



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, November 23, 2012.

PRESENT

Chair B. Pages, Village of Masset

Vice Chair D. Nobels, Electoral Area A

Directors A. Ashley, City of Prince Rupert (*via teleconference*)
N. Kinney, City of Prince Rupert
K. Bjorndal, District of Port Edward
C. Kulesha, Village of Queen Charlotte (*via teleconference*)
I. Gould, Village of Port Clements (*via teleconference*)
K. Bergman, Electoral Area C
M. Racz, Electoral Area D
E. Putterill, Electoral Area E (*via teleconference*)

Staff: J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer
J. Fraser, Deputy Corporate Officer
J. Robb, Treasurer
T. Des Champ, Regional Recycling Operations Manager

Public: 1
Media: 0

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:00 pm

2. **AGENDA**

2.1 MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the agenda be adopted as amended, with the deletion of the following items:

- 9.1 Bylaw No. 547 Moresby Island Advisory Planning Commission
- 9.2 Bylaw No. 548 Graham Island Advisory Planning Commission

and the addition of the following:

- 11.2 J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer – 2013 Budget Public Information Sessions
- 11.3 T. Des Champ, Regional Recycling Operations Manager – Update on New Recycling Baler
- 12.3 Director Nobels – Watson Island Development Corporation.

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CARRIED

3. MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 SQCRD Regular Board Meeting – October 26, 2012

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the minutes of the October 26, 2012 SQCRD Regular Board meeting be adopted as presented.

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CARRIED

4. STANDING COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES – BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Commission – Annual General Meeting September 6, 2012

MOVED by Director Bjornal, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that the minutes of the September 6, 2012 Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Commission Annual General meeting be received as presented.

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5. DELEGATION

5.1 Dr. George Iwama, President and Robert van Adrichem, VP External Relations – University of Northern BC

Dr. George Iwama and Mr. van Adrichem addressed the Board with a presentation on the strengths and opportunities available through attending the University of Northern BC. Several examples were provided of alumni who have either stayed in the region or left and returned, both obtaining gainful employment in the North and contributing to the communities.

The Chair thanked Dr. Iwama and Mr. van Adrichem for their presentation.

5.2 Herb Pond, Community Relations Advisor, BG Group Canada – Regarding Proposed Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Export Project

Mr. Pond presented the Board with an update on BG Group's proposed Ridley Island Project – a plant where gas would be processed, liquefied, stored and prepared for shipment. Direct operational jobs are projected to be between 400 and 600. The project's timeline is proposed to be:

- 2012 to 2015 – Project feasibility and design phase*
- 2012 to 2014 – Environmental assessment*
- Mid-decade – Final investment decision, start of construction; and*
- End of decade – Commencement of operations.*

The Board questioned the end-of-life phase of the project. Mr. Pond stated that the costs for closing and remediation of the site are included in the costing of the overall project.

The Chair thanked Mr. Pond for his presentation.

- 5.3 Janine North, Chief Executive Officer – Northern Development Initiative (NDIT)

Ms. North addressed the Board with information on the current grant funding allocation available for each area in the North West. She also explained the NDIT Board was proposing an alternate strategy the local governments could be using to access this money, such as using a “pooled approach”. This will be discussed in more detail at the December Regional Advisory Committee.

The Chair thanked Ms. North for her presentation.

6. FINANCE

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

MOVED by Director Racz, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the staff report on Cheques Payable over \$5,000 issued by the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District for October, 2012 be received and filed.

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7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Ministry of Justice – October 27th Earthquake Emergency Response

MOVED by Director Bergman, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the correspondence from the Ministry of Justice regarding the October 27th Earthquake Emergency Response be received and filed.

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- 7.2 Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Response regarding Road Maintenance

MOVED by Director Racz, SECONDED by Director Kulesha, that the correspondence from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding their response regarding road maintenance in rural areas be received;

AND THAT staff from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure in Terrace be invited to meet with the Board to discuss a variety of issues dealing with road maintenance in rural areas.

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- 7.3 Kim Slater, Band Together BC – Requesting Support

MOVED by Director Bjorndal, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the correspondence from Kim Slater, Band Together BC, regarding Requesting Support be received and filed.

