



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 Community Hall in Oona River on Saturday, April 20, 2013.

PRESENT

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
 D. Franzen, District of Port Edward
 I. Gould, Village of Port Clements
 C. Kulesha, Village of Queen Charlotte
 K. Bergman, Electoral Area C
 M. Racz, Electoral Area D
 E. Putterill, Electoral Area E

Staff: J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer
 J. Robb, Treasurer
 J. Fraser, Deputy Corporate Officer

Public: 10

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:15 p.m.

2. **AGENDA**

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

- 4.2 – Moresby Island Management Committee – Minutes of the March 7, 2013 meeting;
- 7.10 – Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development – Governance Report and Incorporation of Sandspit;
- 7.11 – Carol Brown, Dodge Cove – Concerns with Proposed Boundary Expansion;
- 7.12 – Carol Manning, Dodge Cove – Concerns with Proposed Boundary Expansion;
- 11.2 – Chair Pages – Executive Summary on BC Ferry Corporation;
- 11.3 – Director Kulesha – Requesting Feedback for Northern Development Initiative's (NDIT) Programs; and
- 11.4 – Director Kulesha – NDIT Application by Village of Queen Charlotte

and the deletion of Item 4.1 – Moresby Island Management Committee meeting minutes of February 7, 2013.

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CARRIED

3. MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1 SQCRD Regular Board Meeting – March 15, 2013 Minutes

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the minutes of the March 15, 2013 SQCRD Regular Board meeting be adopted as presented.

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CARRIED

3.2 Rise and Report

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that Mayor Dave MacDonald be appointed as the Regional District's representative on the Board of the North Central Local Government Association.

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CARRIED

4. STANDING COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES – BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 MIMC Management Committee Meeting – March 7, 2013 Minutes

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that the minutes of the March 7, 2013 Moresby Island Management Committee Meeting be deferred to the May 24th, 2013 Board meeting, pending a staff report on the structure of the committee.

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CARRIED

5. DELEGATION

5.1 Maurie Hurst – Emergency Management BC

Maurie Hurst, Regional Manager with Emergency Management BC, Northwest Region, presented the Board with an overview of the current emergency notification system provided by the provincial government.

Ms. Hurst clarified that the Provincial Emergency Notification System was never meant to be for people in “near-field” emergencies because “if you can feel it, that is the warning”. The current notification system is comprised of two parts. The first is the Official Notification which comes from Victoria and goes to all local governments, the media and relevant agencies, such as the RCMP, fire departments, etc. The assumption is that from this notification, local governments will take out their emergency plans to view them and act accordingly. The second part is where Emergency Management BC (EMBC) gets on the phone with local governments for status reports and inquire what assistance may be needed.

She clarified that individual personal preparedness is crucial, alongside any emergency plan for the area.

Joan Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer, addressed Ms. Hurst with the following three goals that the Regional District Board identified at their Priority Planning Session pertaining to emergency planning:

1. Creating a Haida Gwaii and a Mainland Emergency Planning Working Group;
2. Building capacity at the local level; and
3. Reviewing and updating existing emergency plans.

Ms. Hurst agreed to assist with these goals and stated she would also be pleased to be a part of the Working Groups.

The Chair thanked Ms. Hurst for her presentation.

6. FINANCE

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

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the staff report on Cheques Payable over \$5,000 issued by the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District for March, 2013 be received and filed.

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CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Municipal Finance Authority of BC – MFA Credit Ratings

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the correspondence from the Municipal Finance Authority of BC regarding the MFA Credit Ratings - AAA "Outlook Stable" - 2013 be received and filed.

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CARRIED

7.2 Fire and Emergency Management Commissioner – Weatheradio Coverage

7.3 Federal Minister of Public Safety – Weatheradio Coverage

7.4 Federal Minister of Environment – Weatheradio Coverage

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the following correspondence regarding Weatheradio Coverage on Haida Gwaii be received and filed:

- Rebecca Denlinger, Assistant Deputy Minister, Fire and Emergency Management Commissioner, dated March 13, 2013;
- Honourable Vic Toews, Federal Minister of Public Safety (March 21, 2013); and
- Honourable Peter Kent, Federal Minister of Environment (March 1, 2013).

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CARRIED

7.5 Village of Port Clements – "Day of the Honey Bee"

MOVED by Director Gould, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the correspondence from the Village of Port Clements regarding the "Day of the Honey Bee" be received.

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CARRIED

7.6 Northern Development Initiative Trust – 2013 Grant Writing Support

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the correspondence from the Northern Development Initiative Trust regarding Approval of 2013 Grant Writing Support Funding be received and filed.

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CARRIED

7.7 EcoTrust Canada – Transboundary Gathering

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the correspondence from Ecotrust Canada regarding the Transboundary Gathering Invitation be received;

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CARRIED

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Racz, that Director Putterill be authorized to attend the Transboundary Gathering from May 14th to 16th, 2013 in Prince Rupert, if he is available.

