

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
HELD WEDNESDAY, 22 February, 2006  
AT 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:	L. Pepper	Mayor
	A. Bazinet	Councillor
	B. Hay	Councillor
	G. Neely	Councillor
	D.Vye	Councillor

ALSO PRESENT:	G. Morrison	Chief Administrative Officer
	D. Gnoato	Fire Chief
	B. Lloyd	Media

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Pepper.

**ADDITIONS / DELETIONS** to the Agenda

Council accepted the addition to the agenda of Communications #5 a) AVICC, dated 8 February, 2006 re North Island Coast Initiative.

**DELEGATIONS - Nil**

**MINUTES from Council and Committees of Council**

**81/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held 22 February, 2006 be adopted with corrections made as follows:

*Chief Administrative Officer: Office Janitorial Contract  
#71/06*

*It was duly moved and seconded that the Office Janitorial Contract report, dated 5 January 2006 be accepted as presented.*

Correction

Chief Administrative Officer: Office Janitorial Contract  
#71/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the Office Janitorial Contract report, dated 5 January 2006 be accepted as presented and further that the Janitorial Contract be advertised.

*Chief Administrative Officer: Repairs to Doors and Cabinets  
#72/06*

*It was duly moved and seconded that the Chief Administrative Officer's report, dated 5 January 2006 be accepted as presented and further that the Janitorial Contract be advertised.*

Correction

#72/06

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It was duly moved and seconded that the Chief Administrative Officer's report, dated 5 January 2006 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING from Minutes and Unfinished Business**

**VIHA – Proposals for New Residential Care Beds and Assisted Living Units  
82/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Communications from VIHA, dated 1 February 2006, re Proposals for new residential care beds and assisted living units be received and filed and further that Council continue to search for a solution to address long term care and assisted living options for the North Island.

CARRIED

**Regional District of Mt. Waddington – Emergency Management Agreement  
83/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the Regional District of Mt. Waddington Emergency Management Agreement and further that the Regional District be informed that Zone 2 – Port Alice evacuation location is the middle school at 1120 Nigei Street not the Community Centre on Marine Drive.

CARRIED

**MINUTES from Other Organizations**

**84/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the:

1. Vancouver Island North Woodlands Advisory Group, 26 January 2006;
2. North Vancouver Island Trails Society, 15 February 2006;
3. The Board of Variance for the City of Surrey, 17 September 2004  
be received.

CARRIED

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Incoming Mail Log**

**85/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Incoming Mail Log for the period 7 February to 17 February, 2006 be received.

CARRIED

**Receipt of Miscellaneous Communications**

**86/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from:

1. Municipal Finance Authority of BC, undated, re 2006 Financial Forum and Annual General Meeting;
2. Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated 8 February 2006, re seeking environment expertise for the green Municipal fund peer review committee;

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3. AVICC, dated 9 February 2006, re Association of Vancouver Island and Vancouver Communities convention update;
  4. AVICC, undated, re Call for nominations;
  5. Union of BC Municipalities, dated 3 February 2006, re Provincial Emergency Program Workshops;
  6. Ministry of Health, undated, re Legal Obligations of Water Suppliers and those responsible for waste management;
  7. Council of Resource Community Mayors, dated 9 February 2006, re Central & North Coast Government Plan- Opinions from the Vancouver Sun, Province, Times Colonist;
  8. Smart Growth, dated 13 February 2006, re awards nomination 2006;
  9. Provincial Emergency Program, dated 13 February 2006, re elected official workshop date change;
  10. VIHA, dated 13 February 2006, re telemarketing scheme;
  11. Council of Resource Community Mayors/Office of the Premier, dated 14 February 2006, re Throne Speech Launches BC Spring Legislature Session;
  12. Council of Resource Community Mayors/Office of the Premier, dated 14 February 2006, re Throne Speech Backgrounder;
  13. Civic Info BC, dated 15 February 2006, re City of Courtenay/ Police funding;
  14. Council of Forest Industries, 15 February 2006, re 2006 COFI Convention;
  15. Province of BC, dated 14 February 2006, re Opportunity to be BC's partner city in the International WHO Age – Friendly Urban Community Project;
  16. Union of British Columbia Municipalities, dated 14 February 2006, re Local Government Program Services (LGPS) Program Update;
  17. Canadian Women Voter's Congress, dated 15 February 2006, re Winter Newsletter 2006;
  18. Union of British Columbia Municipalities, dated 15 February 2006, re In The House – Highlights of Throne Speech;
  19. Safe Drinking Water Foundation, dated 16 February, re free science kits for schools;
  20. Union of British Columbia Municipalities, undated, re British Columbia – Canada Place/newspaper, DVD, pins and brochure;
  21. Provincial Emergency Program, dated 20 February 2006, re Emergency Preparedness Week;
  22. Tourism Vancouver Island, dated 20 February 2006, re New Marketing Opportunity with BC Magazine and Tourism Vancouver Island;
- be received.

