



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, September 13, 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 – via teleconference
C. Kulesha, Village of Queen Charlotte
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
R. Kidd, Islands Solid Waste Manager – via teleconference

Public: 1
Media: 1

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:15 pm

2. **AGENDA**

- 2.1 **MOVED** by Director Kinney, **SECONDED** by Director Ashley, that the agenda be adopted as amended, with the addition of the following items:
- 5.3 Maura Walker, Environmental Consultant – Multi-Materials BC Incentives Programs
 - 7.5 District of Port Edward – Letter of Support
 - 7.6 Metlakatla Governing Council – Notice of Proposed Local Revenue Laws and Invitation to Make Representations
 - 8.3(a) UBCM – Ministry of Environment, Multi-Material BC Respond To Stewardship Plan Concerns
 - 8.6 J. Fraser, Deputy Corporate Officer – Highway 16 Maintenance Pre-winter Meeting
 - 11.4 J. Merrick, CAO – Community to Community Forum Application (Haida Gwaii)
 - 11.5 Northwest Fish and Wildlife Conservation Association – Restoration of Sustainable Retention Opportunities, and
 - 11.6 Friends of Wild Salmon – Proposed LNG Projects in the Northwest

AND THAT the following item be deleted:

- 10.1 License of Occupation for Commercial Purposes Referral No. 65424008 on Naden Harbour – Peregrine Lodge.

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CARRIED

3. MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 3.1 SQCRD Regular Board Meeting – August 9, 2013 Minutes

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the minutes of the August 9, 2013 SQCRD Regular Board meeting be adopted as presented.

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CARRIED

4. STANDING COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES – BUSINESS ARISING

- 4.1 Moresby Island Management Committee – Minutes of the May 9, 2013 Meeting

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the minutes of the May 9, 2013 Moresby Island Management Committee Meeting be received as presented.

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CARRIED

- 4.2 Electoral Area Advisory Committee – Minutes of the June 13, 2013 Meeting

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the minutes of the June 13, 2013 Electoral Area Advisory Committee Meeting be received as presented.

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CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

- 5.1 Northern Health

Doug Quibbell, Northwest Manager, Public Health Protection and Debby Peng, Environmental Health Officer, of Northern Health appeared before the Board, by invitation, to speak to the issue of trihalomethanes found in the Sandspit Water System.

Mr. Quibbell pointed out that, although the system exceeds the Maximum Acceptable Concentration, this is not uncommon in Canada, especially in coastal regions. The measurement is very conservative due to the fact that health impact studies are inconclusive.

Director Putterill, representing Electoral Area E, still plans to go ahead with the feasibility of a nano-filtration system for the Sandspit water system, contingent on grant funding from the province.

The Chair thanked Mr. Quibbell and Ms. Peng for their presentation.

5.2 Northern Development Initiative Trust

Janine North, Chief Executive Officer, presented the Board with information on the various funding programs the Regional District is entitled to through Northern Development.

Joel McKay, Director of Communications, provide an overview on a draft Engagement Plan, which was prepared with NDIT and Regional District staff.

The Chair thanked Ms. North and Mr. McKay for their presentations.

The Board recessed from 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

5.3 Maura Walker, Environmental Consultant – Multi-Materials BC Incentives Programs

Maura Walker, Environmental Consultant with Multi-Materials BC, provided an overview on the different financial incentives offered through the the Packaging and Printed Paper Stewardship Plan.

The Chair thanked Ms. Walker for her presentation.

6. FINANCE

6.1 J. Musgrave, Administrative Assistant - Cheques Payable over \$5,000 for July and August, 2013

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

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CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Brian Denton – Winter Maintenance Highway 16

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the correspondence from Brian Denton regarding Winter Maintenance on Highway 16 be received and filed.

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CARRIED

7.2 District of Stewart – Ambulance Services in Rural BC

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the correspondence from the District of Stewart regarding Ambulance Services in Rural BC be received.

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CARRIED

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that the Board supports the resolution at the 2013 UBCM Convention of advocating for the provincial government to improve the service delivery model of providing ambulance service in small rural BC areas, along with providing adequate funding to accomplish that.

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CARRIED

7.3 Municipal Insurance Association – Voting Delegate at UBCM

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that the correspondence from the Municipal Insurance Association regarding Voting Delegate at UBCM be received and filed.

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CARRIED

7.4 Northwest Regional Hospital District – Regional Growth Strategy

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the correspondence from the Northwest Regional Hospital District regarding a Regional Growth Strategy be received;

AND THAT a letter be sent to the Northwest Regional Hospital District stating the Board supports the concept of some form of regional strategic planning;

AND THAT more information be obtained from the Hospital District regarding the issue.

