



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, March 15, 2013.

PRESENT

Chair B. Pages, Village of Masset
Vice Chair D. Nobels, Electoral Area A
Directors A. Ashley, City of Prince Rupert
N. Kinney, City of Prince Rupert
D. Franzen, District of Port Edward
I. Gould, Village of Port Clements
C. Kulesha, Village of Queen Charlotte – via teleconference
K. Bergman, Electoral Area C
M. Racz, Electoral Area D
E. Putterill, Electoral Area E
Staff: J. Robb, Treasurer
J. Fraser, Deputy Corporate Officer
Public: 1
Media: 1

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:03 p.m.

2. AGENDA

2.1 MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the agenda be adopted as amended, with the addition of the following:

- 7.6 Ministry of Citizens' and Open Government – Sandspit Cellular service;
- 7.7 Union of BC Municipalities – Treaty Advisory Committee Operational Funding;
- 11.2 Misty Isles Economic Development Society – Resolution for Grant Application (Verbal); and
- 11.3 Skidegate Volunteer Fire Department – Fire Department and Emergency Service.

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CARRIED

3. MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 SQCRD Regular Board Meeting – February 15, 2013 Minutes

MOVED by Director Franzen, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the minutes of the February 15, 2013 SQCRD Regular Board meeting be adopted as presented.

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CARRIED

3.2 SQCRD Special (Budget) Board Meeting – March 2, 2013 Minutes

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED Director Nobels, that the minutes of the March 2, 2013 SQCRD Special (Budget) Board meeting be adopted as presented.

169-2013**CARRIED****4. STANDING COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES – BUSINESS ARISING****4.1 Electoral Area Advisory Committee Meeting – February 7, 2013 Minutes**

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the minutes of the February 7, 2013 Electoral Area Advisory Committee Meeting be approved as presented.

170-2013**CARRIED****5. DELEGATION****5.1 Doug Anastos Real Estate and Government Affairs Manager, TELUS Wireless Network – Cellular Expansion along Highway 16**

Doug Anastos, Real Estate and Government Affairs Manager with TELUS Wireless Network addressed the Board with a presentation on the proposed process regarding cellular expansion along Highway 16.

The Province of BC has signed an agreement with TELUS to increase internet productivity in communities and expand cellular service along provincial highways. This equates to the installation of more than 1,700 kilometers of new cellular services along sections of primary and secondary highways through BC. The vast majority of new cell towers will be on crown land.

Industry Canada (federal) has the final authority over telecommunications towers and has its own type of public notification process and land-use authority consultation, while the province has a separate operational policy for communications sites on crown land. Since they are similar and in an effort to avoid duplication, TELUS is proposing that Regional Districts:

- 1) acknowledge that the provincial Crown Land public notification is sufficient and a second duplicative Industry Canada public notification is not needed, and
- 2) delegate Industry Canada's requirement for land-use concurrence from the Regional District Board to staff.

Adoption of this policy would not limit the RD's ability to review individual cell sites and provide land-use concurrence on a site-by-site basis. However, it would alleviate a duplicate process and, thus reduce the timeline needed to build in BC, given the short seasonal window of opportunity to build. To date, there are ten regional districts that have adopted this policy.

Mr. Anastos stated that the Province's main objective behind this agreement is public safety on highways. While that was understood, the Board expressed concern regarding the lack of cell service on Haida Gwaii and, as has been observed with the recent evacuations, once evacuated, residents are at a loss because there is no means of communication. Chair Pages expressed the Board's frustration in trying to get co-operation to solve this issue and requested assistance in the form of advising the Board what it would take to increase service on the Islands, in dollar terms, so that possible partners with other parties could be looked into to resolve this problem. Mr. Anastos said he would bring this question back to the management team to see if they can provide some answers.

The Chair thanked Doug Anastos for his presentation.

6. FINANCE

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

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

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CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) – Grant for Horizontal Baler Denied

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the correspondence from the Union of BC Municipalities regarding the Horizontal Baler Grant be received and filed.

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CARRIED

- 7.2 UBCM – Provincial Response to 2012 Resolution

MOVED by Director Franzen, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the correspondence from the Union of BC Municipalities regarding the Provincial Response to 2012 Submitted Resolutions be received and filed.