CARRIED

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**Legion Ladies Auxiliary – Request for Donation**

**87/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Village of Port Alice donate a sweat shirt to the Legion Ladies Auxiliary for their auction scheduled for Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

CARRIED

**AVICC – North Island Coast Initiative**

**88/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, dated 8 February, 2006 be received and further that Mayor Pepper be authorized to attend the Interim Board Meeting on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

CARRIED

**BC Healthy Living Alliance**

**89/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from the BC Healthy Living Alliance, dated 13 February be received; and further that a letter be sent to them informing that we are unable to attend the Call to Action meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> but to please keep Port Alice informed.

CARRIED

**Sea View E.J.S. School**

**90/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from Sea View E.J.S. School, dated 13 February, 2006 be referred to the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Works Committee Meeting for review and further that a letter be sent to the grade three students informing them that their request is under review.

CARRIED

**Port Alice (NISS) Graduating Class of 2006**

**91/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Port Alice (NISS) Graduating Class of 2006 be granted permission to use either the Curling Club or the Board Room on March 30<sup>th</sup> to host their Pasta Night fundraiser.

CARRIED

**REPORTS**

**Chief Administrative Officer – P. Margerison – request for Plaque & Crest**

**92/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that Peter Margerison be granted permission to purchase a Village of Port Alice Plaque and Crest as a special gift for his sister who has recently been elected as Mayor in her community; and further, that the Council of the Village of Port Alice send their congratulations as well.

CARRIED

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### **Fire Chief – 2006 Budget Request**

Fire Chief, Dino Gnoato attended the meeting to request permission to purchase the SCBA equipment that is included in the Fire Department's 2006 Budget Request.

For the past two years the Port Alice Fire Department has been operating on limited funds and the repair/replacement of the SCBA equipment needs to be addressed. The Chief reminded Council that the equipment is old and has limited life expectancy. If the Village is able to fund the new SCBA's in the near future the Fire Chief would prefer to hold off on repairs and apply the funds towards the purchase of the new equipment.

The funding for the new equipment would come from Capital Reserve and prior years Surplus.

Two other areas that should be considered as funding priorities are training and inspections on the fire truck and other equipment.

Mayor Pepper informed the Fire Chief that Council is unable to promise any funding until the Province makes a commitment for transition funding for 2005. Mayor Pepper will be arranging a meeting with the Minister of Community Services in March to find out if Port Alice will be receiving funding and how much it will be.

Mayor Pepper asked the Fire Chief to write a letter explaining the difficult time that the department is having with operating on extremely low funding, and the impact it is having on the community. Mayor Pepper will present the Fire Chief's letter to the Minister along with the Mayor's letter and the Transition Study prepared by D.Leitch in an effort to secure transition funding for 2005.

### **BYLAWS - Nil**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **North Island Kinsmen Return-It Center – Port Alice Cardboard Pick-ups 93/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from the North Island Kinsmen Return-It Centre be received; and further that, effective March 15<sup>th</sup> 2006 when the Kinsmen's pick up service ends, the Public Works Department will be responsible for delivering the cardboard and recyclable paper to 7 Mile Recycling Depot until an alternative is found.

CARRIED

#### **Mayor Pepper – Island North Health Coalition**

Mayor Pepper gave a verbal report on his meeting with the Island North Health Coalition on February 16<sup>th</sup>. A Business Plan has been developed, which includes the Jubilee Parkway as the location of choice for the new Regional Hospital. This would be the most beneficial location to serve the people who live on the most Northern end of Vancouver Island. The close proximity to the Campbell River Airport is another benefit to this location. Seriously injured or very ill patients that need to be sent to larger centres could be accommodated in a timely fashion. The Coalition is concerned that a decision has already been made on the location and that the Jubilee

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Parkway is not the chosen location. MLA Claire Trevena is a strong supporter of the Jubilee Parkway. The Regional District of Mt. Waddington has agreed to pay Mayor Pepper's expenses when he travels to Campbell River to attend the Island North Health Coalition meetings.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Bruce Lloyd had two questions of Council:

1. The Public Works Department will be taking the cardboard to the 7 Mile Recycling Depot after March 15<sup>th</sup> because the North Island Kinsmen Club will no longer be picking it up free of charge. Will the North Island Kinsmen Return-It Center continue to pick up the recyclable paper?

Council confirmed that the North Island Kinsmen Return-It Center will not be picking up the paper after March 15<sup>th</sup> either.

2. The Fire Chief has requested that funding be made available for the purchase of SCBA's. Is that funding already provided for through reserve funds?

Council confirmed that the funds for the SCBA's will be taken from the Capital Reserve and prior year's surplus.

**Adjournment**

It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:30 PM to In-Camera to deal with legal, labour, land or litigation matters.

CARRIED

Certified Correct \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Mayor

Confirmed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.