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To: Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Board / Public
Date: January 18, 2013
From: Joanne Fraser, Deputy Corporate Officer
Subject: January 18, 2013 SQCRD Board Agenda – Late Items

Please note the following late item submissions with respect to the January 18, 2013 Regular Board meeting agenda.

7.0 Correspondence

7.4 North Central Local Government Association – Resolution Submission **Pg 29a**
Deadline March 1, 2013

12.0 New Business

12.1 Moresby Island Management Committee – January 15, 2013 **Pg 138a-b**
Committee Report

12.2 Director Nobels – Marine Planning **Pg 138c-e**

The following item has been deleted from the agenda:

5.0 Delegations

5.1 Daniel Baker, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Terrace Branch

In addition, please insert the following pages into your agenda package:

- Item 9.2 Bylaw 552 – A bylaw to amend the Regional District of Skeena-Queen Charlotte Emergency Program Service Establishing Bylaw No. 459 (removing Electoral Area E from service) **Pg 58a-b**
- Item 9.3 Bylaw 553 – A bylaw to establish a service to provide an Emergency program within Electoral Area E **Pg 58c-d**
- Item 9.4 Bylaw 469.1 – A bylaw to amend the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Sandspit Water Service Establishment Bylaw No. 469 **Pg 58e-f**



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SKEENA-QUEEN CHARLOTTE
REGIONAL DISTRICT

January 10, 2013

Regional District of Skeena-Queen Charlotte
100 - 1st Avenue East
Prince Rupert, BC V8J 1A6

Re: Resolution Submission Deadline: March 1st, 2013

Dear Chair and Directors,

The North Central Local Government Association's 58th Annual General Meeting and Convention will be held May 1st-3rd, 2013 in Quesnel. The Executive of the NCLGA encourages you to submit your resolutions on issues of concern for debate at the Convention. These resolutions are vital to the Association, as the issues identified and endorsed at this meeting help to focus the work plan for the Executive and staff during the year ahead.

We strongly encourage you to draft and submit your resolutions early. Resolutions must be submitted to the NCLGA office prior to the deadline of **Friday, March 1st, 2013**. We work with a tight schedule to allow enough time for the resolutions to be forwarded to UBCM for comment and then returned to us for compilation into the Annual Report prior to convention. All five of the Area Associations submit resolutions to UBCM during the same time period, which can create challenges for the UBCM staff.

In an effort to streamline the resolution process, both at our own Convention and at UBCM, if resolutions are received that cover the same topic we may combine them to form one resolution giving all sponsors credit.

Enclosed please find:

- a sample resolution with preparation guidelines.
- examples of well written resolutions.
- criteria for the Best Crafted Resolution Gold Star Award.

If you would like to research whether a topic has come up in previous years there is a searchable database of resolutions dating back to the Year 2000 on the NCLGA website at: www.nclga.ca. If assistance or advice is needed with the drafting of your resolutions please do not hesitate to contact either myself or staff at the NCLGA office.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mike Frazier
Resolutions Chair, NCLGA

Encl.



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COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: January 15, 2012
FROM: Moresby Island Management Committee
SUBJECT: Issues requiring attention/action

Introduction:

The following issues were discussed at the **January 10th 2013** regular meeting of the Moresby Island Management Committee and require the attention of the Board. In order to ensure better communication MIMC has changed its meetings to ensure that they are the week before your board meets. Issues regarding prompt attention will be forwarded in a report like this and adopted minutes will be provided following their adoption.

A) Cellular Coverage in Sandspit

File # 2013-002

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board write to the Telus and the Provincial Government requesting that the poor cell coverage in the community of Sandspit be addressed.

BACKGROUND:

Sandspit was the first community on the southern end of Haida Gwaii to receive cell coverage with the location of a cell tower at the Sandspit Community Hall. For the first few years cell coverage was adequate with poor reception limited to the area directly adjacent to the cell tower. Following the erection of the second cell tower on Moresby Island cell coverage deteriorated significantly in the community of Sandspit. At this point there is only limited coverage in Sandspit and no coverage at all at our emergency evacuation site.

