



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 21, 2014.

PRESENT

PRIOR TO ADOPTION

Chair B. Pages, Village of Masset

Directors A. Ashley, City of Prince Rupert
N. Kinney, City of Prince Rupert
C. Kulesha, Village of Queen Charlotte
D. Franzen, District of Port Edward
K. Bergman, Electoral Area C
M. Racz, Electoral Area D
E. Putterill, Electoral Area E

Regrets: D. Nobels, Electoral Area A
I. Gould, Village of Port Clements

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

Public: 0
Media: 1

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:07 p.m.

2. AGENDA

2.1 MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the agenda be adopted as amended, to include the following:

- 8.2 Marine Planning Partnership for the North Coast Process
- 11.3 Call2Recycle
- 12.2 Northwest Readiness Project – Terms of Reference
- 12.3 Sandspit Evacuation Site Update

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CARRIED

3. MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Regular Board Meeting – February 21, 2014 Minutes

MOVED by Director Franzen, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the minutes of the February 21, 2014 Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Regular Board meeting be adopted as presented.

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- 3.2 Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Special (Budget) Meeting – March 8, 2014 Minutes

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the minutes of the March 8, 2014 Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Special Board meeting be adopted as presented.

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4. STANDING COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES – BUSINESS ARISING

- 4.1 Islands Area Advisory Committee – May 8, 2013 Minutes

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the minutes of the May 8, 2013 Islands Area Advisory Committee Meeting be received as presented.

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- 4.2 Electoral Area Advisory Committee – November 14, 2013 Minutes

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the minutes of the November 14, 2013 Electoral Area Advisory Committee Meeting be received as presented.

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- 4.3 Moresby Island Management Committee – December 5, 2013 Minutes

MOVED by Director Franzen, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the minutes of the December 5, 2013 Moresby Island Management Committee Meeting be received as presented.

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- 4.4 Moresby Island Management Committee – January 30, 2014 Minutes

MOVED by Director Franzen, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the minutes of the January 30, 2014 Moresby Island Management Committee Meeting be received as presented.

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5. DELEGATIONS

- 5.1 The Prince Rupert Back-Country Society

Steve Milum, President and Founder of the Prince Rupert Back-Country Society, addressed the Board in regards to the Kaien Island Trail Plan Proposal. The society proposes to raise funds to undertake the consultation and planning for hiking, biking, and walking trail routes in the City of Prince Rupert and around Kaien Island.

The Prince Rupert Back-Country Society is leading the Kaien Island Trail Plan Proposal Project as it relates to the society's purpose and mission. The proposed project is budgeted at \$35,030 and will be completed over a three-month period.

The Chair thanked Mr. Milum for his presentation.

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Racz, that a letter of support be provided to the Prince Rupert Back-Country Society for its Kaien Island Trail Plan Project.

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5.2 Spectra Energy

Graham Genge, Community Coordinator for Spectra Energy, addressed the Board in regards to Spectra Energy and BG Group's Westcoast Connector Gas Transmission Project.

The approximately 850-kilometre (525 mile), large diameter natural gas transportation system will begin in northeast B.C. and end at BG Group's potential LNG export facility in Prince Rupert. The new transportation system will be capable of transporting up to 4.2 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas. The project also will connect with the Spectra Energy system at Station 2 (southwest of Fort St. John), a growing natural gas hub that collects supply from multiple areas of the province and other supply basins in Western Canada.

Working together with affected Aboriginal groups, local communities and other stakeholders, and based on preliminary assessments of environmental, historical, cultural and constructability factors, early conceptual routes have been developed. Spectra Energy and BG Group will continue engaging with interested and affected Aboriginal groups and other stakeholders, including local communities, environmental organizations and regulatory agencies, to further refine the project route.

The Chair thanked Mr. Genge for his presentation, and requested that he discuss local government capacity issues, in terms of dealing with LNG project development, with the provincial government.

6. FINANCE

6.1 J. Musgrave, Administrative Assistant - Cheques Payable over \$5,000 for February, 2014

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the staff report on Cheques Payable over \$5,000 issued by the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District for February, 2014 be received and filed.

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7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 The BC Ferry Coalition

MOVED by Director Franzen, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the correspondence from the BC Ferry Coalition thanking the Board for its continued efforts in supporting the BC Ferry Coalition be received and filed.

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7.2 Environmental Assessment Office

MOVED by Director Franzen, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the correspondence from the Environmental Assessment Office in regards to the Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project be received and filed.

