



SKEENA-QUEEN CHARLOTTE REGIONAL DISTRICT

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD) held in the Village of Port Clements Office in Council Chambers on Friday, July 20, 2012.

PRESENT

Chair B. Pages, Village of Masset
Vice Chair D. Nobels, Electoral Area A

Directors A. Ashley, City of Prince Rupert
G. Garon, City of Prince Rupert (Alternate)
K. Bjorndal, District of Port Edward
E. Cranston, Village of Queen Charlotte (Alternate)
I. Gould, Village of Port Clements
K. Bergman, Electoral Area C
M. Racz, Electoral Area D
E. Putterill, Electoral Area E

Regrets N. Kinney, City of Prince Rupert
C. Kulesha, Village of Queen Charlotte

Staff: J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Kidd, Islands Solid Waste Manager
L. Neville, Haida Gwaii Recreation Coordinator
J. Robb, Treasurer (*Teleconference*)
J. Fraser, Deputy Corporate Officer (*Teleconference*)

Public: 1
Media: 1

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

2. AGENDA

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

7.8 Office of the Prime Minister regarding tsunami debris;

7.9 Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development regarding the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund;

7.10 City of St. John regarding federal infrastructure funding;

7.11 City of Langley regarding medical emergency service alarm calls cost recovery;

7.12 District of Kitimat regarding *Persons with Disabilities* benefit;

7.13 Village of Belcarra regarding *Climate Action Charter* and the purchasing of BC-based “carbon offsets”;

8.7 Deputy Corporate Officer's report regarding 2012 UBCM Convention update; and

11.2 Director Bergman – Septic Systems/Solid Waste.

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CARRIED

3. MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 SQCRD Regular Board Meeting – June 22, 2012

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Bjorndal, that the minutes of the June 22, 2012 SQCRD Regular Board meeting be adopted as presented.

283-2012

CARRIED

4. STANDING COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES – BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Mainland Solid Waste Management Committee

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the minutes of the May 8, 2012 Mainland Solid Waste Management Committee be received as presented.

284-2012

CARRIED

4.2 MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the minutes of the May 10, 2012 Moresby Island Management Committee Regular Board meeting be received as presented.

285-2012

CARRIED

4.3 MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the minutes of the February 9, 2012 Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Electoral Area Advisory Committee meeting be received as presented.

286-2012

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

None.

6. FINANCE

6.1 J. Musgrave, Administrative Assistant - Cheques Payable over \$5,000 — June, 2012

MOVED by Director Bjorndal, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the staff report listing cheques issued over \$5,000 by the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District for the month of June, 2012 be received as presented.

287-2012

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Unions of BC Municipalities – Major Industrial Property Taxation Study Released

MOVED by Director Bjorndal, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the correspondence from the Union of BC Municipalities regarding the release of the *Major Industrial Property Taxation Impacts* study be received and filed.

288-2012

CARRIED

- 7.2 Minister of Public Safety – Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP)

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the correspondence from the Minister of Public Safety regarding the elimination of the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) be received;

AND THAT the Board send a letter to the Minister of Public Safety requesting further information, in particular for the communities within the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District, of his statement that “The elimination of the JEPP reflects its success in substantially increasing local emergency preparedness and response capacity over the years.”

289-2012

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Bjorndal, that staff arrange a meeting with the Minister of Public Safety at the 2012 UBCM Convention to discuss how, with the elimination of the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program funding in 2013, local governments can be prepared for emergencies, as well as build capacity.

