



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, May 23, 2014.

PRESENT

PRIOR TO ADOPTION

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
 I. Gould, Village of Port Clements
 C. Kulesha, Village of Queen Charlotte
 D. Franzen, District of Port Edward
 E. Putterill, Electoral Area E (via teleconference)

Regrets: K. Bergman, Electoral Area C
 M. Racz, Electoral Area D

Staff: J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer
 J. Fraser, Deputy Treasurer
 D. Fish, Deputy Corporate Officer
 M. Barthel, Planning Intern

Public: 0
 Media: 0

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

2. AGENDA

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

Remove:

8.2 H. Adel, Economic Development Officer – Forestry License to Cut, Community Forest Agreement and Corporation Updates

Add:

8.8 D. Fish, Deputy Corporate Officer – June 19 & 20, 2014, Mainland C2C Forum
 10.3 M. Barthel, Planning Intern – Sequoia Energy Investigative License (Crown Land Application Request #68604144)

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CARRIED

3. MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 3.1 Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Regular Board Meeting – April 26, 2014 Minutes

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the minutes of the April 26, 2014 Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Regular Board meeting be adopted as presented.

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CARRIED

4. STANDING COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES – BUSINESS ARISING

- 4.1 Moresby Island Management Committee – April 7, 2014 Minutes

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the minutes of the April 7, 2014 Moresby Island Management Committee Meeting be received as presented.

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CARRIED

- 4.2 Moresby Island Management Committee – Proposed Moresby Island Management Committee Bylaw

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the correspondence from the Moresby Island Management Committee in regard to the proposed Moresby Island Management Committee Bylaw be received.

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CARRIED

- 4.3 Moresby Island Management Committee – Sandspit Water Billing

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the correspondence from the Moresby Island Management Committee in regard to Sandspit Water Billing be received.

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CARRIED

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the metered water consumption charges for the 2013-2014 Sandspit Water System billing period be rescinded;

AND THAT any water consumption charges already paid for this period be refunded to the users;

AND FURTHER THAT the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District seek input from the public regarding metered billing at a public forum to be held in July, 2014.

199-2014

CARRIED

4.4 Moresby Island Management Committee – Rennell Sound

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the correspondence from the Moresby Island Management Committee in regard to Rennell Sound be received.

200-2014

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that a letter be sent to Moresby Island Management Committee requesting more specific information in regard to their concerns regarding access and maintenance at the Rennell Sound recreation site on Haida Gwaii.

201-2014

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1 S. Kietzmann, Senior Accountant – Carlyle Shepherd & Co.

Steve Kietzmann, Senior Accountant for Carlyle Shepherd & Co. (auditors), presented the Board, via teleconference, the Regional District's audited financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2013.

Mr. Kietzmann stated he will be reporting an "unqualified audit" for the Regional District and explained that this is the highest level of assurance an audit can provide an organization.

The Chair thanked Mr. Kietzmann for his presentation.

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that the draft Audited Financial Statements for the Period Ended December 31, 2013 for the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District be received;

AND THAT the financial statements be approved as presented.

The Board acknowledged staff's work on the financials and thanked the deputy treasurer for her work.

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CARRIED

5.2 C. Outhet & R. Grodecki – North Coast-Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society

Craig Outhet and Robert Grodecki, Marine Planning Coordinator and Executive Director for the North Coast-Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society, respectively, addressed the Board with an update on the Marine Planning Partnership for the Pacific North Coast.

Mr. Outhet described the Marine Planning Process and elaborated on such things as marine plan areas; the marine planning advisory committee; key steps in the planning process; the contents of the marine plan; the plan area management direction; the spatial planning process; the zoning summary; and implementation of the marine plan.

The Chair thanked Mr. Outhet and Mr. Grodecki for their presentation.

6. FINANCE

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

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

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CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Mr. & Mrs. Henry

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the correspondence from Mr. & Mrs. Henry in regard to Sandspit Water System/Billing be received;

AND THAT a response letter be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Henry outlining the Board's decision that the water consumption charges for the 2013-2014 Sandspit Water System will be rescinded, and the metered billing process reviewed.

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CARRIED

- 7.2 Ministry of Justice

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the correspondence from the Honourable Minister Suzanne Anton in regard to a province-wide earthquake preparedness consultation be received.

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CARRIED

- 7.3 Ministry of Justice

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that the correspondence from the Assistant Deputy Minister Patrick Quealey in regard to background information pertaining to a province-wide earthquake preparedness consultation be received.

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CARRIED

- 7.4 B.C. Federation of Labour

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the correspondence from the B.C. Federation of Labour regarding the BC Shipbuilding Industry be received;

AND THAT a letter be sent to the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour to request it ensure that shipbuilding is done in British Columbia;

AND FURTHER THAT the letter be copied to the Union of B.C. Municipalities.

207-2014

CARRIED

7.5 Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Ltd.

