

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held August 15, 2022 in the Council Chambers.

Present:	Mayor:	B. Pages
	Councillors:	R. Williams, J. Currie, T. Carty, B. Johnston
	CAO:	J. Humphries
	CFO:	J. Brown
	Interim Administrator	T. Jarvis

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Village of Masset acknowledges the un-ceded traditional territory of the Haida Nation on which this meeting is held.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Carty to adopt the agenda as amended with the addition of NB-2 Marine Debris Clean-up Request for Letter of Support.

CARRIED

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

### **Council Meeting Minutes July 18, 2022**

Moved by Councillor Currie, seconded by Councillor Carty that the July 18, 2022 Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

## **PETITIONS AND DELEGATES**

### **1. RCMP Sgt. Damon MacDonald**

Mayor Pages welcomed Sgt. MacDonald to the meeting and turned the floor over to him.

Sgt. MacDonald reviewed the attached report for the first quarter (April to June) of 2022. In general, he noted that it had been a very busy quarter with all stats up from the previous year with persons in custody reaching 113 to date at the beginning of August with the previous year being 94. They have over 100 files year to date, fortunately with limited significant crimes but much of the ongoing issues related to alcohol and drug use. The Sergeant also reported that there was a significant police presence on-island for the weekend of the Edge of the World Music Festival but noted that there were no impaired

charges from that weekend and the event was overall very peaceful from a policing perspective.

Sgt. MacDonald also stated that he had a productive discussion with CAO Josh Humphries about dealing with abandoned and derelict vehicles and they have a plan for moving forward with these complaints in the future.

Council members queried the rise in stats over the previous year vs. pre-pandemic and the Sgt. noted that they may be more in line with the pre-pandemic numbers. Council also asked for clarification on the category of Prevention efforts as listed in the Sergeant's written report. He stated these were actions such as check stops and foot patrols.

Mayor Pages thanked Sgt. MacDonald for his report. The Sgt. departed the Council chambers at 7:21 pm.

### **VERBAL REPORTS OF COUNCIL/CAO/CFO**

Councillor Johnston reported that Gwaii Trust has been reviewing its investment strategy to insure an ethical approach in line with direction requested from the Council of the Haida nation House of Assembly. In particular, they are working on divesting themselves of oil and gas sector investments. The Trust is also investigating participating in Lending Funds as an addition to its portfolio. He also noted the return on investment for the fund overall was around 8% and is currently running around -8% in the current economic climate which will affect the available funds for distribution this year.

Councillor Carty was involved in the same Gwaii Trust discussion and noted that the ethical approach to investment had been discussed at the formation of the Trust and the investments in oil and gas had been made erroneously and represented a very small proportion of the fund's overall portfolio. He also stated that the investigation of Lending Funds is looking at both direct lending and infrastructure lending and the Aathlii Gwaii funds would be potentially included in this investment plan.

Councillor Williams reported that the recruitment for a new director for MIEDS is ongoing. She also noted that she will be attending a GwaiiTel meeting this week.

Trevor Jarvis reported that he continues to provide support for Joshua Humphries as he learns the role of CAO. This includes providing background info for ongoing issues and support for new items as they arise. He also has spent a significant amount of time at the airport providing the admin support needed due to the shortage of staff.

CFO Jo-Ann Brown reported that there have been gaps in staffing at the office due to vacations and illnesses which has created challenges and required her to do some additional work doing financial administration. She has also been working on preparations for the 2022 Tax Sale.

Councillor Currie did not have any meetings but did note that he had noticed some of the improvements around town and thanked staff for completing those.

CAO Josh Humphries reported that the new airport Manager Gary Suha had arrived and was working hard at getting up to speed as well as dealing with the staff shortage caused by an illness that is ongoing. Our line painting machine has arrived and is being used both in town and at the airport. The WASCO system has been operational for 30 days and is working well. He noted that he has suggestions for a number of capital projects at the airport that Council will need to discuss in the near future. He gave an update on the WorkSafe order for the chlorine system at the water treatment plant, parts and materials are ordered or installed but the standards have changed and may require additional action in the future. The Water Treatment Plant upgrade project is moving slowly mainly due to supply chain issues with the start date now planned for November. He also noted that there has been no response to the ad for a harbour manager and that as a result the admin work there is significantly behind.

Mayor Pages reported that the NWRHD is continuing recruitment for a new administrator. He met with our MP Taylor Bachrach and issues around the Northern Living Allowance and BC Ferries. The Mayor also participated in a call with the CAO related to the proposed solar farm.

Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Johnston that the verbal reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **NB-1 AP Cheque Listing July 2022**

Moved by Councillor Currie, seconded by Councillor Carty that the cheque listing for July 1 to July 31, 2022 be approved.

CARRIED

#### **NB-2 Marine Debris Clean-up Request for Letter of Support**

Council reviewed the email from Julien Braun at the Council of the Haida Nation requesting a renewal of their support for this initiative to continue to clean up debris from the shorelines of Haida Gwaii. The support letter from 2021 was also provided for reference.

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Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Currie that the Village of Masset renew its support for a large-scale marine debris removal initiative on Haida Gwaii.

CARRIED

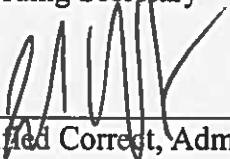
**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Johnston that the meeting be adjourned at 8:08 pm.

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Recording Secretary

  
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Mayor

  
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