

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
HELD WEDNESDAY, 28, June, 2006  
AT 7:00 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT:	G. Morrison	Chief Administrative Officer
	M. MacArthur	Reg. District of Mt.Waddington
	A. McKay	BC Federation of Labour
	J. Currie	BC Federation of Labour
	S. Shaw	Media
	O. Vezina	Spectator

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 #12 Shirley Scott, dated 27 June, 2006 re 18 month calendar. #13 BC Federation of Labour, dated 23 June, 2006 re Resolution to UBCM on raw log exports.

**DELEGATIONS – Marilyn MacArthur**

**No. 299/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that Marilyn MacArthur's Presentation, re marketing strategy for sale of the Port Alice Light Industrial Park, be discussed In Camera as per section 90(e) of the Community Charter

CARRIED

**Regular Council Meeting – To Resume**

**300/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Regular Council meeting resume at 7:30 P.M.

CARRIED

**MINUTES from Council and Committees of Council**

**301/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held 14 June, 2006 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING from Minutes and Unfinished Business - NIL**

**MINUTES from Other Organizations**

**Northern Vancouver Island Trails Society**

**302/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Northern Vancouver Island Trails Society, 7 June, 2006 be received.

CARRIED

**North Island Post Secondary Education**

**303/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the North Island Post Secondary Education, 19 April, 2006 be received.

CARRIED

**COMMUNICATIONS**

*Council unanimously decided that it would be acceptable to advance Communications #13 BC Federation of Labour, dated 23/06/06 re Resolution to UBCM on Raw Log Exports to the first item of Communications for discussion.*

**Resource Based Communities in Crisis Resolution**

**304/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that

**WHEREAS** recent changes to policy, legislation and regulations have encouraged companies to disinvest from British Columbia; to export raw logs rather than process them Domestically; to demand tax concessions from municipalities and wage and benefit concessions from their employees;

**AND WHEREAS** as a result of these policies and developments many communities are now suffering the effects of insufficient investment; mill and plant closures; declining or stagnating employment; lost opportunities and lost revenues while in others the short-term burst of output due to processing of beetle-wood will soon be followed by a prolonged fall down in harvesting levels;

**AND WHEREAS** in spite of the huge stake that British Columbians and all Canadians have in a just and fair settlement of the softwood lumber dispute with the US and in long-term trade in lumber and other resource-based products, the federal government has recently ignored the concerns of industry, workers and communities and agreed to a hastily-concocted framework agreement with the US government on lumber exports;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we urge the BC government to reject any softwood lumber agreement with the US that does not include:

- Full repayment to Canadian producers of all of the illegal duties imposed by the US government on Canadian lumber since May, 2002;
- Legislative action by the BC government to require that a significant portion of the duties paid by BC firms since May 2002 be collected and dedicated to a fund that will ensure investments in new plants and equipment in BC; worker training, retraining and skills development; adjustment programs such as early retirement, pension bridging and apprenticeship programs; infrastructure development and community adjustment programs in British Columbia;
- Clearly-stated protection against any future US attempts to direct Canadian forest policy through trade measures, taxation or legislative oversight;

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- Clearly stated protection against US incursion or interference in British Columbia forest policy, including but not limited to, annual allowable cut determinations, conservation objectives and raw log export restrictions.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that action by the BC government to reduce raw-log exports and to ensure that all forest production provides clear and demonstrable benefits to the people of BC and to BC.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the BC government put in place a comprehensive transition program to deal with the short and long-term implications of the Mountain Pine Beetle Infestation and other emerging forest health issues on the industry, workers and communities;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the government review all its programs, policies, legislation and regulations with an eye to ensuring that there be clear and demonstrable benefits to the people of BC and to BC communities from all resource extraction; resource-based processing and other resource-development initiatives.

**AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the City Council forward their position of support to the provincial Minister of Forests, the federal Minister of Forests and the local MLA, MP and the UBCM.

CARRIED

**Incoming Mail Log**

**305/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Incoming Mail Log for the period 13 June, 2006 to 26 June, 2006 be received.

CARRIED

**Receipt of Miscellaneous Communications**

**306/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from:

1. Wayne Wright, Mayor of New Westminster, dated 13 June, 2006 re Bill 30,
2. Sandra E. Dowe, City of North Vancouver, dated 14 June, 2006 re Creation of an Industrial Land Reserve,
3. Greyhound Canada Transportation Corp, dated 14 June, 2006 re Reduction in minimum frequency to bus service,

be received.