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the correspondence from Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Ltd. in regard to the proposed Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project be received and filed.

208-2014

CARRIED

8. REPORTS – RESOLUTIONS

8.1 J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer – Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Representatives Named to Organizations Outside the Regional District

MOVED by Director Gould, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the staff report entitled “Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Representatives Named to Organizations Outside the Regional District” be received;

AND THAT the policy be referred to a future meeting for further discussion.

209-2014

CARRIED

8.3 D. Fish, Deputy Corporate Officer – School District 50 Supplement for Unique Geographic Features

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Gould, that the staff report entitled “School District 50 Supplement for Unique Geographic Features” be received for information.

210-2014

CARRIED

8.4 J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer – Follow-Up on MIMC Draft Bylaw

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Gould, that the staff report entitled “Follow-Up on MIMC Draft Bylaw” be received.

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CARRIED

8.5 M. Barthel, Planning Intern – Update of Status of Proposed LNG Projects within the Prince Rupert Port Authority

MOVED by Director Gould, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the staff report entitled “Update of Status of Proposed LNG Projects within the Prince Rupert Port Authority” be received for information.

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CARRIED

8.6 L. Neville, Recreation Coordinator – Haida Gwaii Recreation Coordinator’s Report – April 2014

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that the staff report entitled “Haida Gwaii Recreation Coordinator’s Report – April 2014” be received and filed.

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CARRIED

- 8.7 J. Merrick, CAO, J. Fraser, Deputy Treasurer & D. Fish, Deputy Corporate Officer – Electoral Area E (Sandspit) Community Hall Service Establishment

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the staff report entitled “Electoral Area E (Sandspit) Community Hall Service Establishment” be received;

AND THAT it be referred to the June 21, 2014, Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Regular Board meeting.

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CARRIED

- 8.8 D. Fish, Deputy Corporate Officer – June 19 & 20, 2014, Mainland C2C Forum

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the staff report entitled “June 19 & 20, 2014, Mainland C2C Forum” be received.

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CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

- 9.1 Bylaw No. 579, 2014 Moresby Island Management Standing Committee

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Director Gould, that the “Moresby Island Management Standing Committee Bylaw No. 579, 2014” be referred to the June 21, 2014, Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Regular Board meeting.

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CARRIED

10. LAND REFERRALS/PLANNING

- 10.1 M. Barthel, Planning Intern – Controlled Access Highway Proposal

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the staff report entitled “Controlled Access Highway Proposal” be received;

AND THAT staff request more information from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure in regard to impacts on current and future zoning.

217-2014

CARRIED

- 10.2 M. Barthel, Planning Intern – Geographical Information System Update

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the verbal staff report entitled “Geographical Information System Update” be received for information.

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CARRIED

- 10.3 M. Barthel, Planning Intern – Sequoia Energy Inc. Crown Land Application Request # 68604144

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the staff report entitled “Sequoia Energy Inc. Crown Land Application Request # 68604144” be received;

AND THAT a response be sent to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations outlining the Board's concerns in regard to Lachmach River and inhabitant salmon species, due to the river system being used by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans as an "indicator" for the health of Coastal Coho and Chum stocks.

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CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Directors' Reports

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Gould, that the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Directors' verbal reports, as follows, be received:

Director Nobels – Electoral Area A

- Director Nobels has been invited to attend three (3) working group meetings in Vancouver on June 8, 9 and 10, 2014, in regard to dredging, marine animals and socioeconomic impacts as they relate to Liquefied Natural Gas development;
- Director Nobels noted particular concern regarding the proposed dredging.

Director Ashley – City of Prince Rupert

- The City of Prince Rupert established a Recreation Commission;
- City Council will be meeting in June to further discuss the Union of B.C. Municipalities.

Director Gould – Village of Port Clements

- Director Gould outlined the issues that Haida Gwaii is facing in light of two major development projects taking place on the island. Haida Gwaii communities are challenged in bringing resources to the island as transportation is becoming increasingly limited.

Director Putterill – Electoral Area E

- Director Putterill outlined current frustrations with the limited ferry space and bookings for BC Ferries' Route 26, Skidegate to Alliford Bay.

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CARRIED

11.2 Grassy Point

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Gould, that the verbal report "Grassy Point" be received.

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CARRIED

12. OLD BUSINESS

- 12.1 J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer – Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Strategic Priorities 2013-2014 Update

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Gould, that the staff report “Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Strategic Priorities 2013-2014 Update” be received for information.

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CARRIED

13. PUBLIC INPUT

There were 0 questions from the public.

14. IN CAMERA

MOVED by Director Franzen, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that the Board move to the In Camera meeting following the Regular Meeting under sections 90(1)(c) and (e) of the *Community Charter* – “labour relations or other employee relations” and “the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements...”

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CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

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CARRIED

Approved and adopted:

Certified correct:

B. Pages
Chair

J. Merrick
Chief Administrative Officer