290-2012

CARRIED

- 7.3 BC Government and Service Employees’ Union – Privatization of BC Liquor Distribution Branch Warehouse and Distribution System

MOVED by Director Gould, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the correspondence from the BC Government and Service Employees’ Union regarding the provincial government’s plans to privatize the BC Liquor Distribution Branch warehouse and distribution system be received;

AND THAT the following resolution be adopted by the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District:

WHEREAS the provincial government, without public consultation or business case, has announced plans to privatize the Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB) distribution system and sell off its warehouses;

WHEREAS the sale of this profitable, socially responsible and proven public asset that generates almost a billion dollars a year in net income for health, education and other public services, will lead to reduced revenues, higher consumer prices, less selection, and a potential host of social problems associated with liquor privatization that may fall on local governments to deal with;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Board urges the provincial government to put a moratorium on the privatization of the LDB and to provide a formal vehicle – perhaps through appointment of a commissioner, a committee of MLAs, or similar means – for public discussion and community input into these issues.

291-2012**CARRIED**

7.4 Dixon Entrance Maritime Museum Board - Appreciation

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the correspondence from the Dixon Entrance Maritime Museum Board regarding their appreciation for the 2012 operating grant of \$8,000 be received and filed.

292-2012**CARRIED**

7.5 Honourable Christy Clark, Premier – Tsunami Debris

MOVED by Director Bjorndal, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the correspondence from the Honourable Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia, regarding the referral to Honourable Terry Lake, Minister of Environment, of the Regional District's concern of the debris arriving on the shores of Haida Gwaii from the 2011 Japan Earthquake and Tsunami be received and filed.

293-2012**CARRIED**

7.6 Minister of Fisheries and Oceans - Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area (Integrated Oceans Advisory Committee)

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the correspondence from the Honourable Keith Ashfield, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, regarding the withdrawal of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District's participation on the Integrated Oceans Advisory Committee for the North Coast Integrated Management Area, be received and filed.

294-2012**CARRIED**

7.7 Village of Port Clements – Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area (Integrated Oceans Advisory Committee)

MOVED by Director Gould, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the correspondence from the Village of Port Clements regarding the Skeena-Queen Charlotte's withdrawal from the Integrated Oceans Advisory Committee for the North Coast Integrated Management Area be received and filed.

295-2012**CARRIED**

7.8 Office of the Prime Minister – Tsunami Debris

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the correspondence from the Office of Prime Minister Stephen Harper regarding tsunami debris be received and filed.

296-2012

CARRIED

7.9 Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development - Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund

MOVED by Director Bjorndal, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the correspondence from the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development regarding the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund be received and filed.

297-2012

CARRIED

7.10 City of Fort St. John – Federal Infrastructure Funding

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Bjorndal, that the correspondence from the City of Fort St. John regarding the development of a new long-term federal plan for municipal infrastructure funding be received;

AND THAT staff request a meeting at the 2012 UBCM Convention with the provincial Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Leader of the Opposition Party to discuss the need for a new long-term infrastructure plan that meets the core infrastructure needs of cities and communities to be in place when existing programs expire in 2014.

298-2012

CARRIED

7.11 City of Langley – Medical Emergency Service Alarm Calls Cost Recovery

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the correspondence from the City of Langley regarding medical emergency service alarm calls' cost recovery be received and filed.

299-2012

CARRIED

7.12 District of Kitimat – *Persons with Disabilities* Benefit

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Bjorndal, that the correspondence from District of Kitimat regarding the provincial government's *Persons with Disabilities* benefit be received;

AND THAT staff report back to the Board with more information regarding this issue.

300-2012

CARRIED

7.13 Village of Belcarra – *Climate Action Charter* and BC-based Carbon Offsets

MOVED by Director Gould, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the correspondence from the Village of Belcarra regarding *Climate Action Charter* and the purchasing of BC-based “carbon offsets” be received and filed;

301-2012

CARRIED

8. REPORTS – RESOLUTIONS

8.1 J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer – Draft Park Land Policy

MOVED by Director Gould, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the staff report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the draft Park Land Policy be received;

AND THAT the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD) has acquired lands, or is entitled to the possession and control of lands, pursuant to sections 303, 904 or 941 of the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS these lands are being used, or have the potential to be used, by the public as regional or community parks;

AND WHEREAS the SQCRD has not established a regional or community park service and has determined, based on financial and staffing considerations, that it does not wish to establish a regional or community park service at this time;

AND WHEREAS the SQCRD has limited financial resources to maintain regional or community parks in the absence of a regional or community park service and is restricted under the *Local Government Act* from using funds from other services to maintain regional or community parks;

AND WHEREAS in the absence of a regional or community park service or the funds necessary to maintain parks, the SQCRD wishes to clarify its limited role with respect to the use, management, improvement, operation and control of its public lands that are being used for park purposes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Park Lands Policy be adopted as presented.

