

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, 24 January, 2007
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
	E. MacMain	Media, N.I. Gazette
	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 #9) City of Trail, dated 24 Jan, 2007, re Elimination of Funding for child care services. #10) Marshall McCorkle, undated, re topping of dangerous trees at 994 Haida Ave.

DELEGATIONS – Nil

MINUTES from Council and Committees of Council
35/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held 10 January, 2007 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING from Minutes and Meetings

Towns for Tomorrow, Local Motion and Spirit Squares – Funding Opportunities
Researcher (min # 10/07)

36/07

It was duly moved and seconded that Minute No. 10/07 be rescinded.

CARRIED

Funding Priorities, Financing and Researcher
37/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the CAO be authorized to call in existing casual office staff to assist with funding research for the following projects: Sludge Dewatering, Port Alice Marina, Community Tourism, **Community Health & Safety (walkways)**, School Community Connections with priorities being placed on the Sludge De-Watering, Port Alice Marina and Community Tourism; and further that the CAO be authorized to prepare the necessary borrowing and Capital Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaws to ensure that the Villages share of the funding will be in place.

CARRIED

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Maggie Flostrand – Concrete Planters (refer Min # 13/07)

38/07

It was duly moved and seconded that after researching current costs of the concrete planters, from Sandwick Alternate School, the cost of purchasing three would be too costly and that two planters be purchased instead.

CARRIED

Reinstatement of Village of Port Alice Remuneration and Expense Bylaw No. 460, 2001

39/07

It was duly moved and seconded the Village of Port Alice Remuneration and Expense Bylaw No. 460, 2001 be reinstated retroactive to 1 January, 2007.

CARRIED

MINUTES from Other Organizations - Nil

COMMUNICATIONS

Incoming Mail Log

40/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Incoming Mail Log for the period 08 January, 2007 to 22 January, 2007 be received.

CARRIED

Receipt of Miscellaneous Communications

41/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from:

1. Coastal Community Network, dated 18 January, 2007, re CCN members' mailing raw log exports – response from MP James Lunney;
2. UBCM Member Notice, dated 18 January, 2007, re RCMP Accountability: Community Performance Plans;
3. Municipality of North Cowichan, dated 15 January, 2007, re Terasen Gas Line Locate Policy;
4. Coastal Community Network, dated 11 January, 2007, re Support for an Act to Protect Heritage Lighthouses (Bill S-220);
be received.

CARRIED

Heritage Society of BC

42/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from the Heritage Society of BC, dated 12 January, 2007 re February 19th – 25th Heritage Week be received and that a copy of the letter and attached poster be forwarded to the Heritage Coordinator, Evelyn Hartford.

CARRIED

Town of View Royal

43/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from the Town of View Royal, dated 15 January, 2007, re PRIME Implementation be received and further that the CAO contact View Royal to obtain further information on PRIME.

CARRIED

Port Hardy District Chamber of Commerce – Times Colonist Discover Insert

44/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from Treena Smith, Port Hardy District Chamber of Commerce, dated 19 January, 2007 re collective North Island ad in the Time Colonist Spring Edition of the Discover Insert, at a cost of \$600 per community, be approved.

Councillor Vye Against
CARRIED

City of Trail – Elimination of Funding for Child Care

45/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from the City of Trail, dated 24 January, 2007, re Elimination of Funding for Child Care Services be received and further that additional information be obtained before Council addresses this issue.

CARRIED

McCorkle Property – Dangerous Trees

46/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from Marshall & Gillian McCorkle, regarding the topping of dangerous trees at the edge of their property be referred to Public Works Committee for review.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – Permission to Remove Old Equipment from Assets

47/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Chief Administrative Officer's report, dated 22 January be accepted and further that the following items be recycled or disposed of:

Portable and Truck Mounted Radios – obsolete (Approx. Value \$10,000.00 - \$12,000.00)

NEC Computer Monitor – does not work (Approx. Value \$350.00)

Basketball Hoops and backboards (Approx. Value \$3,000.00)
– replaced with new equipment

Pro-oxy burner (Approx. Value \$8,000.00)
– replaced with ice scraper

Portable Swimming pool (Approx. Value \$80,000.00)

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BYLAWS - Nil

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NEW BUSINESS

Highway #30
48/07

It was duly moved and seconded that a letter be sent to Highways District Manager requesting that an assessment of the highway surface, the stability of the trees, and the slide area, approximately two miles out of town, be carried out on Highway 30 between the Port Alice/Jeune Landing junction and Marble River.

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD - Nil

Ozzie Vezina – No Questions

Emma McMain

Emma requested additional information on the Sludge Dewatering Project. Mayor Pepper informed Emma that the operation is designed to dry the sludge that is left in the sewer treatment plant after it has completed its process. Currently the sludge is vacuumed out of the treatment plant and taken to the mill, where it is disposed of in their treatment plant and consumed biologically by the bugs. Mayor Pepper further explained that if there comes a time that the Village is no longer able to use the mill's treatment plant the sludge will have to be taken to Seven Mile. This will increase costs drastically.

Adjournment

It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:40 to In-Camera to deal with legal, labour, land or litigation matters.

CARRIED

Certified Correct _____
Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor

Confirmed this ____ day of _____, 2007.