DISCUSSION:

Poor cell coverage is a deterrent to economic development and a significant public safety issue. The public safety aspect of this problem was evident during our last two tsunami evacuations as:

- Cellular communication at our evacuation site was nonexistent, forcing the incident commander to occupy a workstation at a nearby power station. Also those who evacuated were unable to receive updates regarding the warnings and emergency personnel were unable to contact residents who had not reported to the evacuation site.
- Following the events emergency responders let residents know about the option to receive text messages from the PTWC; however, as many homes do not receive cell service this option did not have much take-up.

It is essential for emergency preparedness that good cell coverage is established, and also maintained, in all communities on Haida Gwaii.

B) Federal & Provincial Hazard Notification

File # 2013-003

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board write a letter to the federal ministers of Environment & Public Safety requesting that Weatherradio Canada establish weather radio coverage for the populated areas of Haida Gwaii / the North Coast.

and

THAT the Board write to the provincial minister of Public Safety outlining our concerns with the lack of an effective hazard notification system or system of promptly notifying local emergency coordinators, and requesting that they work with the federal government to establish hazard notification infrastructure on Haida Gwaii / the North Coast

BACKGROUND:

Unlike 95% of the populated areas in Canada Haida Gwaii has no effective federal infrastructure dedicated to all-hazard notification.

The last two tsunami warnings have demonstrated a complete failure on behalf of the Provincial Government to provide timely notification to emergency coordinators/responders.

DISCUSSION:

Weatherradio Canada is the Canadian counterpart to the NOAA's Weather Radio, both systems work as one and provide all-hazard notification. The system has 95% coverage of North America; however, we are in the 5%.

The system provides audible and tone activated notifications using Specific Area Message Encoding. The notifications can be received in the home with an all-weather radio and/or utilized to automatically activate local mass notification systems such as sirens.

This infrastructure is particularly useful in rural areas such as Haida Gwaii / North Coast where 100% siren coverage is not feasible.

Conclusion:

We thank the board for their consideration of these issues; any questions should be directed to our Chair Evan Putterill (eputterill@gmail.com) or our Vice Chair Emmy O'Gorman (emmyog@hotmail.com).

Email to: Director Des Nobels
From: Charlie Short, Manager, Marine Initiatives
Resource Management Objectives Branch | Ministry of Forests, Lands and
Natural Resource Operations
Subject: Marine Planning - Proposal for a forum with Local Govt

Hello all and Happy New Year!

I just wanted to follow up on a note sent some time ago around the desire to set up a marine planning forum between local government / regional district reps and the Province as represented by Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (see email below). Specifically, the forum would focus on the MaPP process and the PNIMCA process (that latter which is basically wrapping up and transitioning to implementation). There may also be other marine related initiatives of interest as well (e.g., MPA Network Strategy implementation). All of you, for the most part, are members on the various advisory committees set up to support these processes.

The intent here is to create a venue for dialogue beyond participation on the marine planning advisory committees.

As outlined in a note previous, the general purpose of this forum would be to:

Better understand the challenges, opportunities and issues that local governments / RDs have on the coast;

1. Provide provincial updates with local government /RD reps around progress, anticipated challenges and/or report out on executive discussions;
2. Exchange general information and thoughts outside of established stakeholder processes; and,
3. Provide for pre-brief opportunities before we go into MaPP and/or PNCIMA meetings and, if time permits, have advance discussion on materials going out

The forum could meet through conference call or could meet face-to-face at existing scheduled events such as IOAC / RMAC / MPAC meetings or through some other arrangements.

Some of the questions we wanted to ask you folks previously were around:

Does this general idea resonate with you and do you think it will be useful?

1. Is there anything missing here that we need to consider?
2. If this seems logical, how frequent do you think we should meet?
3. Every two months
4. Every three months
5. Prior to MPAC / RMAC / IOAC meetings
6. How formal / or informal should this be?
7. Are there others, outside this group, that should be invited?