142-2014**CARRIED****8. REPORTS – RESOLUTIONS****8.1 D. Fish, Deputy Corporate Officer – Board Meeting Travel Options**

MOVED by Director Franzen, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the staff report entitled “Board Meeting Travel Options” be received;

AND THAT the April 26, 2014 Regular Board meeting be confirmed for 7:00 p.m. in the Village of Queen Charlotte.

143-2014**CARRIED****8.2 K. Bergman, Director, Electoral Area C – Marine Planning Partnership for the North Coast Update**

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the verbal report by Director Bergman entitled “Marine Planning Partnership for the North Coast Update” be received.

144-2014**CARRIED****9. BYLAWS****9.1 Bylaw No. 577, 2014 Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Five-Year Financial Plan Years 2014 – 2018**

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that “Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Five-Year Financial Plan Years 2014 – 2018, Bylaw No. 577, 2014” be given first reading.

145-2014**CARRIED**

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Racz, that “Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Five-Year Financial Plan Years 2014 – 2018, Bylaw No. 577, 2014” be given second reading.

146-2014**CARRIED**

MOVED by Director Franzen, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that “Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Five-Year Financial Plan Years 2014 – 2018, Bylaw No. 577, 2014” be given third reading.

147-2014**CARRIED**

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Racz, that “Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Five-Year Financial Plan Years 2014 – 2018, Bylaw No. 577, 2014” be adopted.

148-2014**CARRIED**

10. LAND REFERRALS/PLANNING

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS**11.1 Directors' Reports**

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the Regional District Directors' verbal reports, as follows, be received:

Director Putterill – Electoral Area E

- Stakeholders in the BC Ferries service cuts issue travelled to Vancouver to meet with the officials to discuss the current BC Ferries schedules. Stakeholders did not suggest any changes to routes 10 & 11, however, schedules for route 10 (supplemental service) and route 26 are still being negotiated.

Director Franzen – District of Port Edward

- Trailer court in the District of Port Edward has been sold to a private investor;
- Postal service reduction in the District of Port Edward; and
- The North Pacific Cannery was not awarded UNESCO's World Heritage Site designation.

Director Ashley – City of Prince Rupert

- Grant Lachmuth, Manager of the Northwest Readiness Project, presented to Prince Rupert City Council;
- City of Prince Rupert has received a new zoning application for senior's housing;
- City of Prince Rupert Helmet Bylaw passed;
- Exstew River Recreation Site – City of Prince Rupert has written a letter to the Canadian National Railway to ask they work with stakeholders to keep the Exstew recreation site open.

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MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that a letter be sent to the Canadian National Railway to request that they continue working with Coast Tsimshian Resources, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Jennifer Rice, North Coast Member of the Legislative Assembly, to maintain the Exstew access road to allow continued public access to the Forest Service camp ground.

150-2014**CARRIED****11.2 The Prince Rupert Back-Country Society – Kaien Island Trail Plan Proposal**

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the Prince Rupert Back-Country Society's "Kaien Island Trail Plan Proposal" be received.

151-2014**CARRIED**

11.3 Call2Recycle

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that the correspondence from Call2Recycle, Inc. in regards to the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District's Leader in Sustainability designation be received;

AND THAT the accompanying Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District press release be approved for circulation.

152-2014**CARRIED****12. OLD BUSINESS****12.1 Multi-Material BC – February 27, 2014 Press Release**

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the February 27, 2014 Press Release from Multi-Material BC be received.

153-2014**CARRIED****12.2 Northwest Readiness Project – Terms of Reference**

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the "Northwest Readiness Project – Terms of Reference" documents be received;

AND THAT a letter be sent to the Premier to request clarification on the Northwest Readiness Project and the Province's commitment to aid affected local governments in planning for issues and concerns related to liquefied natural gas development;

AND FURTHER THAT copies of the letter be sent to Grant Lachmuth, Manager of the Northwest Readiness Project; the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training; and the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

154-2014**CARRIED****12.3 Sandspit Evacuation Site Update**

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the verbal update in regards to the Sandspit Evacuation Site be received.

155-2014**CARRIED****13. PUBLIC INPUT**

There were 2 questions from the public.

14. IN CAMERA

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Racz, that notice of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District In Camera meeting be waived pursuant to section 793(4) of the *Local Government Act*;

AND THAT the Board move to the In Camera meeting following the Regular Meeting under section 90(1)(e) of the *Community Charter* – "the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements."

156-2014**CARRIED**

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Racz, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Approved and adopted:

Certified correct:

B. Pages
Chair

J. Merrick
Chief Administrative Officer