

VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, 05 September, 2007
AT 7:00 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT:	G. Lind	CAO
	E. McMain	Media
	S. Shaw	Media

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

ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS to the Agenda- Additions: Business Arising from Minutes: #1 S. Magnus, dated 17 August, 2007, re Quatsino Chalet. Communications: #10) Catherine Bell, dated 30 August, 2007, re Community Infrastructure. Deletions: New Business #2 & #3.

DELEGATIONS – Nil

MINUTES from Council and Committees of Council
426/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held 22 August, 2007 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING from Minutes and Meetings

S. Magnus – re Quatsino Chalet Applications for Liquor Primary License (Smoking

Room and Outdoor Patio
427/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the letter from Sherri Magnus, dated 17 August, 2007 be received and further; that a response be sent to Sherri explaining that Council, the Ministry of Health, various companies and individuals alike have all made serious efforts to encourage some positive changes to hotel with little results.

CARRIED

Quatsino Chalet – Application for a Liquor – Primary License at 1111 Nigei Street (Smoking Room) Resolution of Council

428/07

It was duly moved and seconded that after hearing one objection from a member of the general public, regarding the change to the liquor-primary license at 1111 Nigei street, the Council for the Village of Port Alice passed the following resolution with respect to the application:

Therefore be it resolved that Council recommends the issuance of the liquor-primary licence at 1111 Nigei Street (Smoking Room) for the following reasons:

- a) The location of the establishment is in a commercial area with a nearby residential component (Quatsino Chalet Annex at 1113 Nigei Street) attached to the same business, and it is anticipated that there will be some noise during the hours of operation. Therefore, it will be the responsibility of the owners of the establishment to satisfy their tenants, residing at the Annex, when and if there are noise complaints.*
- b) The proximity of the establishment to other social or recreational facilities and public buildings is within 200 metres.*
- c) The maximum person capacity of 24 with operating hours of Monday – Saturday: 12:00 noon to 2:00 a.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight is acceptable. A larger capacity or later hours is not supported given the few number of police on duty at that time.*
- d) The existing establishment will mostly attract patrons 19 to 25 years of age as well as any guests or residents that may be staying/residing at the Quatsino Chalet hotel or annex. There is not another establishment in the community, similar in nature to this that caters to this clientele.*
- e) The existing establishment will be subjected to additional traffic, noise, and parking issues once the liquor license is approved. It will increase the allowable space where patrons can be served therefore additional traffic will be realized. With limited options for increasing parking space and an increase in people residing at the annex portion of the Quatsino Chalet, and the additional capacity for serving patrons on the patio could result in a shortage of parking spaces available. The establishment is properly zoned to include this change of liquor license.*
- f) The official population (2006 census) of the community is 821 however with the reopening of the pulp mill, and the return of seasonal residents the actual population is closer to 1000 people. The limited availability of housing and vacant land is prohibitive to a sudden increase in the population. However Council is aware that increasing residential property within the community is inevitable.*

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g) The community is diversifying and although the constant demographics appear to be changing there is the transient working and visiting population which must be considered. The community is striving to build a sound tourism industry and recognizes the importance of offering a social venue for patrons who are interested in the type of atmosphere offered at the Quatsino Chalet.

h) If the application is approved, the impact is expected to be positive in that it will support the growth in tourism and offer a new social venue for visitors and residents alike.

i) The owners of the establishment have complied with fire safety upgrades requested by Fire Chief Dino Gnoato in his letter dated August 14, 2007. Further to this, the owners have been given a deadline of October 31, 2007 to complete the outstanding fire safety upgrades to the annex portion of the Quatsino Chalet as a condition of maintaining their liquor license.

CARRIED
Don Vye Against

Quatsino Chalet – Application for a Liquor-Primary License at 1111 Nigei Street (Outdoor Patio) Resolution of Council 429/07

It was duly moved and seconded that after hearing one objection from a member of the general public regarding the change to the liquor-primary license at 1111 Nigei street, the Council for the Village of Port Alice passed the following resolution with respect to the application:

Therefore be it resolved that Council recommends the issuance of the liquor-primary licence at 1111 Nigei Street (outdoor patio) for the following reasons:

a) The location of the establishment is in a commercial area with a nearby residential component (Quatsino Chalet Annex at 1113 Nigei Street) attached to the same business, and it is anticipated that there will be some noise during the hours of operation.

Therefore, it will be the responsibility of the owners of the establishment to satisfy their tenants, residing at the Annex, when and if there are noise complaints.

b) The proximity of the establishment to other social or recreational facilities and public buildings is within 200 metres.

c) The maximum person capacity of 55 with operating hours of Monday – Saturday: 12:00 noon to 2:00 a.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight is acceptable. A larger capacity or later hours is not supported given the few number of police on duty at that time.