CARRIED

**Port Alice Lions Club – Request to Amend Village of Port Alice Smoking Control Bylaw No. 377, 1995**

**307/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from the Port Alice Lions Club, undated, re Request to amend schedule “A” of the Village of Port Alice Smoking Control Bylaw No. 377, 1995 to include the Lions Den be referred to the next meeting pending further information.

CARRIED

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**Ken McRae, Mayor-City of Port Alberni – Limitations to Class 4 Major Industrial Lands**  
**308/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that:

**WHEREAS** the government of British Columbia is being requested to consider placing limitations on municipal governments' authority to establish taxes in Class 4 Major Industrial properties;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of British Columbia in Part 1 of its Community Charter legislation recognized municipalities "as an order of government" which is "autonomous, responsible and accountable"; and that municipalities require "adequate powers and discretion to address existing and future community needs" including "authority to determine the levels of municipal expenditures and taxation that are appropriate for their purposes";

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of British Columbia enshrined in its legislation core principles including that "the Provincial Government respects municipal authority" and "the Provincial Government respects the varying needs and conditions of different municipalities in different areas of British Columbia";

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of British Columbia has their own means to reduce taxation on major industry, if the government wishes;

**NOW THEREFORE** Council of the Village of Port Alice petitions the Government of British Columbia to abide by its legislative commitments and principles and reject any and all consideration of a restriction on municipal taxation of Class 4, major Industrial lands.

CARRIED

**Jeune Landing Loggers Sports – Request for a Financial Prize**  
**309/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from Jeune Landing Loggers Sports, dated 6 June, 2006 re request for a donation for their event be received; and further that a donation in the traditional manner (a sweatshirt) be approved.

CARRIED

**Ocean View Christian Assembly Women – Request for free use of Curling Club**  
**310/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from Ocean View Christian Assembly Women, dated 23 June, 2006 re request for free use of the Curling Club facilities for Canada Day pancake breakfast be approved.

CARRIED

**Fisheries and Oceans – Marine Drive Culvert Replacement**  
**311/06**

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It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from Patty Menning, Fisheries and Oceans, dated 13 June, 2006 re Marine Drive culvert replacement be received; and further that the mitigations measures described on page two and three of her letter be followed.

CARRIED

**Regan Hickling – Request to Install Sign at Boat Launch**

**312/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from Regan Hickling, undated re request to install a sign at the boat launch be received; and further that a sign board be installed, at the boat launch, on the highway side of the parking lot. Space on the new sign board will be made available to anyone wishing to advertise providing that the following conditions are met:

Maximum size for the sign will be 2 feet by 2 feet.

The sign must be pre-approved by Council and professionally designed.

A fee of \$40.00 per sign must be pre paid prior to installation on the sign board.

CARRIED

**Julia Cheung, Quatsino Chalet – Request to Change Liquor License**

**313/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the correspondence from Julia Cheung, Quatsino Chalet, dated 23 June, 2006 re Request to Change Liquor License be referred to the next meeting pending additional information from other governing bodies.

CARRIED

**Shirley Scott – Request for Photos from Heritage**

**314/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the correspondence from Shirley Scott, dated 23 June, 2006 re Request to reproduce photos from the Village of Port Alice's Heritage collection for the purpose of producing a calendar not be approved out of respect for those who donated the photos for heritage purposes.

CARRIED

**REPORTS**

**Chief Administrative Officer – 2006 Annual Municipal Report**

**315/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the 2006 Annual Municipal Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**BYLAWS – NIL**

**NEW BUSINESS - NIL**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

**Ozzie Vezina:**

Questioned Council on the progress of the marina.

Mayor Pepper informed Ozzie that Council continues to work on this project and reported that the Federal Funds targeted for this project are currently frozen until early next year. The Minister overseeing these funds needs a better understanding of the process before the funds

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will be released. It is understood that Port Alice has been promised funding for the marina project and this endeavour is being supported at the Provincial level.

Mayor Pepper will be attending a meeting of Mayors, responsible for the distribution of these funds, on July 14<sup>th</sup> in Courtenay.

**Sue Shaw:**

Can anything be done to improve health and safety standards at the hotel?

Mayor Pepper informed Sue that several requests have been made to the owners of the hotel to make some improvements to their property. The Chief Administrative Officer is working with the Health Inspector to try and get some results in improving the situation.

**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.