I would appreciate your initial thoughts on this and will set up a conference call to follow up on any comments regarding the proposal.

Regards

From: Lidstone, Allan B FLNR:EX

Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 2:55 PM

To: 'Al Huddleston (Mt. Waddington)'; 'Brian Lande (Central Coast)'; 'Des Nobels (Skeena-Queen Charlotte)'; 'Jim Abram (Strathcona)'; 'Wendy Kingsley (Central Coast)'

Cc: Short, Charles J FLNR:EX; Iacob, Andreea FLNR:EX

Subject: Marine Planning - Proposal for a forum with Local Govt

Hello all,

I wanted to acknowledge, as discussed with you previously, that the province has an important relationship with local government and we must create a venue in marine planning for collaboration that respects this relationship. To kick things off after our preliminary meeting at the last IOAC gathering, we had organized a conference call with you for yesterday afternoon. It seems as though we had a bit of a mix up yesterday or everyone had other priorities as there were no attendees on our scheduled call. Nonetheless, I just wanted to take some time and convey what the province is considering for local government engagement in the Marine Planning Partnership (MaPP) process. I also wanted get a discussion going with respect to some of our thoughts and pose some questions back to you.

As you are all aware, there are Marine Planning Advisory Committee (MPAC) seats allocated for local government representatives in each of the MaPP sub-regions. All of you have received nominations and are, for the most part, members on each of the committees. The first series of MPAC meetings are scheduled for this month or early next month (North Coast having just finished early this week).

Beyond local government participating on the MPAC's, and consistent with other land use/resource planning processes, I also wanted to propose that we set up a forum between the Local government/Regional District reps and the Province as represented by Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. The forum could meet through conference call similar to the one proposed for yesterday or could meet face-to-face at existing scheduled events such as IOAC meetings (I will be there on the first day of next week's IOAC meeting) or through some other arrangement.

The general purpose of this forum would be to:

Better understand the challenges, opportunities and issues that local governments / RDs have on the coast;

1. Provide provincial updates with local government /RD reps around progress, anticipated challenges and/or report out on Marine Working Group discussions;
2. Exchange general information and thoughts outside of the stakeholder process; and,
3. Provide for pre-brief opportunities before we go into MPAC meetings and, if time permits, have advance discussion on materials going out to the MPAC

If we can all commit the bit of extra time that this will require from us, I think it will be very useful as we move through the MaPP planning process over the next year and a half.

Some of the questions that I wanted to ask you folks yesterday were around:

1. Does this general idea resonate with you and do you think it will be useful?
2. Is there anything missing here that we need to consider?
3. If this seems logical, how frequent do you think we should meet?
4. Every two months
5. Every three months
6. Prior to MPAC meetings
7. How formal / or informal should this be?
8. Are there others, outside this group, that should be invited?

I would appreciate your thoughts on this and ask Charlie Short, Manager for provincial marine initiatives, to coordinate and follow up with you all soon after I hear from you.

Regards,

Allan

**SKEENA-QUEEN CHARLOTTE REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 552,2012**

A Bylaw to amend the Regional District of Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Emergency Program Service Establishing Bylaw No. 459

WHEREAS Bylaw No. 459 establishes a service to provide an emergency program under the *Emergency Program Act* for Electoral Areas D, E and F;

AND WHEREAS Electoral Area E requires additional funding in a given year for emergency program services while it is not required for Electoral Area D;

AND WHEREAS Electoral Area F has been incorporated into the Village of Queen Charlotte and is no longer a participant of this service;

AND WHEREAS the Board deems it advisable that a separate service be established for each of Electoral Areas D and E and, as such, Electoral Area E be removed from this service;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 801.5 of the *Local Government Act*, as amended, the Directors of Electoral Areas D and E have given consent on behalf of the electors within the electoral participating areas to the adoption of this bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District in open meeting enacts as follows:

1. **Citation**

This Bylaw may be cited as the "Regional District of Skeena-Queen Charlotte Emergency Program Service Amendment Bylaw No. 552".

2. **The Service**

2.1 The Board hereby removes Electoral Area E from the service to provide an emergency program under the *Emergency Program Act*.

