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CARRIED

11. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- 11.1 2012 SQCRD Board Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Director Bjorndal, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the Board adopts the 2012 SQCRD Board Meeting Schedule with the following amendments:

April 20, 2012 - meeting location changed from Prince Rupert to Port Clements;

June 15, 2012 - meeting location changed from Haida Gwaii to the Village of

Queen Charlotte; and

July 20, 2012 - meeting location changed from Prince Rupert to the Village of Masset

081-2012

CARRIED

11.2 Director Anna Ashley - Proposed NCLGA Resolutions

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Nobels that the following resolution be submitted to the NCLGA:

Emergency services funding

Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District:

WHEREAS small rural and urban municipalities are struggling to provide adequate emergency services, such as fire protection, water treatment, and policing, due to escalating costs and insufficient federal and provincial funding, which compromises the safety and well-being of their citizens,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial/federal government to establish a committee to discuss and implement a funding formula that adequately addresses the emergency service needs of people in these areas and the ability to pay for those services, to ensure the safety and well-being of all citizens in our province and our country.

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CARRIED

MOVED by Alternate Director Garon, SECONDED by Director Putterill that the following resolution be submitted to the NCLGA:

Shipping of Dangerous Goods liabilities

Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District:

WHEREAS the amount of ocean traffic is increasing along the west coast of British Columbia due to increased economic activity, which increases the risk of accidents and spills, particularly from ships carrying dangerous and/or toxic products.

AND WHEREAS the social, cultural, economic and physical well-being of the citizens that live along the coast, is also being put at higher risk, due to these increases,

AND WHEREAS currently the liability of those who operate these ships is not adequate to address the damage that could occur should such accidents happen, particularly with regard to large scale spills of toxic or dangerous projects that may occur,

AND WHEREAS current environmental measures are not able to adequately clean up damages caused by these types of large scale spills or disasters,

AND WHEREAS continual cuts are being made that undermine the ability of our coast guard to address such disasters in a timely and adequate manner,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial and federal government to create legislation that requires that liability for cargo on a ship be the responsibility of both the carrier and the one who sold the cargo until such time as the cargo reaches its final destination, and/or is outside of Canadian waters,

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial/federal government to create legislation that requires shippers of dangerous goods and cargo, as well as the manufacturers, be required to pay into an emergency fund designed for two purposes. One, to clean up, and two, to fund research into improving clean-up methods to deal with the eventuality of such spills,

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the federal government to restore the Coast Guard complement and safety measurers along our coast to a standard that protects our coastline from the dangers of such accidents, and mitigates the amount of damage that would occur from the result of any such incidents.

083-2012

CARRIED

- 11.3 Coastal Community Network - Local Government Participation in Land and Marine Area Planning Processes (**referred from the January 27, 2012 meeting**)

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Kulesha, that correspondence from the Coastal Community Network regarding Local Government Participation in Land and Marine Area Planning Processes be referred to the March 23, 2012 meeting.

084-2012

CARRIED

- 11.4 Joan Merrick, CAO - Sandspit Recreation (**referred from the January 27, 2012 meeting**)

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Alternate Director Garon, that staff request the Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Commission to provide an updated report in regard to the liability insurance coverage.

085-2012

CARRIED

- 11.5 Tanker Traffic

MOVED by Alternate Director Rice, SECONDED by Director Putterill that the Board adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project will result in increased crude oil tanker traffic and risk of accidental oil spills in northern coastal waters in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS a crude oil spill will have devastating and long lasting effects on the Pacific North Coast area that is recognized for its unique and diverse ocean ecosystems, which provide critical marine habitat and marine resources that sustain the social, cultural, environmental and economic health of coastal communities, including First Nations communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SQCRD be opposed to any expansion of bulk crude oil tanker traffic as well as bitumen export in Dixon Entrance, Hecate Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound in British Columbia;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SQCRD petition the federal government to establish a legislated ban on bulk crude oil tanker traffic and bitumen export through Dixon Entrance, Hecate Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound in British Columbia.

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CARRIED
Director Bergman opposed

11.6 Director Des Nobels - Alberta Energy Group

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the Board approve travel to Fort McMurray, Alberta for a tour on the oils sands March 6 & 7, 2012 for all Electoral Area Directors.

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CARRIED

12. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were 2 questions from the public.

13. IN-CAMERA

13.1 The Board moved to an In-Camera meeting under *Section 90.(1)(a) and Section 90.(1)(c)* of the Community Charter.

14. ADJOURNMENT

14.1 MOVED by Director Bjorndal, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the regular SQCRD meeting be ADJOURNED at **9:14pm.**

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CARRIED

Certified correct:

Approved & adopted:

Joan Merrick, CAO

Chair