

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, 9 May, 2007
AT 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:	L. Pepper	Mayor
	A. Bazinet	Councillor
	D. Vye	Councillor
	G. Neely	Councillor
MEMBER RESIGNED	B. Hay	Councillor (30/04/07)
ALSO PRESENT:	G. Morrison	Chief Administrative Officer
	E. McMain	Media
	M. Flostrand	Delegate
	L. Flostrand	Delegate
	B. Lloyd	Spectator
	O. Vezina	Spectator

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

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS to the Agenda – Additions – Communications: #14) Kerry Christou, received 9 May, 2007 re Boulevard Trees at 1137 Matsqui Avenue, #15) Regional District of Mt. Waddington, undated, re Draft letter to Port Alice’s Businesses Regarding Cardboard Handling.
Deletions – Lloyd Bergeson, Sludge Removal Contract.

DELEGATIONS –
Lyle and Maggie Flostrand – Trees at 1137 Matsqui Avenue

Lyle and Maggie Flostrand attended tonight’s Council meeting to discuss concerns that they have with trees on their neighbour’s property at 1137 Matsqui Avenue. On several occasions the Flostrand’s have asked the property owners at 1137 Matsqui Avenue to top and or prune the trees and expressed a willingness to share in the cost. The Flostrands requests have been unsuccessful therefore they are asking Council if there was anything that the Village can do to assist with this problem. The Flostrand’s feel that the trees are now devaluing their property, as they have lost their view, and they get very little sun which compromises the health of the plants in their garden.

Council informed the Flostrand’s that because the trees are on private property the Village has no authority over them. With respect to their property value the Flostrand’s were advised to contact BC Assessment Authority to discuss their property assessment.

Mayor Pepper thanked Lyle and Maggie Flostrand for attending the meeting and voicing their concerns. Mayor Pepper promised to speak with the property owners at 1137 Matsqui Avenue about their trees, but could not make any promises that this conversation would result in action.

MINUTES from Council and Committees of Council
230/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held 25 April, 2007;

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Financial Plan Public Consultation Meeting, held 2 May, 2007;

Recreation Committee Meeting, held 2 May, 2007;

Public Works Committee Meeting, held 3 May, 2007;

be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING from Minutes and Meetings

Recreation Complex Manager's Report – Rotting Ramp

231/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Chief Administrative Officer prepare a Request for Proposal for the repairs to the ramp at the ice arena; and further that the proposal include an assessment and suggestion for the most practical method of replacing the ramp, be it wood or metal.

CARRIED

Removal of Tree at 1005 Haida Ave – Douglas & Bernadette Chow

232/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the both of the first two trees beside the driveway at the Chow's property be included with the others that were previously designated to be removed for safety reasons.

CARRIED

Street Sweeping

233/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Public Works Foreman make arrangements to hire the services of the Port Hardy street sweeper to sweep the streets, intersection and the parking lot at the Recreation Complex as soon as possible.

CARRIED

Small Water Systems Certification

234/07

It was duly moved and seconded that Gord Ward be authorized to attend the required courses/workshops to ensure that he maintains his Small Water Systems Certification; and further that, Dave and Mel maintain their certification by attending the required courses/workshops during 2008/2009 as per the Environmental Operators Certification Program.

CARRIED

Small Wastewater System Courses

235/07

It was duly moved and seconded that Gord, Dave and Mel be authorized to challenge the Small Wastewater Systems exam, at a cost of \$159.00 per employee; and further that if the appropriate arrangements can not be made for Gord, Dave and Mel to challenge the exam that they be authorized to register for the course at a cost of \$395.00 plus tax for each employee followed by the exam.

CARRIED

Garbage Disposal Agreement – Fox Disposal

236/07

It was duly moved and seconded that a two year contract with Fox Disposal be signed with an annual rate increase of 3% on the bin pick up and an annual rate increase of 2% on bin

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rental and further that if at anytime during the two year contract June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2009, the cost of fuel increases by \$0.13 over the rate being charged on June 1, 2007, the

contractor will be given an opportunity to discuss an additional rate increase to cover soaring gas costs, all other terms and conditions of the contract remain the same.

CARRIED

MINUTES from Other Organizations

237/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes from the;
Regional District of Mount Waddington, 20 March, 2007;
Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District, 20 March, 2007;
BCMSA Regular Meeting, 9 February, 2007;
Port Alice Arena Society, 22 April, 2007;
be received.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

Incoming Mail Log

238/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Incoming Mail Log for the period of 23 April, 2007, to 7 May, 2007 be received.

CARRIED

Receipt of Miscellaneous Communications

239/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from:

1. Falun Dala, dated 20 April, 2007, re; Proclamation Celebrating May 2007 as Falun Dafa Month, Honoring Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance.
2. M. MacArthur, Regional District of Mount Waddington, dated 24 April, 2007, re Thank you for donation of the Cougar Hat for the Tourism Workshop.
3. Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans, undated, re Bill C-45 new Fisheries Act.
4. Sea View School, dated 1 May, 2007, re Thank you for providing work experience hours for Dylan Smith.
5. Claire Trevena, MLA, dated 27 April, 2007, re North Island College – Mobile Trades Training.
6. City of Langley, dated 16 February, 2007, re 2007 Resolution – Funding Fraser River Debris Trap.
7. Regional District of Mount Waddington, dated 19 April, 2007, re ATV Production Wings over Canada.
8. Comox Military Family Resource Centre, dated 23 April, 2007, re Deployment Support Services.

