

DISTRICT OF UCLUELET
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
held in the George Fraser Room, 500 Matterson Drive,
Ucluelet, BC on December 10, 2013 at 7:30 pm

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Irving
Councillor Corlazzoli
Councillor Mole
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Oliwa

STAFF PRESENT:

Andrew Yeates, CAO
Morgan Dosedall, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Irving called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Councillor Lyons, seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli to adopt the November 26, 2013 Harbour Authority and Regular Council minutes as presented.
CARRIED

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS:

None

BUSINESS OUT OF THE MINUTES:

- ❖ Update on Fibre Optics project: Telus, BC Hydro, First Nations Pathway Program, Provincial Government, and Tla-o-qui-aht met in Vancouver recently. Group managed to reduce shortfall from \$3.23M to \$600k. Province is in process of investigating sources of funding to close the gap, and are hoping to do this before Christmas so that physical work can begin in March 2014

PUBLIC INPUT, DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS:

D-1 Pacific Rim Whale Festival Society – Presenter: Gillian Nicol

- Thank-you to District of Ucluelet for their support of last years' event
- Provided update on event past and changes going forward
- Made requests related to support of the event for March 2014

Council provided direction to Ms. Nicol on how requests can be met.

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1 Request to Renew Pacific Rim Visitor Centre Agreement

Susan Payne, Executive Director – UCOC & Visitor Centres

Moved by Councillor Lyons, seconded by Councillor Oliwa to receive correspondence item C-1.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Lyons, seconded by Councillor Oliwa to renew the existing Memorandum of Understanding as it was previously.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- I-1 Vancouver Island Coast Guard Service**
Zoran Knezevic, Port Alberni Port Authority CEO
- I-2 UBCM – Ministry of Jobs, Tourism, and Skills Training**
Shirley Bond, Minister
- I-3 Proposed Changes to Agricultural Land Commission**
John Douglas, Mayor – City of Port Alberni
- I-4 Tofino’s Creative Salmon Certified as Organic**
Lisa Stewart, Communications Officer – Creative Salmon
- I-5 BC Communities in Bloom – 2014 Membership**
Catherin Kennedy, Executive Director
- I-6 Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Meeting Confirmation**
Debra Foxcroft, President
- I-7 Long Beach Area Reinforcement Project**
District of Ucluelet Council

Moved by Councillor Corlazzoli, seconded by Councillor Oliwa to receive information items I-1 through I-7.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Mole, seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli to direct staff to write a letter of congratulations to Tofino’s Creative Salmon for achieving organic certification.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

- R-1 Expenditure Voucher G-20/13**
Jeanette O’Connor, CFO

Moved by Councillor Lyons, seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli to approve Expenditure Voucher G-20/13.

CARRIED

- R-2 Quarterly Manager’s Report – October to December, 2013**
District of Ucluelet

Moved by Councillor Corlazzoli, seconded by Councillor Oliwa to move recommendation one of the “Quarterly Manager’s Report – October to December, 2013”, which states

(1) THAT Council receive the following report for information.

CARRIED

R-3 Quarterly Motion Report – October to November, 2013

District of Ucluelet

Moved by Councillor Lyons, seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli to receive the “Quarterly Motion Report – October to November, 2013” for information.

CARRIED

R-4 Financial Audit Services Contract Award

Jeanette O'Connor, CFO

Moved by Councillor Lyons, seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli to award the External Financial Audit Services contract to the auditing firm of KPMG.

CARRIED

LEGISLATION:

None

COM-1 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councillor Dario Corlazzoli

Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce

- Met December 9, 2013
- Were reaccredited as Canadian Chamber of Commerce with Distinctions, good for next 3 years; only 20 out of 180 chambers in BC to achieve distinctions
- Registration going strong for marathon with 26 full marathon, 27 half marathon, and 3 relay teams already registered; still working on course
- Held successful gala – donation of \$500 to food bank and \$500 to hospice
- Working with other chambers on the island to deal with BC Ferries on issues from rates to service
- Trying to reestablish merchant committee to improve communication between businesses
- Report from Parks Canada of approval received to do a Long Beach Challenge, similar to Grouse Grind in Vancouver where you can time yourself from one end to the other; would be a year-round challenge; currently working on logistics
- Tourism Ucluelet looking at creating new position at 20 hours/week; would be hired through chamber & would work out of Chamber office; deadline is December 16, 2013

Wild Pacific Trail

- Recently met to discuss new web portal
- Did walkabout December 8, 2013 with Oyster Jim to discuss envisioned changes on Artist's Loop and viewpoints; building proposal to improve these sections; will be funded through WPT society

Councillor Geoff Lyons

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust Society

- Met December 5, 2013
- Members provided updates from their communities: Ucluelet emphasized WPT and desire to extend it to park boundary and also join with Parks on multi-use/bike path; Tofino also wants to extend their trails in cooperation with TFN; Parks agreed communities could work together on these goals

- Ahousaht Lot 363 have built lodge and several new homes
- Toquaht celebrating opening of their new water plant
- Hesquiaht looking for ways for their community to benefit from hot springs tourism revenues
- CBT working on the mining in the biosphere, 3 year projection and business plan
- CBT building lease renewed in Tofino; still looking at new building location
- Facebook is CBT's new media output

Councillor Sally Mole

Westcoast Coalition of Service Providers

- Met November 6, 2013
- Presentation from Island Health on new study to identify which services on island are not through Island Health to work more closely with them
- Part of pilot project through Human Early Learning Partnership and Dalai Lama Centre for Peace and Education; H.E.L.P. provides early development instrument measuring kindergarten readiness; extra focus on heart and mind data, now to grade 4