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CARRIED

- 7.3 Nathan Cullen, Member of Parliament, Skeena-Bulkley Valley – New Long-term Infrastructure Planning

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the correspondence from Nathan Cullen, Skeena-Bulkley Valley Member of Parliament regarding New Long-term Infrastructure Planning be received;

AND THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Mary Polak, supporting the position that a new Infrastructure Plan is needed – one that has a twenty-year cycle instead of two and that is based on a clear-cut funding formula.

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CARRIED

- 7.4 Premier Christy Clark – Cellular Coverage in Sandspit

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Gould, that the correspondence from Premier Christy Clark regarding Cellular Coverage in Sandspit be received and filed.

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CARRIED

- 7.5 Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development Canada – Notification of Proposed Addition to Masset Indian Reserve No. 1

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Gould, that the correspondence from Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development Canada regarding Notification of Proposed Addition to Masset Indian Reserve No. 1 be received and filed.

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CARRIED

- 7.6 Ministry of Citizens' Services and Open Government – Sandspit Cellular service

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the correspondence from the Ministry of Citizens' Services and Open Government regarding Sandspit Cellular service be received and filed.

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CARRIED

- 7.7 Union of BC Municipalities – Treaty Advisory Committee Operational Funding

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the correspondence from the Union of BC Municipalities regarding Treaty Advisory Committee Operational Funding be received;

AND THAT the Board supports the application for 2012/13 and 2013/14 Treaty Advisory Committee funding and provides overall management of the grant.

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CARRIED

8. REPORTS – RESOLUTIONS

- 8.1 Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Commission Coordinator – Programming Report for the month of February, 2013.

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that report from the Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Commission Coordinator for the month of February, 2013 be received and filed.

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CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

- 9.1 Bylaw 549 – Being a Bylaw to establish development approval procedures and fees

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the “Development Approval Procedures and Fees Bylaw No. 549 be adopted.

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CARRIED

Director Putterill opposed.

- 9.2 Bylaw 552 – Being a Bylaw to amend the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD) Service Bylaw No. 459

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Gould, that the “Regional District of Skeena-Queen Charlotte Emergency Program Service Amendment Bylaw No. 552, 2013 be adopted.

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CARRIED

- 9.3 Bylaw 553 – Being a Bylaw to establish the SQCRD Emergency Program (Electoral Area E) Service

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Emergency Program (Electoral Area E) Service Establishing Bylaw No. 553 be adopted.

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CARRIED

- 9.4 Bylaw 554 – Being a Bylaw to adopt the Five-Year Financial Plan for the SQCRD for the years 2013 - 2017

MOVED by Director Gould, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the “Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 554, 2013” be read for the first time.

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CARRIED

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that the “Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 554, 2013” be read for a second time.

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CARRIED

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 554, 2013” be read for a third time.

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CARRIED

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the “Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw 554, 2013” be adopted.

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CARRIED

10. LAND REFERRALS/PLANNING

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS**11.1 Director Nobels – Recent Oil Spill – Prince Rupert Port Authority**

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Gould, that staff research the implications, in terms of emergency response, for the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District in the event of an oil spill occurring within the Regional District.

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CARRIED

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Racz, that a letter be written to the Port of Prince Rupert requesting that the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District be included on the distribution list for receiving any communication pieces on events of interest in the area, such as the recent oil spill.

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CARRIED

Directors Putterill, Racz and Kulesha declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

11.2 Misty Isles Economic Development Society – Resolution for Grant Application

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the SQCRD Board supports the annual grant application of \$35,000 to the Northern Development Initiative's Capacity Building Program, with \$17,500 allocated to Misty Isles Development Society for Electoral Areas D and E and \$17,500 allocated for Electoral Areas A and C.

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CARRIED

Directors Putterill, Racz and Kulesha returned to the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

11.3 Skidegate Volunteer Fire Department

MOVED by Director Racz, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the correspondence from the Skidegate Volunteer Fire Department regarding fire and emergency services be received;

AND THAT the issue of a mutual aid agreement with the Skidegate Volunteer Fire Department providing fire and emergency services to Electoral Area D be referred to staff to provide more information.

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CARRIED

12. OLD BUSINESS

None.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were 3 questions from the public.

14. IN CAMERA

THAT the public be excluded from the meeting according to Section 90(1)(a) of the *Community Charter* – “personal information about an identifiable individual...”

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the Regular Board meeting of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Approved and adopted:

Certified correct:

Barry Pages
Chair

Joan Merrick
Chief Administrative Officer