

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
HELD WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY 2006  
AT 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:	G. Neely	Acting Mayor
	A. Bazinet	Councillor
	B. Hay	Councillor
	D. Vye	Councillor
MEMBERS ABSENT:	L. Pepper	Mayor
ALSO PRESENT:	G. Cadwallader	Guest
	G. Morrison	Chief Administrative Officer
	E. Noseworthy	Administrative Assistant
	S. Shaw	Media
	O. Vezina	Spectator

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

**ADDITIONS / DELETIONS** to the Agenda

Council accepted the additions to the Agenda of Delegations #1 Gene Cadwallader, re: Port Alice Gas Station.

**DELEGATIONS – Gene Cadwallader**  
**Port Alice Gas Station**

Gene Cadwallader attended the Council Meeting to provide Council with an update on his plans and commitment to reopen the Port Alice Gas Station.

Gene stated that Nigel Parr, his builder, and himself have been busy working on a project that is now 90% completed. Once complete, they will be ready to commit their time to the next project which is the Port Alice Gas Station.

Gene informed Council that his attempts to secure financing for the Gas Station have not been very successful. The bank he deals with will not finance gas station ventures, he stated his current gas station in Port Hardy has been financed by the Federal Business Development Bank and is confident that he will secure financing through a similar financial lender once he has proven that he has a viable business plan in place.

Gene's plans for the new Gas Station will depend on the future of the Pulp Mill:

- #1 If the Pulp Mill continues operation then he will be looking at the development of a 2200 sq. ft. Convenience Store with a Self Serve Gas Bar.
- #2 If the Pulp Mill ceases operation then he will be looking at the development of a 1000 sq. ft. Convenience Store with a Self Serve Gas Bar

Gene states that either way he is interested in providing this service to the Village of Port Alice.

**Village of Port Alice REGULAR COUNCIL Minutes of 26 July, 2006**

Councillor Bob Hay asked Gene if he would be interested in selling his piece of property if all financing efforts fail and Gene said he would not be opposed to this suggestion. Councillor Bob Hay also stated that the property was in need of some upkeep, mainly the grass needs some maintenance and the trees need to be trimmed. Gene has promised to come over and take care of this matter.

Chief Administrative Officer is to investigate the possibility of the Port Alice Volunteer Fire Department using the building for fire practice to help Gene reduce the tear down and disposal costs for the current building.

Council thanked Gene for attending the meeting before he left at 7:20 pm.

**MINUTES from Council and Committees of Council**

**358/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held 12 July, 2006 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING from Minutes and Meetings**

**Fitness Room user Access Policy (Min. No. 323/06)**

**359/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Fitness Room User Access Policy #4.1.f be approved.

CARRIED

**Western Room Membership: Approval of Rates & Hours**

**360/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the hours for accessing the Western Room be 6 am to 11 pm and further that when the new door is installed and the improved access is available the Western Room Membership fees to be increased as follows:

- 1 day pass \$5.00
- 1 month pass \$25.00
- 1 month family pass \$50.00
- 6 month pass \$125.00
- 12 month pass \$200.00

CARRIED

**Port Alice Recycling Society: Request for funding for wages**

**361/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Port Alice Recycling Society's request for funding to cover wages for the period Jan. – Jun. 2006, in the amount of \$2074.93, be approved.

CARRIED

**Maggie Flostrand – Presentation from VIHA Meeting**

Council unanimously agreed to accept Maggie Flostrand's verbal presentation after her and Jim Overland attended the VIHA Board Meeting at 1:00 p.m. today in Campbell River.

## Village of Port Alice REGULAR COUNCIL Minutes of 26 July, 2006

Maggie joined the Council Meeting at 7:30 pm and reports that Jim gave a great presentation stating Port Alice's current doctor situation. VIHA had stated that they are hiring 4 graduating Nurse Practitioners and this is an option for staffing Port Alice.

It was noted that the suggestion for Port Alice to be staffed with a Nurse Practitioner is unrealistic due to the facts that Neucel Specialty Cellulose is running 24 hours per day 7 days per week and our Loggers are also working in the area full time. We are a 45 minute drive away from Port McNeill or Port Hardy leaving very little time within the "golden hour".

Jim advised the Board of the problems we were having getting people admitted into the Port Hardy Hospital as they like to keep spare beds for their own residents.

We were also informed of the possibility that "Wheels for Wellness" may be looking into having a vehicle that is kept in Port McNeill and would service the tri-port communities by providing transportation to and from appointments around the North Island. Maggie indicated that this would be an expensive venture and suggested that it would be more cost effective to establish a volunteer driver program that is funded by VIHA.

Ideally we would like to see a doctor rotation of 3 doctors as was before. This allows for holidays, upgrading and recovery from burn out.

Council thanked Maggie before she left the meeting at 7:40 pm.

### **MINUTES from Other Organizations - NIL**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Incoming Mail Log**

**362/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Incoming Mail Log for the period 11 July, 2006 to 24 July, 2006 be received.

CARRIED

#### **Receipt of Miscellaneous Communications**

**363/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from:

1. Vancouver Island Regional Library, copy of letter to the Minister of Finance and copy of letter to Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, dated 29 June, 2006, re Establishment of a new National Infrastructure Program;
2. Minister of Community Services, date 14 July, 2006, re Small Community Grant Program.

be received.