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8. REPORTS – RESOLUTIONS

- 8.1 J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer – October 27th Earthquake and Tsunami Warning Debriefing

The Chief Administrative Officer advised the Board that staff spent the week of November 12th on Haida Gwaii with Maurie Hurst, Regional Manager with Emergency Management BC for the Northwest Region, meeting with the various communities for a debriefing after the October 27th Earthquake and Tsunami warning. Island residents were concerned of how long it took to get notified of the emergency. Ms. Hurst stated that Emergency BC's notification system is set up for far-field events. For localized events in coastal areas such as on October 27th, residents should go to higher ground as soon as they feel an earthquake.

Staff obtained a Task Number which will ensure that any costs incurred in the emergency response will be reimbursed by the provincial government. The comments heard by Island residents were they wanted more communication capability, emergency planning and help with personal emergency planning.

MOVED by Director Bjorndal, SECONDED by Director Bergman, that the Chief Administrative Officer's report regarding the October 27th Earthquake and Tsunami be received.

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- 8.2 J. Fraser, Deputy Corporate Officer – December 14th Board Meeting Time Change

MOVED by Director Racz, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the Deputy Corporate Officer's report regarding the December Board Meeting Time Change be received;

AND THAT the December 14th, 2012 SQCRD Board meeting be rescheduled from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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9. BYLAWS

None.

10. LAND REFERRALS / PLANNING

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- 11.1 J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer – Clarification of SQCRD Communications Request

No motion made.

- 11.2 J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer – 2013 Budget Public Information Sessions

No motion made – referred to budget discussions.

- 11.3 T. Des Champ, Regional Recycling Operations Manager – Update on New Recycling Bailer

The Regional Recycling Operations Manager reported on the status of the new recycling baler. The pit has been constructed and is in place. The equipment should be fully functional by December 1, 2012.

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the Regional Recycling Operations Manager’s verbal report regarding the status of the new recycling bailer be received.

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12. NEW BUSINESS

- 12.1 Director Putterill – Tide Canada’s “A New Energy Vision for Canada”

MOVED by Director Bjorndal, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the correspondence received from Leslie Johnson, Village of Queen Charlotte Councillor, regarding Tide Canada’s “A New Energy Vision for Canada” be received.

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CARRIED

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Gould, that Tide Canada’s “A New Energy Vision for Canada” be referred to the December meeting for discussion.

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CARRIED

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that Tide Canada be invited to attend a future Board meeting to discuss their publication “A New Energy Vision for Canada”.

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CARRIED

- 12.2 Director Ashley – Items for Discussion:

- 1). Paperless Agendas

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that staff provide a report to the 2013 budget discussions on the Board potentially using laptops to view Board meeting agendas instead of paper.

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CARRIED

2). Meeting Dates for 2013

MOVED by Director Bjorndal, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the 2013 Board meeting schedule be adopted as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Meeting Type</u>
January 18th	7:00 pm	Prince Rupert	Regular
January 19th	10:00 am	Prince Rupert	Budget (full-day)
February 9th	10:00 am	Teleconference	Budget (half-day)
February 15th	7:00 pm	Prince Rupert	Regular
March 2nd	10:00 am	Teleconference	Budget (half-day)
March 15th	7:00 pm	Prince Rupert	Regular
April 19th	7:00 pm	To be determined	Regular
May 24th	7:00 pm	Prince Rupert	Regular
June 21st	7:00 pm	To be determined	Regular
August 9th	7:00 pm	To be determined	Regular
September 13th	7:00 pm	Prince Rupert	Regular
October 18th	7:00 pm	Prince Rupert	Regular
November 15th	7:00 pm	Prince Rupert	Regular
December 13th	7:00 pm	Prince Rupert	Statutory
December 13th	7:30 pm	Prince Rupert	Regular

AND THAT the Directors be given the option of attending the half-day budget meetings in person versus by teleconference.

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Directors Putterill, Bergman and Racz opposed.

3). Cost Allocation for Budget Process

No motion made – referred to budget discussions.

12.3 Director Nobels – Watson Island Development Corporation

Watson Island Development Corporation issued a Request for Expressions of Interest and Qualifications from organizations to identify innovative and cost-effective options to utilize or divert hog fuel located on Watson Island, while providing regional and provincial benefits.

Director Nobels provided a submission from Ecotrust Canada, the leader of a consortium making the submission. Ecotrust Canada focuses on the conservation economy through projects that help people in place. Along with Ecotrust, Emergent Waste Solutions Inc. is the owner of the pyrolysis technology innovation and ABB Inc. is a multinational technology provided of power and automation products, systems and solutions.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no 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 Racz, that the Regular Board meeting of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District be adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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CARRIED

Approved and adopted:

Certified correct:

Barry Pages
Chair

Joan Merrick
Chief Administrative Officer