302-2012

CARRIED

8.2 J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer – Tsunami Debris Update (verbal)

MOVED by Director Bjorndal, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the verbal report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the Tsunami Debris Update be received.

303-2012

CARRIED

8.3 Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation – Co-coordinator’s Report June 2012

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Coordinator’s report for June 2012 be received as presented.

304-2012

CARRIED

8.4 R. Kidd, Islands Solid Waste Operations Manager – Landfill Update (Verbal)

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the verbal report from the Islands Solid Waste Operations Manager be received.

305-2012

CARRIED

8.5 UBCM Meeting – Governance Structure

MOVED by Director Racz, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that staff confirm the Board’s attendance at a meeting at the 2012 UBCM Convention with the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development staff to discuss the outstanding Structure and Governance Review Report.

306-2012

CARRIED

8.6 Misty Isles Economic Development Society – Monthly Economic Development Report

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the Economic Development Officer’s June 2012 Economic Development report to the Misty Isles Economic Development Society’s Board be received and filed.

307-2012

CARRIED

8.7 Deputy Corporate Officer – 2012 UBCM Convention Update

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Gould, that the Deputy Corporate Officer’s report regarding the 2012 UBCM Convention Update be received;

AND THAT Director Putterill be appointed to speak to the following resolution at the UBCM Convention, if required:

EMERGENCY SERVICES FUNDING Resolution No. 228-2012

WHEREAS small rural and urban Local Governments are struggling to provide adequate emergency services and training due to escalating costs and insufficient federal and provincial funding, which compromises the safety and well-being of its citizens;

AND WHEREAS the federal government announced that federal contributions for emergency projects under the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) will end in 2013;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that UBCM petition the federal government to reverse its decision and reinstate federal funding for emergency projects under JEPP past 2013.

AND FURTHER THAT all SQCRD Board members be designated to attend the following requested meetings at UBCM (if scheduled):

1. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Road conditions in small remote communities such as Dodge Cove and Oona River and the request for gravel upgrading;
2. Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations – Freshwater fish species retention issues on the Skeena and Haida Gwaii;
3. Premier – Tsunami debris and the impact on coastal communities;
4. Ministry of Environment – Means for Local Governments to achieve emergency preparedness and build capacity with the elimination of the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program funding in 2013;
5. Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Leader of the Opposition Party – Need for a new long-term infrastructure plan that meets the core infrastructure needs of cities and communities in place when existing programs expire in 2014.

308-2012

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

None.

10. LAND REFERRALS / PLANNING

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Coastal Community Network

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that staff continue to act on the behalf of the Regional District regarding the tsunami debris;

AND THAT this issue be referred to the Coastal Community Network at a future time, if appropriate.

309-2012

CARRIED

11.2 Septic Systems / Solid Waste

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the Chair write a letter of support to Terragon Environmental Technologies for the pilot project for wastewater management (sewerage) in Oona River.

310-2012

CARRIED

12. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There was one question from the public.

13. IN CAMERA

The Board moved to an In Camera meeting under Section 90 (1) (c) and (k) of the Community Charter – “labour relations and other employee relations” and “negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages...”

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Bjorndal, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the Regular Board meeting of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District be adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

311-2012

CARRIED

Certified correct:

Approved & adopted:

Joan Merrick
Chief Administrative Officer

Barry Pages
Chair