Ucluelet & Area Childcare Society

- Lease almost signed and ready to go

Councillor Randy Oliwa

Ucluelet Volunteer Fire Brigade

- Held Christmas event on December 6, 2013
- Chief Eeftink received service award for 20 years; Dave Innis awarded for 25 years of service
- Also attended by BC Ambulance, RCMP, and Coast Guard Auxiliary

Parent Advisory Committee/Public School Liaison

- Met December 5, 2013
- 3 volunteer parents, school administration, teacher liaison, and school board trustee on school planning committee, working on plan for 2014/15
- Topics included Safe Arrival Program, traffic safety/speed control by schools, meeting notification using newsletters and leaflets
- Family Fun Night on January 28, 2014
- Possibly implementing 2-week Spring Break in 2014, if teachers agree
- Next meeting on February 4, 2014 at 6pm in the Library

Forest Glen

- Society going well

Mayor Bill Irving

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

- Held elections; Councillor Cindy Solda from Port Alberni re-elected chair
- Agenda available online

Aquarium Board

- Meeting December 11, 2013 with new directors

Groundfish Advisory Board

- Met previous week in Nanaimo

Pacific Rim Visitor Centre

- Councillor Corlazzoli, Mayor Irving, and Chamber of Commerce representative met with Tofino representatives (chamber, tourism, and council members) regarding Pacific Rim Visitors Centre
- Discussed memorandum processes

Joint Council Meeting – Ucluelet & Tofino

- Met December 9, 2013
- Catalyst for meeting due to recent publications in local newspapers and desire to take positive steps to remedy
- Topics included issues common to both communities: advanced education, school district 70, education, transportation

New Years Blessing

- Suggested inviting representative from First Nations to provide blessing for council's year at first meeting of 2014

Moved by Councillor Mole, seconded by Councillor Lyons to receive all committee reports.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

West Coast Vancouver Island Marine Economic Development

- Allocation of \$50k to each community under terms of reference
- Suggest directing this funding through economic development strategy to higher education and business incentive
- Communities granted \$500k from original \$30M for economic renewal following Chinook closure; funds are only for planning and strategies, communities evenly split money; connection with marine-based advanced education and business incentive initiatives

Moved by Councillor Oliwa, seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli to consider allocating portions of WCVI funding to the priority items of advanced education and business incentive projects subject to budget process and firm economic development strategies as determined by the economic development committee.

CARRIED

West Coast Wave Initiative

- Attended presentation to high school on wave energy potential and projects

Moved by Councillor Lyons, seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli to invite the West Coast Wave Initiative to give a presentation on wave energy to Council in early 2014.

CARRIED

Community Centre

- Noticeable lack of paving in public parking area at community centre
- Issues include mud and slip hazard

Public Hearing

- December 16th, 7pm at community centre
- Will be followed by special meeting of council

Groundfish Advisory

- Attended latest meeting

- Mandate of committee is meant to be broader policy, but actually meeting was target by DFO to look at specific issue

Moved by Mayor Irving, seconded by Councillor Mole that Council write a letter to the DFO stating concern that the Groundfish Advisory Board is not addressing its mandate.

CARRIED

Letters

- Provide public record of recent letters sent with approval of council
 - Letter of support for PRAS application

Moved by Mayor Irving, seconded by Councillor Lyons that Council endorse the letter of support sent in support of Pacific Rim Arts Society application.

CARRIED

- Letter to BC Hydro regarding construction at the junction

Moved by Mayor Irving, seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli that Council endorse the letter sent to BC Hydro regarding construction at the Tofino-Ucluelet junction.

CARRIED

Vet Association

- Disappointed reading article about how local veterinarian treated

Moved by Councillor Corlazzoli, seconded by Councillor Oliwa to write a letter to the College of Veterinarians of British Columbia expressing dissatisfaction with the treatment of Jane Hunt and the overarching policy that prevents her from practicing; and to also suggest that if a service is removed from the area, it should be replaced or should have a provision for replacement.

CARRIED

Fisheries Board

- Board members not always sure why there, and feel need to do more
- Worry that advisory board is not being fully utilized

Post Office

- Recent comments on change with how inside/outside mail being handled: there is a definite reduction in service, with items taking over two weeks to turnaround
- Will check with Chamber of Commerce on this issue

SCH Manager

- Receiving good reports on new small craft harbour manager; developing good relationships

Signage

- 'Welcome to Ucluelet' sign now on outer boat basin finger

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None Received

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councillor Mole, seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli that it is in the opinion of Council that the public interest requires that persons other than members of Council and Officers be excluded from the meeting to consider confidential matters related to a legal issue, pursuant to section 90(1), subsections (a) of the Community Charter and that Council continue the meeting in closed session.

CARRIED

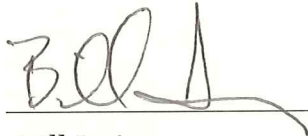
Mayor Irving suspended the regular council meeting at 8:41pm, and moved in-camera under section 90(1)(a) of the Community Charter.

Mayor Irving adjourned the in-camera session at 9:04 pm and resumed the regular council meeting at 9:06 pm.


- ❖ ANNOUNCEMENT: Pieter Timmermans and Gerry Carmichael have been appointed to the Ucluelet Board of Variance.

Mayor Irving adjourned the regular council meeting at 9:08 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT: Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 7:30 pm in the George Fraser Community Room, 500 Matterson Road, Ucluelet, BC



Bill Irving
Mayor



Andrew Yeates
CAO