

Village of Masset Regular Council Meeting of February 13, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 13, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

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

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 7:01 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty to adopt the agenda as amended with the additions of Public Hearing Minutes January 23, 2023 to Council Meeting Minutes and NB-7 Health Committee.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes January 23, 2023

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Johnston that the January 23, 2023 Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Frontier Cannabis Public Hearing Minutes January 23, 2023

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that the January 23, 2023 Frontier Cannabis Public Hearing minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES AND REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

NCRD Board Highlights January 2023

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

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND DELEGATES

1. BC Rural Health Network TEAMS Presentation

Paul Adams represents the BC Rural Health Network TEAMS organization, and their purpose is to advocate for BC rural communities to address healthcare concerns their communities may be facing. They are a registered charity with a volunteer board with various health backgrounds and experiences. They work closely with UBC and other active Non-Profits to provide solutions for rural healthcare concerns based on science and research to the BC Ministry of Health.

One of their main concerns is that people living in rural communities may not get the healthcare they require because of a lack of services and issues with lack of funding for travel, food and accommodation. They help with advocating for health equity and a voice for rural communities. They have just started their community membership drive and have signed up 22 communities. The membership fee is \$50.00.

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Johnston to join the BC Rural Health Network TEAMS and approve the \$50.00 membership fee.

CARRIED

2. Haida Gwaii Recreation – Cancelled

VERBAL REPORTS OF COUNCIL/CAO/CFO

Councillor Johnston attended meetings regarding potential hospital ER closures with OMVC and NHA. He also notified council of a Gwaii Trust meeting scheduled for February 27, 2023.

Councillor Currie attended potential hospital ER closure meetings with OMVC, NHA and a Harbour Authority Association meeting. He also attended the demonstration at the hospital.

Councillor Carty attended potential hospital ER closure meetings with OMVC, NHA and a health committee meeting.

Josh Humphries has been working on the solar panel project and has documentation that has been submitted to Transport Canada for their approval and is working on a contract for that project. The Destination BC application is in the second stage of approval and all the information necessary for that stage has been submitted. He has received notification from NDI that they will not be funding the Façade Program for 2023 but VOM has been approved for an intern and interviews will be taking place at the beginning of March in Prince George. The deadline for the RFPs for the PEP building is February 14, 2023.

Councillor Pages attended potential hospital ER closure meetings with OMVC, NHA, and the Health Committee meeting. He also attended a Northwest Regional Hospital District and North Coast Regional District meeting.

Mayor Disney attended the Vancouver Island Regional Library AGM and reported that she would be sitting on the Executive Board. She has also had numerous discussions with Jennifer Rice regarding the hospital and attended the potential hospital ER closure meetings with OMVC and NHA, and was at the demonstration at the hospital. She also had phone interviews with media outlets and assisted in coordinating interviews between the media and community members.

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

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Gwaii Storm U-13 and U-17 Girls Donation Request

Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Currie that the donation letter received from the Gwaii Storm U-13 and U-17 basketball teams be received and filed.

CARRIED

NB-2 Water Quality Report 2022

The 2022 Village of Masset Water Quality Report is an annual report that is required to be submitted to the Environmental Health Officer. Northern Health is satisfied with the report.

Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Pages, that the Village of Masset Water Quality Report be received and be made available to the public.

CARRIED

NB-3 VIRL Letter of Support NDIIT Cultural Infrastructure Grant

Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Johnston that the Village of Masset support Vancouver Island Regional Library's application to Northern Development Initiative Trust – Cultural Infrastructure envelope for grant funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 toward the development of a new Masset Library.

CARRIED

NB-4 Harbour Day/Community Hall Booking Request

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Johnston, that the Howard Philips Community Hall rental from May 19 – 23, 2023, be approved.

CARRIED

NB-5 Singing Surf Liquor Licence

Jo-Ann Brown stated that in October 2022 council supported the Singing Surf Liquor license and was told by the Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch that the Village of Masset did not have to have a public hearing. They have recently informed her that a public hearing is required, and the date has been set for February 27, 2023, before the regularly scheduled council meeting.

NB-6 1836/1838 Balsam Board of Variance

Josh Humphries stated that Dustin Rushworth had submitted the requested Variance Development application and drawings. The public hearing date is Monday, February 27, 2023, before the regularly scheduled council meeting.

NB-7 Health Committee

Councillor Johnston stated that the recent issues with NHA and the possible ER closures at the hospital are a wake-up call. The Health Committee needs to meet regularly and have the Site Administrator at those meetings.

Councillor Carty stated that Diana Grosse would like to be on the committee as a community member and a paramedic with BC Ambulance.

It was agreed that the Health Committee meet at least monthly and maintain a regular meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Johnston the meeting be adjourned at 8:53 pm.


CARRIED



Recording Secretary



Mayor



Certified Correct Administrator