

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, 28 March, 2007
AT 7:00 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: G. Morrison Chief Administrative Officer
 E. MacMain Media
 M. Farrell VINSAR
 O. Vezina Spectator

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

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS to the Agenda - Nil

DELEGATIONS – Maria Farrell, Vancouver Island North Search & Rescue

Maria Farrell attended the meeting tonight, at Council's request, to discuss the feasibility of transferring ownership of the emergency bus and on board equipment to the Regional District of Mount Waddington. It has been established that the VINSAR membership in Port Alice consists of two people. The membership is growing in Port McNeill therefore the bus and equipment would better serve the North Island if it is relocated to that community. Through discussion with the Port McNeill group and the Regional District it has been determined that there is some interested in relocating the bus. Further discussions will occur between all parties and brought back to Council and Regional Board Members for a decision.

Council asked Maria about the status of the Search and Rescue Building located at #65 Alderwood Acres. Maria explained that the building stores Search and Rescue equipment such as radios, files, ropes etc., and Cub Scout camping equipment. The building was also used to hold meetings and served as a gathering place in the event of a search.

VINSAR – Emergency Bus and Equipment at #65 Alderwood Acres

153/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the feasibility of relocating the equipment belonging to the Search and Rescue and the Boy Scouts be investigated; and further that, the results be reported back to Council at the next regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

MINUTES from Council and Committees of Council

154/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held 14 March, 2007 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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BUSINESS ARISING from Minutes and Meetings

Bike Race- 2006 Grant (Min# 105/07)

155/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the request for payment of the 2006 bike race grant be referred to the April 11th Council Meeting, pending further information.

CARRIED

Level 1 First Aid

156/07

It was duly moved and seconded that up to eight employees, requiring level 1 first aid certification or re-certification be authorized to register at a cost of \$85.00 per person.

CARRIED

Highway # 30 Min # 48/07

157/07

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Pepper send a letter to the Honourable Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation, expressing Council's concern that there has not been any funding identified, in the Provincial Transportation budget, for the necessary repairs to highway 30; and further that the residents of Port Alice be encouraged to also write a letter to Minister Falcon expressing their concern about the condition of the highway and request that the repairs, to ensure public safety, be schedule this year.

CARRIED

MINUTES from Other Organizations

158/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes from the Vancouver Island North Woodlands Advisory Group, 1 March 2007 be received.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

Incoming Mail Log

159/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Incoming Mail Log for the period of 13 March 2007, to 26 March, 2007 be received.

CARRIED

Receipt of Miscellaneous Communications

160/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from:

1. Charlie Wyse, Caribou Smith, dated 28 February, 2007, re Budget Reply Speech, re TILMA;
2. The Council of Canadians, dated 12 March, 2007, re TILMA;
3. The District of Kent, dated 22 March, 2007, re TILMA resolution;
4. Legislative Assembly – The Province of British Columbia, dated 7 March, 2007, re TILMA;
5. Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC, dated 12 March, 2007, re Kids Can't Wait – BC's Child Care Challenge;

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6. The Corporation of the Village of Montrose, dated 7 March, 2007, re Reduction of Child Care Programs;
7. Minister of Natural Resources, dated 12 March, 2007, re Program Funding for EnerGuide;
8. Vancouver Island Emergency Preparedness, dated March, 2007, re Emergency Preparedness Conference for Front Line Volunteers and Staff;
9. District of West Vancouver, dated 16 March, 2007, re Home Owner Grant Program 2007;
10. Office of the Prime Minister, dated 12 March, 2007, re The National Homelessness Initiative;
be received.

CARRIED

UBCM - Local Government Program Services – Community Tourism Program

161/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from UBCM, Local Government Program Services, dated 9 March, 2007, re 2005 Community Tourism Program (Phase 1) be received and further that the staff be thanked for their efforts in securing this funding.

CARRIED

Councillor Robert Hay – Resignation from Councillor Position

162/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from Councillor Robert Hay, dated 20 March, 2007, re resignation from Council, be accepted with regret. Council thanked Councillor Hay for his time served on Council.

CARRIED

Maureen Harmer, Certified Holistic Health Practitioner – Additions to Rumble Sheet

163/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from Maureen Harmer, dated 10 March, 2007, re adding “Renewal News” to the Rumble Sheet, be received and further that her request be approved subject to space, content and excluding commercial advertising.

CARRIED

Maureen Harmer, Certified Holistic Health Practitioner – Meditation/Deep Breathing Class

164/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from Maureen Harmer, dated 20 March, 2007, re free use of Community Centre room, for Meditation/Deep Breathing be received, and further that a 90 day trial be granted, with the condition that a report on attendance be provided to Council at the end of the 90 day period.

CARRIED

Licence Inspectors and Bylaw Officers Association of BC

165/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from the Licence Inspectors and Bylaw Officers Association of BC, undated, re Annual Conference Oct 2 – 5, 2007, be received and further that more information be obtained.

CARRIED

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REPORTS - Nil

BYLAWS

Village of Port Alice House Numbering Bylaw No. 530, 2007 Adoption

166/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the “Village of Port Alice House Numbering Bylaw No. 530, 2007” be reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Village of Port Alice, Appointment of Chief Election Officer

167/07

It was duly moved and seconded that Gail Morrison be appointed Chief Election Officer for the upcoming by-election

CARRIED

Village of Port Alice, Appointment of Deputy Chief Election Officer

168/07

It was duly moved and seconded that Edie Watson be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the upcoming by-election.

CARRIED

Village of Port Alice, Appointment of Poll Clerk

169/07

It was duly moved and seconded that Narda Bradshaw be appointed Poll Clerk for the upcoming by-election.

CARRIED

Douglas and Bernadette Chow – Removal of Trees

170/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the evergreen trees, causing the visibility hazard for traffic and pedestrians, at 1005 Haida Avenue be removed followed by an assessment of the remaining trees before a decision to remove them is made.

CARRIED

Andrea Sandborn – Eagles for Port Alice Sign

171/07

It was duly moved and seconded that an agreement between the Village of Port Alice and Don Svanvik to carve a pair of eagles for the Welcome to Port Alice Sign, at a cost of \$8000.00 for the pair, be prepared.

CARRIED

Ardie Bazinet – Request for items for Advanced Tourism Packaging & Product Distribution Workshop

172/07

It was duly moved and seconded that Ardie Bazinet’s request for a donation of a cougar hat and an umbrella for the Advanced Tourism Packaging & Product Distribution Workshop and Networking day, to be held on 21st April, 2007 be granted.

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD -

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.