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CARRIED

7.8 City of Prince Rupert – Boundary Expansion Proposal

7.9 City of Prince Rupert – Amendment to Fee Simple Owners List

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the following correspondence from the City of Prince Rupert be received:

- March 20, 2013 regarding the Boundary Extension Proposal, and
- April 11, 2013 regarding amendments to the Expansion Proposal Fee Simple Owners List

AND THAT a letter be sent to the City of Prince Rupert outlining the Board's concerns regarding the limited information received to date by the Regional District and the lack of overall communication from the City.

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CARRIED

7.10 Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development – Governance Report and Incorporation of Sandspit

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the correspondence from the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development regarding the Governance Report and Incorporation of Sandspit Issue be received.

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CARRIED

7.11 Carol Brown, Dodge Cove – Proposed Boundary Expansion

7.12 Carol Manning, Dodge Cove – Proposed Boundary Expansion

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that correspondence from Carol Brown and Carol Manning, residents of Dodge Cove, regarding Concerns with the Proposed Boundary Expansion by the City of Prince Rupert be received.

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CARRIED

8. REPORTS – RESOLUTIONS

- 8.1 P. Richardson, Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Commission Coordinator – March 2013 Recreation Monthly Reporting

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Director Racz, that report from the Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Commission Coordinator for the month of March, 2013 be received and filed.

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CARRIED

- 8.2 J. Skogstad, Planning Consultant – Rezoning Application by A. Hepburn and P. Ewasiuk, Rezoning of Lot 2, DL 873 Queen Charlotte Plan PRP 41374, Parcel 023-876-522

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the Board designates the following referral agencies for the purpose of rezoning Lot 2, DL 873 Queen Charlotte Plan PRP 41374:

- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Northern Health
- Ministry of Environment/Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources, and
- BC Parks

AND THAT a public hearing be scheduled for Saturday, June 22nd, 2013 in Masset, with comments from the Graham Island Advisory Planning Commission and agency referrals being received by the Board either before or at the public hearing;

AND FURTHER THAT Director Michael Racz be designated as Chair of the public hearing.

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CARRIED

- 8.3 J. Fraser, Deputy Corporate Officer – Changes to the 2013 Board Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Director Racz, SECONDED by Director Gould, that the staff report entitled “Changes to the 2013 Board Meeting Schedule” be received;

AND THAT the following changes be made to the 2013 Board meeting schedule:

- Reschedule the June 21st meeting to Saturday, June 22nd to be held in Masset Council Chambers, time to be determined at staff's discretion;
- August 9th meeting to be held in Prince Rupert Regional District office;
- October 18th meeting to be held in Tlell; and
- Reschedule the November 15th meeting to November 22nd.

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CARRIED

8.4 J. Fraser, Deputy Corporate Officer – Electronic Agendas

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the staff report entitled “Electronic Agendas” be received for information.

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CARRIED

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that staff draft a Board policy for the provision of an allowance of \$300 per year being made available to a Director wishing to purchase an electronic device for the viewing of Board agendas.

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CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

9.1 Bylaw 555, 2013 – Amendment to the Graham Island Interim Zoning Bylaw No. 192, 1993

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the “Graham Island Interim Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 555, 2013 be read for the first time.

211-2013

CARRIED

10. LAND REFERRALS/PLANNING

10.1 J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer – Crown Land, Federal License and Navigable Waters Approval Application Referral No. 60965959 for Metlakatla Development Corporation

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Racz, that staff provide the Province with the comments that the Regional District has concerns with the size of the area proposed in the application and that the proposal could conflict with other uses, such as commercial fishing;

AND THAT the comments include the request that the United Fisherman and Allied Workers Union and the Native Brotherhood also be contacted for their input.

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CARRIED

10.2 J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer – Crown Land Investigative License Referral No. 62528023 for Sea Breeze Terrace Holding Corp.

The Board declined to comment on this application as it is not within the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District. Staff will forward the referral to the Kitimat Stikine Regional District for their information.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1 Director Putterill – BC Ferries Update
- Service Levels Adjustment Deadline Extension
 - Elimination of Over-height Charges on Northern Routes

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that Director Putterill's verbal report regarding BC Ferries' service levels adjustment deadline extension and the elimination of over-height charges on Northern Routes be received.

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CARRIED

- 11.2 Chair Pages - BC Ferry Corporation

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the report from Maradadi Pacific entitled "BC Ferry Corporation and Fiscal Fairness for Ferry-Dependent Communities" be received;

AND THAT staff summarizes the key items from the report to assist the Board in developing a regional advocacy strategy that addresses the rising cost of travelling on BC Ferries.

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CARRIED

- 11.3 Director Kulesha – Northern Development Initiative's Programs

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Racz, that a letter be sent to Northern Development Initiative Trust requesting clarity on new programs and cross-regional funding;

AND THAT the District of Port Edward be copied on that letter.

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CARRIED

- 11.4 Director Kulesha – NDIT Application by Village of Queen Charlotte

Director Kulesha explained Queen Charlotte's Haida Gwaii Higher Education Society application to Northern Development Initiative Trust which is for the expansion of programs over a 3-year period.

12. OLD BUSINESS

None.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

14. IN CAMERA

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the Regular Board meeting of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District be adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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CARRIED

Approved and adopted:

Certified correct:

Barry Pages
Chair

Joan Merrick
Chief Administrative Officer