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CARRIED

7.5 District of Port Edward – Letter of Support

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Director Kulesha, that the correspondence from the District of Port Edward regarding a Letter of Support be received;

AND THAT the Board endorses the nomination of the North Pacific Cannery as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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CARRIED

7.6 Metlakatla Governing Council – Notice of Proposed Local Revenue Laws and Invitation to Make Representations

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the correspondence from the Metlakatla Governing Council regarding a Notice of Proposed Local Revenue Laws and Invitation to Make Representations be received and filed.

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CARRIED

8. REPORTS – RESOLUTIONS

8.1 L. Neville, Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Coordinator – July 2013 Report

MOVED by Director Kinney, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the staff report entitled “July 2013 Report” be received and filed.

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CARRIED

8.2 J. Fraser, Deputy Corporate Officer – Scheduled Meetings at UBCM Convention

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the staff report entitled “Scheduled Meetings at UBCM Convention” be received and filed.

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CARRIED

8.3 J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer – Multi-Materials BC Packing and Printed Paper Financial Incentives

MOVED by Director Bergman, SECONDED by Director Ashley, that the staff report entitled “Multi-Materials BC – Packing and Printed Paper Financial Incentives” be received;

AND THAT, in regard to Mainland Regional Recycling, the offer from Multi Material BC (MMBC) for the depot collection financial incentive be accepted;

AND THAT, in regard to Islands Solid Waste:

1. the offer from MMBC for the depot collection financial incentive be accepted, and
2. MMBC be requested to not initiate a Request for Proposal for curbside collection

AND FURTHER THAT the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the respective agreements with MMBC.

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CARRIED

Director Putterill and Director Kulesha opposed.

8.4 J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer – Proposed Amendments to Travel Policy

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Nobels, the staff report entitled “Directors – Reimbursement of Travel and Other Expenses” be received;

AND THAT the amendments to the Directors – Reimbursement of Travel and Other Expenses policy be referred to the October 18th Board meeting for further discussion.

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CARRIED

8.5 J. Merrick, Chief Administrative Officer – Draft Regional District Engagement Plan

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that the staff report entitled “Draft Regional District Engagement Plan” be received;

AND THAT the Plan be adopted as presented.

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CARRIED

8.6 J. Fraser, Deputy Corporate Officer – Highway 16 Maintenance Pre-winter Meeting

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the staff report entitled “Highway 16 Maintenance Pre-Winter Meeting” be received;

AND THAT Director Nobels and Director Kinney be designated to meet with Nechako Northcoast Construction on September 27th to discuss the Regional District’s concerns regarding inadequate winter maintenance on Highway 16 between Prince Rupert and Terrace.

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CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

9.1 Bylaw No. 559-2013 Rural Graham Island Community Advisory Committees Repealing Bylaw

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Franzen, that Bylaw No. 559-2013 Rural Graham Island Community Advisory Committees Repealing Bylaw be given first reading.

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CARRIED

10. LAND REFERRALS/PLANNING

No items.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Directors’ Reports – Verbal

Director Nobels – Electoral Area A:

- Director Nobels provided an update on the Ground Fish Association meeting which was held on August 21, 2013

Director Franzen – District of Port Edward:

- The District of Port Edward has just acquired land designated for industrial park.

11.2 Province of BC – Land Tenure Agreement (Islands Solid Waste site)

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the Land Tenure Agreement with the Province of BC for the waste disposal site on Haida Gwaii.

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CARRIED

11.3 Old Massett Band – Grant Application for NDIT Funding

MOVED by Director Racz, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that the Board supports the application from the Old Massett Band for Northern Development Initiative Trust funding in the amount of \$6,785 for a feasibility study on the construction of a marine complex on the Old Massett First Nations Reservation.

340-2013**CARRIED****11.4 J. Merrick, CAO – Community to Community Forum Application (Haida Gwaii)**

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the application for the Community to Community Forum funding for Haida Gwaii be forwarded to UBCM.

341-2013**CARRIED****11.5 Northwest Fish and Wildlife Conservation Association**

MOVED by Director Franzen, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the correspondence from the Northwest Fish and Wildlife Conservation Association regarding concerns over the shift away from traditional fisheries management be received and filed.

342-2013**CARRIED****11.6 Friends of Wild Salmon**

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that the Board supports Director Nobels being part of the delegation of Friends of Wild Salmon, meeting with the Minister of Environment concerning the importance of a fair and transparent process for the proposed LNG projects in northwestern BC, in which pipeline proponents and the public can efficiently contribute and participate.

343-2013**CARRIED****12. OLD BUSINESS****12.1 Board Strategic Priorities 2013/14 – September Review**

MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the Board Strategic Priorities 2013/14 – September Review be received.

344-2013**CARRIED****13. PUBLIC INPUT**

There were two questions from the public.

14. IN-CAMERA

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Racz, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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CARRIED

Approved and adopted:

Certified correct:

Barry Pages
Chair

Joan Merrick
Chief Administrative Officer