

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, 13 September, 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. Morrison Chief Administrative Officer
 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 **Communications** #17 Dave Morgan, undated, re Jungle Gym, #18 Tanya Tiberghien, undated, re Cops for Cancer – use of gym and arena showers, **Reports** CAO (a) Arena Rental Rates Increase, **New Business** (c) Open Port Alice Arena.

Council accepted the deletions to the Agenda of **Minutes** #3 Recreation Committee held 11 September, 2006, **Business Arising from Previous Minutes and Meetings** #4, Recommendations from the Recreation Committee Meeting held 11 September, 2006, **Communications** #14, Jessica Lundin, dated, 08 September 2006, re Free Use of Gym for mini dance show for Cops for Cancer.

DELEGATIONS – Nil

MINUTES from Council and Committees of Council

423/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the
Regular Council Meeting held 23 August, 2006,
Recreation Committee Meeting held 6 September, 2006,
Public Works Committee Meeting held 11 September, 2006,
be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING from Minutes and Meetings

BC Municipal Safety Association – Full Time Funded Coordinator

424/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the Council for the Village of Port Alice support the Business Case, for a Full Time Funded Coordinator for the BC Municipal Safety Association, as presented by the UBCM in their communication dated 15 August, 2006.

CARRIED

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Port Alice Seniors Centre

At the Regular Council Meeting held August 23rd Council referred the discussion concerning the continued operation of the Port Alice Seniors Centre to this meeting. Ozzie Vezina, President for the seniors, was present and informed that there are no immediate plans to close the Seniors Centre. However there have been discussions concerning the long term plans for the building as concerns have been raised about its state of repair, location and accessibility. Council informed Ozzie that they are investigating the Community Connections program that may provide the Village with access to the primary school. If the Village is successful with negotiating a partnership with School District #85 the potential to relocate the seniors to a more central location, with easier access, may be a possibility. Council assured Ozzie that the seniors would not be forced out of their building with no place to go.

Recommendations from the Recreation Committee Meeting of 6 September, 2006

Fitness Room Access & Security - Update

Chief Administrative Officer reported that Glen Miles is scheduled to arrive on Thursday September 14, 2006.

Club Registration Night

425/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community Centre Supervisors be authorized to serve Sundaes at club registration night at a cost of \$1.00 each.

CARRIED

PACE (Programmed Aerobic Circuit Exercise

426/06

It was duly moved and seconded that Michelle's efforts be supported and further that she be informed that management and staff will investigate the possibility of providing her with a rental location.

CARRIED

Additional Day Shift Hours

427/06

It was duly moved and seconded that Tanya and Holly be authorized to work one additional day shift during the week of September 11 – 15 to accommodate the work load in preparation for the upcoming fall season.

CARRIED

Recommendations from Public Works Committee Meeting of 11 September 2006

FCM: Funding Opportunity (Min. No 404/06 – referred from Council)

428/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the Chief Administrative Officer submits an intent to apply for funding for energy and waste water projects as follows:

Energy

1. Double pane windows for Municipal Office;
2. Double pane sliders for the Community Centre;

Waste Water

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1. Dewatering system for the Sewer Treatment Plant.

CARRIED

UBCM: Gas Tax Agreement (Min. No. 389/06 – referred from Council)

429/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the Chief Administrative Officer submits an application as follows:

Community Energy Systems

1. Retrofit water pump houses;

Water and Wastewater

1. Implement innovative technologies that support environmental sustainability;
2. Purchase compressor equipment to remove Freon from fridges and freezers;

Solid Waste Management

1. Develop or improve solid waste collection (dewatering system).

CARRIED

MINUTES from Other Organizations

430/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the;
Regional District of Mount Waddington, held 20 June, 2006,
Regional District of Mount Waddington, held 18 July, 2006,
Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District, held 16 May, 2006,
Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District, held 20 June, 2006
be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

Incoming Mail Log

431/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the Incoming Mail Log for the period 23 August, 2006 to 11 September, 2006 be received.

CARRIED

Receipt of Miscellaneous Communications

432/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from:

1. Western Forest Products Inc., dated 18 August, 2006, re WFP North Vancouver Island Region Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP),
2. UBCM, dated 25 August, 2006 re School Community Connections Program Update,
3. City of Charlemagne, undated, re thank you for support,
4. Mike Hanson/Charlie Wyse, dated 5 September, 2006, re lack of support for paramedic services in rural and remote communities,
5. The BC Lung Association, dated 29 August, 2006, re Resolution at UBCM Convention to make BC 100% Smoke Free with No Provision for Designated Smoking Rooms.,
6. BC Hydro, dated 06 September, 2006, re possible meeting at UBCM.,
7. North Island Community Services, dated 08 September, 2006, re Proposal to the Regional District of Mount Waddington,
8. BC Hydro, dated 07 September, 2006 re Electric Beautification Projects

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be received.

CARRIED

OK Paving Company

433/06

It was duly moved and seconded that invoice #10945 for asphalt pavement repairs from OK Paving be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Recycling Council of BC – Waste Reduction Week

434/06

It was duly moved and seconded that The Village of Port Alice proclaim October 16 – 22nd as Waste Reduction Week and further that a copy of the proclamation be sent to Sea View School and the Port Alice Recycling Society:

WHEREAS the generation of solid waste and the needless waste of water and energy resources are recognized as global environmental problems and,

WHEREAS municipal governments have an important role to play in promoting waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting and other conservation measures and,

WHEREAS communities, businesses and organizations across Canada have committed to working together to raise awareness of these issues during **Waste Reduction Week in Canada,**

THEREFORE The Village of Port Alice HEREBY PROCLAIMS October 16-22, 2006 as **Waste Reduction Week.**

CARRIED

Regional District of Mount Waddington – Canadian Passports

435/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from the Regional District of Mount Waddington, dated 24 August 2006, re Canadian Passports be received and further that a letter of support be sent.

