

## Village of Masset

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held 30 April, 2012 in the Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 7:23 PM.

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| Present: | Mayor:                   | A. Merilees                       |
|          | Councillors:             | B. Pages, N. Hageman, J. Thompson |
|          | Chief Financial Officer: | J. Brown                          |

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Hageman, seconded by Councillor Pages that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

### **DELEGATE**

#### **Sgt. Blake Ward – RCMP**

The Sergeant was welcomed by Mayor Merilees. Sgt. Ward reviewed a copy of his quarterly report ending March 31, 2012, the end of their fiscal year.

The Masset Detachment has been experiencing some manpower shortages in the last couple of months. One member was transferred out unexpectedly and 2 other members are out on paternity leave. They have received some assistance from the QCC detachment and expect the manpower shortage to be addressed during the next quarter. The members did attend some training opportunities but these were minimal because of the shortage of members.

The detachment building has been undergoing some renovations. Renovations include additional security cameras as well as renovations to the cell blocks that will address health and safety concerns. Sgt. Ward stated the detachment was over budget for the 2011/2012 fiscal year. The majority of this overage was due to the overtime required due to the manpower shortage and travel for members to attend court.

The numbers of calls for service for the year were down from last year by 16% overall and down by 3.2% for the Village of Masset. The annual performance plan priorities for the year included Traffic Safety & Check Stops, Reducing Alcohol Abuse, Reducing Drug Abuse, and Contributing to Community Safety (curfew checks, presentations to businesses) and Contribute to Community Safety (victim service referrals, warned statements from suspects in custody). Some priorities for the upcoming year include the priorities covered in this report as well as developing new ways of communicating with the public.

Council members asked Sgt. Ward if they were noticing any improvements in the court system. There had been frustration in previous years with letting offenders go. Sgt. Ward stated that he did not see any noticeable improvements within the court system but there has been more change in making repeat offenders accountable.

A member of the public inquired about whether or not the Citizen's on Patrol would be forming again. Sgt. Ward stated that the RCMP would be in support of the program if it restarted.

Council members asked Sgt. Ward if there has ever been an analysis of the decline in the number of calls for service with the decrease in the population over the year. Sgt. Ward stated that this has not been reviewed.

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Council also asked what types of drugs had been seized. Sgt. Ward responded that the majority of drug seizures included marijuana and cocaine.

Council thanked Sgt. Ward for his report and he departed the council chambers at 7:50 pm.

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Council Meeting Minutes, April 16, 2012

Moved by Councillor Hageman, seconded by Councillor Pages that the Council Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2012 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BYLAWS**

Bylaw No. 608 – 5 Year Financial Plan for 2012 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

Moved by Councillor Pages and seconded by Councilor Thompson that Bylaw No. 608 – 5 Year Financial Plan for 2012 be read for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

CARRIED

**MINUTES AND REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES**

**1. Healthy Communities Society Minutes February 7, 2012 and March 6, 2012**

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Hageman to receive the Healthy Communities Society Minutes for February 7 and March 6, 2012 as presented.

CARRIED

**VERBAL REPORTS OF COUNCIL**

Mayor Merilees attended the April 17<sup>th</sup> Harbour Days committee meeting.  
Councillor Hageman also attended the Harbour Days committee meeting.  
Councillor Pages attended a Skeena/QC Regional District meeting held in Sandspit.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB-1 Election Report**

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Hageman, that the Village of Masset receive the 2011 Election Report as presented.

CARRIED

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**NB-2 A/P Cheque Listing from March 1 – 31, 2012**

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Thompson that the A/P Cheque Listing for March 1 – 31, 2012 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**NB-3 Sister Cities**

Mayor Merilees stated that the Village of Masset currently has no sister city and would like to look into the possibility of getting a sister city in Japan that would be similar in approximate size and composition as Masset.

Moved by Councillor Pages and seconded by Councillor Hageman to have staff research possible sister cities in Japan.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Pages seconded by Councillor Thompson that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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Recording Secretary

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Mayor

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Certified Correct, Administrator