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CARRIED

MINUTES from Other Organizations - Nil

COMMUNICATIONS

Incoming Mail Log

430/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Incoming Mail Log for the period of 20 August, 2007, to 31 August, 2007 be received.

CARRIED

Receipt of Miscellaneous Communications

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431/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communication from:

1. Gary Paget, Deputy Inspector of Municipalities, Ministry of Community Services, dates 17 August, re Certificate of Approval for Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 534 and 535;
2. Honourable Minister Ida Chong, Ministry of Community Services, dated 20 August, 2007, re Single Business License Initiative;
3. Brenda Binnie, President, UBCM, dated 24 August, 2007, re Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment – 2007 payment (1st instalment);
4. BC Chamber of Commerce, dated 27 August, 2007, re Single Business License Initiative for British Columbia;
be received.

CARRIED

Kyle Hodkinson – Letter of Apology

432/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from Kyle Hodkinson, undated, re vandalism at Sea View School, be received and further that Mayor Pepper respond to Kyle's letter.

CARRIED

Port Alice Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock Committee

433/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from the Port Alice Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock Committee, undated, re request for an auction donation be received and further that a donation in the traditional manner (sweatshirt/vest and two weight room passes) be approved.

CARRIED

Recycling Council of BC – October 15 – 21, 2007 Waste Reduction Week

434/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from Recycling Council of BC, dated 29 August, 2007 re October 15 – 21, 2007 as Waste Reduction Week be received and further that the following proclamation be proclaimed:

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,**

The Village of Port Alice HEREBY PROCLAIMS October 15 – 21, 2007, as Waste Reduction Week.

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CARRIED

Catherine Bell, MP – Community Infrastructure

435/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the communications from Catherine Bell, Member of Parliament, dated 30 August, 2007, re Community Infrastructure, be received and further that Mayor Pepper send a letter to the Prime Minister encouraging him to allocate a portion of the unanticipated federal surplus to community infrastructure.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – Annual UBCM Convention Registration

436/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the following Convention Registration expenses be approved: Mayor Pepper \$776.98, Councillor Vye \$824.68, Councillor Neely \$738.82

CARRIED

Fire Chief – Monthly Report

437/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Fire Chief's monthly report for August be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Fire Chief – Request to Purchase Bunker Gear

438/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Fire Chief's request to purchase one set of Bunker Gear, at a cost of \$1290.00, be approved.

CARRIED

Fire Chief – Request to Purchase Radios

439/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Fire Chief's request to purchase 7 radios, at a cost of \$4456.55, be approved.

CARRIED

BYLAWS

Village of Port Alice Marine Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 542, 2007

440/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Village of Port Alice Marina Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 542, 2007 be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

Village of Port Alice Sewer Sludge Dewatering System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 543, 2007

441/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the Village of Port Alice Sewer Sludge Dewatering System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 543, 2007, be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Village of Port Alice, Appointment of Chief Election Officer

442/07

It was duly moved and seconded that Gail Lind, Chief Administrative Officer of the Village of Port Alice be appointed Chief Election Officer for the upcoming referendum for the Marina and Sewer Sludge Dewatering System.

CARRIED

Village of Port Alice, Appointment of Deputy Chief Election Officer

443/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the appointment of the Deputy Chief Election Officer for the upcoming referendum for the Marina and Sewer Sludge Dewatering System be referred to In Camera for Labour reasons.

CARRIED

Village of Port Alice, Appointment of Poll Clerk

444/07

It was duly moved and seconded that the appointment of the Poll Clerk for the upcoming referendum for the Marina and Sewer Sludge Dewatering System be referred to In Camera for Labour reasons.

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

Sue Shaw:

1. Did the request to purchase bunker gear get approved?

Council: Yes

2. Will TILMA and Single Business Licenses be discussed at UBCM?

Council: Yes, and we are not convinced that we want either.

3. Is there going to be another vote on the Marina & Sludge Dewatering Borrowing Bylaws?

Council: Yes, the Village has to hold a Referendum on both bylaws.

Sue expressed an interest on three items on the mail log. She was informed that if she left the titles of the documents at the front desk that the material could be provided to her.

Emma:

Emma commented that that the Single Business License concept is a good idea. She is in the process of setting up a business and is currently required to obtain a license from each municipality where she is offering her services.

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Adjournment

It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 7:45 to In-Camera to deal with legal, labour, land or litigation matters.

CARRIED

Certified Correct _____
Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor

Confirmed this ____ day of _____, 2007.