2.2 (a) That section 1 of Bylaw No. 459 be deleted and replaced with the following -

"Regional District Board hereby establishes a service to provide an emergency program under the *Emergency Program Act* within Electoral Area D."

(b) That section 2 of Bylaw No. 459 be deleted and replaced with the following:

"The boundaries of the service area are the boundaries of Electoral Area D only."

(c) That section 3 of Bylaw No. 459 be deleted and replaced with the following:

“The participants in the service established under section 2.2 of this bylaw are
Electoral Area D.”

READ A FIRST TIME

this ____ day of _____, ____.

READ A SECOND TIME

this ____ day of _____, ____.

READ A THIRD TIME

this ____ day of _____, ____.

Received the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities this ____ day of _____, ____.

FINALLY ADOPTED

this ____ day of _____, ____.

B. Pages
Chair

J. Merrick
Chief Administrative Officer

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the “Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District
Emergency Program Service Amendment Bylaw, No. 552”.

Secretary

**SKEENA-QUEEN CHARLOTTE REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 553,2012**

A Bylaw to establish a service to provide an emergency program within Electoral Area E

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 801.5(2) as amended of the *Local Government Act*, the Director of Electoral Area E has given consent on behalf of the electors within the electoral participating area to the adoption of this bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District in open meeting enacts as follows:

1. **Citation**

This Bylaw may be cited as the "Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Emergency Program (Electoral Area E) Service Establishing Bylaw No. 553".

2. **The Service**

2.1 The Board hereby establishes a service to provide an emergency program under the *Emergency Program Act* within Electoral Area E.

2.2 The boundaries of the service area are the boundaries of Electoral Area E.

2.3 The participants in the service established under section 2.2 of this bylaw are Electoral Area E.

2.4 The maximum amount of money that can be requisitioned annually under section 803 (1) (a) as amended of the *Local Government Act* for the service provided under section 2 of this bylaw shall not exceed .50 cents per thousand to be collected by a property value tax on the net taxable value of land and improvements for hospital purposes with the respective electoral areas.

READ A FIRST TIME this ____ day of _____, ____.

READ A SECOND TIME this ____ day of _____, ____.

READ A THIRD TIME this ____ day of _____, ____.

Received the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities this ____ day of _____, ____.

FINALLY ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, _____.

B. Pages
Chair

J. Merrick
Chief Administrative Officer

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the "Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District
Emergency Program (Electoral Area E) Service Establishing Bylaw, No. 553".

Secretary

SKEENA-QUEEN CHARLOTTE REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 469.1, 2012

A Bylaw to amend the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District
Sandspit Water Service Establishment Bylaw No. 469

WHEREAS the Board of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District wishes to increase the maximum amount that may be requisitioned to support the water service in the portion of Electoral Area E – Sandspit under Bylaw 469;

AND WHEREAS the Director of Electoral Area E has consented, in writing, to the adoption of this Bylaw;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to B.C. Reg. 113/2007, *Regional Districts Establishing Bylaw Approval Exemption Regulation*, the Inspector of Municipality approval under section 802 (3) is not required for an amendment to an establishing bylaw that increases the maximum amount that may be requisitioned under the bylaw by an amount less than or equal to 25% of the baseline value;

NOW THEREFORE, the Regional Board of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District, in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. Citation

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Sandspit Water Service Amendment Bylaw 469.1".

2. The Service

2.1 The Board hereby increases the maximum annual requisition for this service by 25% or to \$50,000.

2.2 That section 6 of Bylaw No. 469 be deleted and replaced with the following:

"The maximum amount of money that may be requisitioned annually in support of this service shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

READ A FIRST TIME THIS

___ day of ___, 2013.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS

___ day of ___, 2013.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS

___ day of ___, 2013.

FINALLY ADOPTED THIS

___ day of ___, 2013.

B. Pages
Chair

J. Merrick
Chief Administrative Officer

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the "Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Sandspit Water Service Amendment Bylaw No. 469.1".

Secretary