CARRIED

#### **Vancouver Island Regional Library**

**364/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from the Vancouver Island Regional Library, dated 28 June, 2006 re Resolution Supporting Continued Provincial Government Funding for Public Libraries, and attached copy of the Resolution sent to

**Village of Port Alice REGULAR COUNCIL Minutes of 26 July, 2006**

UBCM be received and further; that a letter of support be sent and request that Mayor Pepper support the resolution when it reaches the floor. CARRIED

**Bazett Land Surveying – 1109 and 1069 Rupert Street**

**365/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from Bazett Land Surveying Inc, dated 29 June, 2006, re Proposed Subdivision of Lots 1 & 2, Plan 20428, be received; and further that the Boundary Line, as shown on the attached map, be approved as the new lot line.

CARRIED

**Jewel of the Isle – Golf Tournament request for a prize**

**366/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from Gold River “Jewel of the Isle”, Ladies Golf Tournament Committee, dated 12 July, 2006 be received and forwarded to the Port Alice Golf Club.

CARRIED

**Wendy Low – International Day of Older Persons & the Open Door Event Proclamation**

**367/06**

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Village of Port Alice recognizes that older persons should remain integrated into community life and their knowledge and experience benefits us all; and,

**WHEREAS** older persons increasingly contribute to economic, social and cultural developments; and,

**WHEREAS** Open Doors, a non-profit organization, is a leader in promoting Seniors’ housing and long-term care homes; and,

**WHEREAS** International Day of Older Persons is an annual international celebration; and,

**WHEREAS** with increasing age some individuals will need comprehensive community and family care;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** on behalf of the council of the Corporation of the Village of Port Alice, that I, Deputy Mayor Neely, do hereby proclaim that on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, the Village of Port Alice will celebrate Open Doors and International Day of Older Persons, to recognize the contributions and accomplishments of our Seniors.

CARRIED

**Vancouver Island Regional Library – Library Operating Grant**

**368/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from the Vancouver Island Regional Library, dated 11 July, 2006, re Request to ask Provincial Government to increase Library Operating Grant be received and further; that a letter supporting this request be sent to the Province.

CARRIED

**Western Economic Diversification Canada**

**369/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from Del Hughes, Western Economic Diversification Canada, dated 19 July, 2006, re WD Funding Commitments be received and further; that the Chief Administrative Officer research the specifics of “soft costs” mentioned in the letter and forward a copy to Ida Chong and Catherine Bell.

CARRIED

**Village of Port Alice REGULAR COUNCIL Minutes of 26 July, 2006**

**Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General – Funding for the Port Alice Youth Basketball**

**370/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from The Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General, dated 7 July, 2006, re funding for the “Port Alice Youth Basketball” be received and further that a letter of thanks, and a copy of the letter be sent to Corporal Murray.

CARRIED

**Union of British Columbia – 2006 Community Excellence Awards**

**371/06**

**Whereas** the Village of Port Alice has worked through a major economic downturn when the major employer of the community filed for bankruptcy protection;

**And Whereas** it took leadership and innovation to create an environment suitable for the new owners to accept the challenge of reviving the industry;

**And Whereas** the Council of the Village of Port Alice recognizes that it can not rely on a single industry and is working diligently to diversify the Communities economy;

**Now Therefore be it Resolved that** the Council of the Village of Port Alice submit an application to the UBCM 2006 Community Excellence Awards Under the Leadership & Innovation category.

CARRIED

**REPORTS**

**Chief Administrative Officer – Thurber Engineering Ltd.**

**372/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that Invoice #03825 from Thurber Engineering Ltd. in the amount of \$3,411.37 for the road evaluation on Eagle Hill be approved.

CARRIED

**Chief Administrative Officer – Blackie Holdings Inc.**

**373/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that P.O. #4475 to Blackie Holdings Inc., in the amount of \$890.40 for brush cutting services along the mill road and sea walk be approved.

CARRIED

**Chief Administrative Officer – Community Tourism Funding Application & Draft Budget.**

**374/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community Tourism Funding Application & Draft Budget be approved.

CARRIED

**BYLAWS**

**Anti-Smoking Amendment Bylaw No. 522, 2006**

**Village of Port Alice REGULAR COUNCIL Minutes of 26 July, 2006**

**375/06**

It was duly moved and seconded that the “Village of Port Alice Smoking Control Amendment Bylaw No. 522, 2006” be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS - Nil**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

**Sue Shaw – Media**

1. Will weight room users have bathroom access?  
*CAO’s reply – Yes, the remainder of the building can be locked down leaving access to the bathrooms.*
  
2. Are we paying the recycling students the \$6.00/hr entry minimum wage?  
*Acting Mayor Neely’s reply – No, they are paid around \$10.00/hr*
  
3. Why would we support foreign doctors coming to Port Alice – we could support providing financial assistance to our own students to attend Medical Schooling in return for them coming back to Port Alice once they completed their education?  
*Acting Mayor Neely’s reply – Medical school is very expensive and there is no way to ensure the student would return once their studies were completed.*
  
4. What is Kevin’s last name?  
*Councillor Bazinet’s reply – Murray*
  
5. What is the date of the Open Door?  
*Acting Mayor Neely’s reply – October 1st*

**Adjournment**

It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:15 PM to In-Camera to deal with legal, labour, land or litigation matters.

CARRIED

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

**Village of Port Alice REGULAR COUNCIL Minutes of 26 July, 2006**

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