CARRIED

Dumont & Associates Forestry Consultants – Review of BC Log Export Policy

436/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from W.E. Dumont, dated 1 September, 2006 be received; and further that Council review the Log Export Policy Questions in preparation for a response and further discussion at the next Council Meeting.

CARRIED

Port Alice Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock Committee

437/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from the Port Alice Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock Committee, dated 8 September, 2006, re Request for auction donation

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be received and further that a donation in the traditional manner (sweatshirt/vest and two weight room passes) be approved.

CARRIED

Kevin Cameron, Provincial Emergency Planner (PEP)

438/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from Kevin Cameron, PEP, dated 11 September, 2006, re New Tsunami Levels & Evacuation Centre be received and further that the changes be approved and the plan revised accordingly.

CARRIED

Dave Morgan – Jungle Gym

439/06

It was duly moved and seconded that Dave Morgan be authorized to replace the Jungle Gym Netting at the Community Centre playground and further that a letter of thanks for volunteering for this project be sent to him.

CARRIED

Tanya Tiberghien – Cops for Cancer Committee

440/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from Tanya Tiberghien, On behalf of the Cops for Cancer Committee, undated, re use of the Gym and Arena Showers for the Cops for Cancer riders be received and further that approval be granted for use of the Community Centre Gym, the Arena showers and a key for the arena for the period September 23 to 24, 2006.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – Finance Warrant

441/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the Finance Warrant No. 8, 2006 in the amount of \$331,268.52 be approved.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer – Arena Ice Rental Rates

442/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the rate structure for the arena for the 2006 Ice Season be as follows:

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| Minor Sporting Events | \$60.00/hr |
| Adult Sporting Events | \$120.00/hr (commercial hockey, old timers, etc) |
| Unorganized Events | \$90.00/hr (pond hockey, private parties, etc) |
| Public Skating | \$2.00 Admission |

CARRIED

Port Alice Volunteer Fire Department – Monthly Report

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443/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the Port Alice Fire Department Monthly Report, August 2006 be accepted as presented

CARRIED

Public Works Foreman's Monthly

444/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the Public Works Foreman's Monthly Report, August 2006 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Community Centre Supervisor's Summer Camp Report

445/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community Centre Supervisor's Summer Camp Report 2006 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Community Centre Supervisor's Labour Day Report

446/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community Centre Supervisor's Labour Day Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Community Centre Supervisor's Labour Day Financial Report

447/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community Centre Supervisor's Labour Day Financial Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

BYLAWS

Permissive Exemption from Taxation (Legion) Bylaw No. 523, 2006

448/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the "Village of Port Alice Permissive Exemption from Taxation (Legion) Bylaw No. 523, 2006" be read for the second and third time.

CARRIED

Permissive Exemption from Taxation (Wharf) Bylaw No. 524, 2006

449/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the "Village of Port Alice Permissive Exemption from Taxation (Wharf) Bylaw No. 524, 2006" be read for the second and third time.

CARRIED

Permissive Exemption from Taxation (for Occupiers of Municipal Property) Bylaw No. 525, 2006

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450/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the “Village of Port Alice Permissive Exemption from Taxation (for Occupiers of Municipal Property) Bylaw No. 525, 2006” be read for the second and third time.

CARRIED

Permissive Exemption from Taxation (Library, Public Worship Properties and Health Clinic) Bylaw No. 526, 2006

451/06

It was duly moved and seconded that the “Village of Port Alice Permissive Exemption from Taxation (Library, Public Worship Properties and Health Clinic) Bylaw No. 526, 2006” be read for the second and third time.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Bazinet

Councillor Bazinet suggested that a small reception be planned as a means of saying thank you to the volunteers in the community. Council supports this idea and will be consulted as plans develop prior to approving a plan.

Councillor Bazinet

Councillor Bazinet reported that during the 2006 Fall Fair Ceremonies she announced that Port Alice will be hosting the 2007 Fall Fair and that both she and Carol Prescott will volunteer on the Committee.

Port Alice Arena – To Re-open

Mayor Pepper informed those present that the Port Alice Arena will be reopening this fall. The facility will operate on a reduced schedule, on a trial basis to Dec. 31, 2006 in order to determine that the usage is there before committing to operations in 2007. This opportunity was made possible after the mill paid the balance of the outstanding property taxes and a penalty for late payment, of almost \$90,000.00 that was assessed to them on August 1, 2006.

The Port Alice Arena Society raised close to half of their anticipated revenue. Council is confident that they will continue with their fund raising efforts over the course of the season and to volunteer with the operation of the facility. The curling side of the facility will open if there is sufficient membership and if they are willing to participate in the installation and maintain of the ice.

QUESTION PERIOD

Ozzie Vezina

Ozzie informed Council that the Community Connections would be a good way of relocating the seniors to the school and supports the idea.

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Sue Shaw

Sue asked if she could have a copy of the Ambulance Survey (due Sept. 13th) that was circulated by UBCM.

Sue asked what was Council's action on the communications from The BC Lung Association, dated 29 August, 2006, re 100% smoke-free.

Motion of Council was to receive the information.

Sue commented that she was surprised that Council is not prepared to immediately respond to the questions that were included with the communications from W.E. Dumont, dated 1 September, 2006.

Council intends to refer this item to the next meeting for consideration.

Sue asked if photography is still a category that is judged at the Fall Fair. *Yes*

Adjournment

It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:10 PM to In-Camera to deal with legal, labour, land or litigation matters.

CARRIED

Certified Correct _____
Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor

Confirmed this ____ day of _____, 2006.