

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
HELD WEDNESDAY, 14 June 2006  
AT 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:	L. Pepper	Mayor
	A. Bazinet	Councillor
	G. Neely	Councillor
	D. Vye	Councillor
MEMBERS ABSENT:	B. Hay	Councillor
ALSO PRESENT:	G. Morrison	Chief Administrative Officer
	D. Bondue	Port Alice Arena Society

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 #14 Ministry of Community Services, dated 8 June, 2006 re EB-10 Initiative. #15 Ministry of Community Services, undated, re World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

**DELEGATIONS – Doug Bondue**  
**Port Alice Arena Society**

Doug Bondue attended the Council Meeting on behalf of the Port Alice Arena Society to provide Council with an update of the Society's financial position to date and to reconfirm the society's dedication to reopen the arena.

The Port Alice Arena Society has approached 71 businesses requesting donations for an opportunity to advertise in the arena with a 4 x 8 sign.

Each sign costs \$1,000.00 for the first year plus \$400.00 a year to maintain it.  
Port Alice Arena Society nets \$600.00 per sign. (3 businesses committed to date)

The Port Alice Arena Society received their lottery license on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and will be running a cash ticket raffle.

There will be 2,500 tickets printed. Each ticket will cost \$20.00. There will be four prizes of \$2,500.00.

The playoff pool netted the society \$560.00.

July 1<sup>st</sup> ball tournament will net \$1,000.00.

The Port Alice Arena Society is also exploring the possibilities of running bingos.

Council commended Doug for his hard work and encouraged the Port Alice Arena Society to continue with their efforts. The Village will begin to correlate a schedule of work and related costs to

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prepare the arena for start up this fall. The schedule will be forwarded to Neucel Specialty Cellulose to request financial assistance to support the fall opening of the arena. If Neucel is not able to make this commitment the arena will not be able to open.

Council also suggested that the Port Alice Arena Society contact the large corporations such as Gear Bulk, Seaspan, etc. for donations.

Doug informed Council of his attempts to contact Mr. Bassett and Mr. Buchan by email, to request funding, and is discouraged by their lack of a response. Council suggested that a formal letter be sent and informed Doug that, at the Transition Advisory Committee Meeting, Mr. Buchan indicated that he understands the importance of the arena reopening. Council explained that as well as preparing a schedule of work and costs to reopen the arena qualified staff will also have to be found.

At this point Mayor Pepper asked the other members of Council if they are in favour of making preparations to reopen the arena? All members of Council agreed that if Neucel makes a financial commitment towards operational funding (approx. \$100,000.) for the 2006/07 ice season that the arena should reopen.

Council thanked Doug for his presentation before he left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

**MINUTES from Council and Committees of Council**

**267/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the  
Regular Council Meeting held 24 May; 2006  
Special Meeting held 29 May, 2006  
Special Meeting held 30 May, 2006  
Public Works Committee held 1 June, 2006  
Recreation committee held 7 June, 2006  
be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING from Minutes and Unfinished Business**

**Recommendation from the Public Works Committee Meeting of 1 June, 2006**

**Bike Race Committee – Request for Weed Eaters**

**268/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that Rumblefest be authorized to rent two weed eaters, at the expense of the Village of Port Alice, from Macandale Rentals for their work party to be held on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

CARRIED

**Kubota Lawn Tractor**

**269/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Public Works Foreman be authorized to negotiate the best possible deal with North Island Tractor for the purchase of Kubota L3680, 36 HP, 4WD diesel, with a 72” mower deck and further that during the negotiation some financial

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consideration should be given to compensate for the delay in delivery of the grass collector (grass collector - 11.4 bushel, not available until September.)

CARRIED

**Transfer Station Recycling - Metal Bin**

**270/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Public Works Foreman be authorized to make arrangements with Can-Am Recycling to provide the Village of Port Alice with a 40 yard container, for the collection of metals, for a trial period for July and August 2006.

CARRIED

**Recommendations from the Recreation Committee**

**Summer 2006 Clothing Order**

**271/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the summer 2006 Clothing Order, dated 6 June, 2006 in the amount of \$1, 972.40 be approved for purchase.

CARRIED

**Ministry of Small Business & Revenue**

**Min. No. 252/06 Property Tax Deferment Program**

**272/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that a summarized version of the information on the Property Tax Deferment Program be included with the tax notices.

CARRIED

**MINUTES from Other Organizations**

**Port Alice Health Forum Society**

**273/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Port Alice Health Forum Society 16 May, 2006 be received.

CARRIED

**Northern Vancouver Island Trails Society**

**274/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Northern Vancouver Island Trails Society, 24 May be received.

CARRIED

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Incoming Mail Log**

**275/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Incoming Mail Log for the period 23 May, 2006 to 1 June, 2006 be received.