CARRIED

Maria Aquiar – Boulevard Trees at 1223 Maquinna Ave

240/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from Maria Aquiar, dated 1 May, 2007, re trees on boulevard at 1223 Maquinna Ave be referred to the next Public Works Committee Meeting, to discuss the implementation of a policy related to the

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regular maintenance of boulevards trees; and further that a letter be sent to Maria Aquiar informing her that once the policy is adopted Village staff will be directed accordingly.

CARRIED

Port Alice Curling Club – 2007/2008 Lease

241/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from the Port Alice Curling Club dated 23 April, 2007, re the 2007/2008 Lease Agreement be received and further that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to prepare the contract with the same terms and conditions as the 2006/2007 Lease Agreement.

CARRIED

Nova Tec – Sewage Treatment Plant Dewatering Update

242/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from Nova Tec dated 3 May 2007 be received and referred to the next Public Works Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

Ministry of Community Services re Village of Port Alice Marina Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 534, 2007 and Village of Port Alice Sewer Sludge Dewatering System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 535, 2007

243/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from the Ministry of Community Services dated 2 May, 2007 re the Village of Port Alice Marina Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 534 and Village of Port Alice Sewer Sludge Dewatering System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 535, 2007 be received and further that the Chief Election Officer be directed to proceed with the assent of the electors.

CARRIED

Kerry Christou – Boulevard Trees at 1137 Matsqui Ave

244/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from Kerry Christou, received 9 May, 2007, re dangerous trees at 1137 Matsqui Ave be received and referred to the next Public Works Committee Meeting, to discuss the implementation of a policy related to the regular maintenance of boulevards trees; and further that a letter be sent to Kerry Christou informing her that once the policy is adopted Village staff will be directed accordingly.

CARRIED

Regional District of Mount Waddington: Draft Letter Cardboard Handling

245/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from the Regional District of Mount Waddington, undated, re Draft Letter Cardboard Handling be received; and further that the Regional District be asked to distribute the letter to businesses in Port Alice informing them that cardboard will no longer be pick up by North Island Waste Management Ltd, and that they will have to make alternate arrangements for cardboard disposal.

CARRIED

REPORTS

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Chief Administrative Officer – Finance Warrant No. 4, 2007

246/07

It was duly moved and seconded that Finance Warrant No. 4, 2007 in the amount of \$95,644.87 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Port Alice Volunteer Fire Department – Monthly Report

247/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Port Alice Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report for April be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Recreation Complex Manager – Monthly Report

248/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Recreation Complex Manager's Monthly Report for April be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Community Centre Supervisor – Monthly Report

249/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community Centre Supervisor's Monthly Report for April be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Public Works Department – Monthly Report

250/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Public Works Department Monthly Report for April be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

BYLAWS

Village of Port Alice Tax Rates Bylaw No. 533, 2007

251/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Village of Port Alice Tax Rates Bylaw No. 533, 2007 be reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Gas Station

Mayor Pepper reported that the construction of the new gas station is going well and appears to be on target for opening June 1st. The office building is almost done and the fuel storage tanks will be delivered next week.

QUESTION PERIOD

Emma McMain:

What are they referring to in the letter from the Regional District with respect to disposal of cardboard the bin or the recycling area?

Council:

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Reference in the letter from the Regional District is made to the blue bin. If there is a large amount of cardboard found in the bin the Village will be charged an additional \$120/per tonne as a tipping fee.

The collection area at the recycling depot is intended for residential use only not for commercial use. Businesses are supposed to make their own arrangements for the collection and disposal of cardboard. They can either hire the Kinsmen, or another contractor in the business of handling the removal of cardboard, or they could deliver it to 7-mile themselves at no charge.

Bruce Lloyd:

Asked Councillor Bazinet what her association is with the Port Alice Arena Society.

Councillor Bazinet:

Councillor Bazinet was asked to attend Port Alice Arena Society Meetings and is supportive of the Society's fundraising efforts.

Lyle Flostrand:

Where do the Cat batteries come from that are left at the Transfer Station?

Council:

They are brought in from Cabin Owners at Victoria Lake and from old machinery around the area.

Maggie Flostrand

Are the property owners responsible for maintenance on their boulevards?

Council:

The Village can only request that property owners maintain their boulevards. There is no mechanism in place that requires the homeowner to maintain their boulevard as this is done through a bylaw. Council appreciates all the property owners who do maintain their boulevards.

Adjournment

It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:43 to In-Camera to deal with legal, labour, land or litigation matters.

Certified Correct _____
Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor

Confirmed this _____ day of _____, 2007.