

Village of Masset Regular Council Meeting of February 12, 2024

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 12, 2024 in the Council Chambers.

Present:	Mayor:	S. Disney
	Councillors:	J. Currie, T. Carty, B. Johnston, B. Pages
	CAO:	J. Humphries
	CFO:	J. Brown
	Intern:	A. Olee

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 Pages, seconded by Councillor Johnston to adopt the agenda as amended with the addition of NB-6 Big Tree Trail.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes January 22, 2024

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that the January 22, 2024 Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES AND REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

NCRD January 2024 Board Highlights

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that the NCRD Board report be received and filed.

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND DELEGATES

Sgt. Damon MacDonald RCMP 3rd Quarter Report

Sgt. MacDonald reported on the following issues:

The RCMP in Masset are fully staffed right now. One member will be leaving next week but will be replaced by summer. They have not been too badly affected by emergency room closures except for mental health issues. Sgt. MacDonald inquired about when he will get parking tickets and was informed that they are not here yet.

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Carty that the RCMP 3rd Quarter Report be received and filed.

CARRIED

Call from Arnie Bellis Re: St. Paul's Church

Arnie Bellis has been notified that the bishop will be coming to Masset to have St. Paul's church deconsecrated and sold. Mr. Bellis noted that the church was built by locals and should be returned to the community. He has spoken with the bishop regarding turning it over and they are exploring all options.

The church will need a new roof and some repairs and there is a need to discuss other options with the bishop. Councillor Carty stated that the Village would not be taking on the cost of the church but there should be a group or committee formed. The soup kitchen is a society but they are waiting to see what options will be available after discussions are held with the bishop. He is also checking into the possibility that it could be declared a heritage building.

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that the verbal report from Arnie Bellis be received.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

C-1 BC Timber Sales Haida Gwaii Operation Plan 2024

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that the report from BC Timber Sales be received and filed.

CARRIED

VERBAL REPORTS OF COUNCIL/CAO/CFO

Councillor Pages attended the Health Committee meeting with NHA, and a North Coast Regional District meeting.

Councillor Johnston also attended the Healthcare Committee meeting, a Gwaii Trust meeting.

Councillor Currie also attended a Healthcare Committee meeting and tried to attend a MIEDS meeting but was unable due to issues with the internet link.

CFO Brown stated that the audit is in the third week of March.

CAO Humphries attended a Park to Pier meeting with Urban Systems, a Harbour Day meeting, met with OMVC Band Manager, a meeting with island CAO's, a meeting with Daniel Fish regarding EOC matters, a Recreation Committee meeting, a new Provincial Systems meeting with Urban Systems. He will be with Andrew Hudson regarding a further \$150,000.00 fund for asset management and suggested having a Strategic Meeting with council on February 22nd. He also attended a meeting with BC Ambulance regarding a new station possibly on the Northern Health lot by the hospital. There will be EOC training for elected officials on March 7th in Port Clements and is working with OMVC on an EOC application for more funding.

Councillor Carty attended a Recreation Committee meeting and a Harbour Day meeting.

Mayor Disney has had Harbour Day discussions with various community members, attended the Vancouver Island Regional Library AGM, has had discussions with Chief Councillor Edgars regarding housing, attended the Healthcare Committee meeting and has had discussions with Jennifer Rice regarding North Arm. She requested that staff reach out to Northern Health to see if there are any updates and if they are available to meet again in the near future.

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

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 0314860 Section 16 Reserve/Withdrawal from Disposition

The Ministry of Forests would like to move from a Section 16 Reserve to a Section 17 Notation of Interest for a parcel of land that the Village of Masset has a lift station and other water/sewer systems on. The land will not be developed because it is slough. Council suggested that the Ministry of Forests come to a future meeting as a delegate to discuss the issue.

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Currie that the Village of Masset receive the Ministry of Forests request and schedule a meeting to discuss the reserve.

CARRIED

NB-2 Military Service Recognition Book Advertisement

Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Pages that the request for advertising be received and filed.

CARRIED

NB-3 SMS Annual Report

CAO Humphries reviewed the SMS Annual Report which shows significant improvements from previous years. Transport Canada has indicated that they will be coming to do an audit on the SMS system this fall.

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that the SMS Annual Report for 2023 be received and filed.

CARRIED

NB-4 Gwaii Trust Board Nominations

Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Pages, that the Village of Masset nominate Councillor Johnston as director to Gwaii Trust.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Pages that the Village of Masset nominate Councillor Carty as alternate to Gwaii Trust.

CARRIED

NB-5 Merchandise Budget

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Currie approved up to \$15,000.00 to purchase saleable branded merchandise.

NB-6 Big Tree Trail

Councillor Carty had some discussions regarding who owns the land and how to go about building the trail. He received some application and request for use forms from the Haida Gwaii Natural Resource/District Ministry of Forests office. CAO Humphries suggested that this could be dealt with under the Recreation Committee and noted that the Recreation Committee should have a members from the community as well.

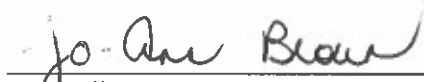
Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that Council support staff in forming a Parks and Recreation Committee and prepare a bylaw for the committee.

CARRIED


ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Johnston the meeting be adjourned at 8:58 pm.

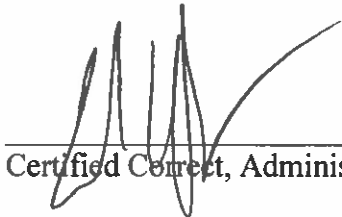
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Recording Secretary



Mayor



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