CARRIED

**Receipt of Miscellaneous Communications**

**276/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from:

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1. SPARC BC, undated, re BC Access Awareness Day – Saturday 3 June, 2006,
2. UBCM, dated 1 June, 2006 re 2006 Resolutions Deadline –June 30,
3. Ministry of Community Services, undated, re Facing the Challenge of Industry Closure,
4. Campbell River Salmon Festival, undated, re “2006 North Island Logger Sports & Canadian East West Logging Sports Challenge”,
5. City of Abbotsford, dated 31 May 2006, re “Pay Before You Pump” legislation,
6. Can-Am Recycling Ltd, dated 7 June 2006,
7. Chris Clement, Mayor, dated 9 June, 2006 re Proposal by the Compensation Council Limitations to Tax Class Heavy Industrial lands,
8. Western Forest Products Inc., dated 6 June, 2006, re Sustainable Forest Management at North Island Timberlands,
9. Ministry of Community Services, dated 8 June, 2006, RE EB-10 Initiative,
10. Ministry of Community Services, undated, re Proclamation for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – June 15<sup>th</sup>;

be received.

CARRIED

**Susan Harney, Child Care Advocates of BC- Resolution on Child Care**

**277/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Council of the Village of Port Alice support the resolution passed by the Vancouver City Council, 2 March 2006, in support of the restoration of federal child cared funding as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Port Alice supports development of licensed, non-profit childcare; **AND WHEREAS**, the previous federal government committed almost \$5 billion over 5 years to establish a national childcare program, of which \$633 million was to come to BC; **AND WHEREAS**, the current federal government promised to rip up these agreements in March of 2007;

**AND WHEREAS** the current federal government is replacing the national childcare plan with individual payment to families with children that are in fact taxable family bonuses and will do nothing to further develop a national childcare program;

**AND WHEREAS** the suggest bonus of \$1200 a year will cover just over one month’s cost for children under 18 months;

**AND WHEREAS** there is a lack of facilities for younger children, including those with parents who can afford to pay for child care;

**AND WHEREAS** the provincial government has been slow to raise opposition to this play, despite very public concern expressed by other provinces, families and the childcare community;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Port Alice write a letter to the federal government urging that they maintain their commitment to the Federal Early Learning and Childcare Agreement;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village of Port Alice write a letter to the province encouraging them to be more proactive in opposing the elimination of a national childcare program.

CARRIED

**North Island Gazette- 2007 Northern Vancouver Island Visitors’ Guide**

**278/06**

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It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from the North Island Gazette, dated 25 May, 2006 re received and the that the Village of Port Alice reserve the centre page of the North Island Visitors Guide and further that payment for the ad be made by October 1<sup>st</sup> to take advantage of the 10% discount.

CARRIED

**Port Alice Golf Club – Ladies and Men’s Open.**

**279/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Village of Port Alice donate two sweatshirts to the Port Alice Golf Club in support of the Ladies and Men’s Open.

CARRIED

**Carson Brown – Ford Bursary Recipient**

**280/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Thank you card, from Carson Brown (Ford Bursary Recipient) dated 12 June, 2006, be forwarded to Gloria (Corky) Ford.

CARRIED

**REPORTS**

**Chief Administrative Officer’s - Finance Warrant**

**281/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Finance Warrant No. 05, 2006 in the amount of \$119,263.75 be approved.

CARRIED

**Port Alice Volunteer Fire Department**

**282/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Fire Chief’s monthly report for May 2006 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**Public Works Foreman’s – Monthly**

**283/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Public Works monthly report for May 2006 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**Public Works Foreman – Request to attend Safety Workshop**

**284/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Public Work’s Foreman’s request to attend Safety Workshop, 19 June 2006 in Nanaimo be approved and further that applicable travel expenses be paid.

CARRIED

**Community Centre Supervisor’s Monthly Report – May**

**285/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community Centre Supervisor’s Report for May be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

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**Community Centre Supervisor's Floor Hockey Tournament Event & Financial Report**

**286/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the 2006 Annual Floor Hockey Tournament Event and Financial Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**Emergency Program Coordinator – Emergency Notice – Tsunami Warning**

**287/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Emergency Notice – re Tsunami Warning be approved, and further that a supply of the notice be copied and readily available for distribution in the event of an emergency.

CARRIED

**Thurber Engineering Ltd – Eagle Hill**

**288/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the report from Thurber Engineering Ltd, dated 5 June 2006, be received and further that the Public Works Department be instructed to patch the culvert, and extend both ends, if possible, as an interim measure. When there is infrastructure funding available, the recommended repairs should be considered.

CARRIED

**BYLAWS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Port Alice Arena**

This item was addressed under Delegations: Re question to Council to support the reopening of the arena.

**QUESTION PERIOD - Nil**

**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.