

**A G E N D A**  
**for**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 24, 2025**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS 7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Council Meeting Minutes February 10, 2025**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Masset Skatepark - Gwail Trust Special Projects Grant**

**PETITIONS AND DELEGATES**

**Islands Wellness Society Daycare**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB-1 Masset Arts Society Letter of Support**

**NB-2 A Whaleboat for Masset**

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Village of Masset Regular Council Meeting of February 10, 2025

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 10, 2025 in the Council Chambers.

Present:	Councillors:	J. Currie, T. Carty, B. Johnston, B. Pages (Zoom)
	CAO:	J. Humphries
	CFO:	J. Brown
	Corporate Officer:	D. Grosse
Absent:	Mayor:	S. Disney

**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 Johnston, seconded by Councillor Currie to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Council Meeting Minutes January 27, 2025**

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Johnston that the May 25, 2025 Council meeting minutes be adopted as amended with the addition to Verbal Reports of Councillor Carty's attendance at the United Coast meeting and Councillor Johnston's meeting with Kerry Laidlaw from Northern Health.

CARRIED

**MINUTES AND REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

**NCRD Board Highlights May 2024**

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

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Big Tide Low Water Haida Title Lands Agreement**

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Currie that the invitation to Big Tide Low Water Haida Title Lands Agreement celebration be received.

CARRIED

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

Councillors Johnston, Currie and Pages did not attend any meetings.  
Councillor Carty attended an Island Protocol Table meeting.

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

CARRIED

**BYLAWS**

**Bylaw No. 672 A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw No. 422**

Moved by Councillor Currie, seconded by Councillor Johnston that Amended Bylaw No. 672 be reconsidered and adopted.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB-1 Masset Skatepark**

Grants were received from UBCM and Gwaii Trust for the design concept. The plan is for the skatepark to be located beside the new library in the area where the old barracks blocks were located. They are looking for funding for the next steps for the project, possibly the Gwaii Trust Special Project. Cost estimate is approximately \$1,000,000.00.

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Currie that the Village of Masset start looking at funding opportunities and reach out to other communities.

CARRIED

**NB-2 Hazard Risk Vulnerability Assessment**

Tabled until further information is received.

**NB-3 Aid Grant Committee**

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Johnston to table until further information is received.

CARRIED

**NB-4 Proclamation – Purple Day**

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Currie to approve the proclamation.

CARRIED

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

A group of property owners on Penna Road are seeking support from the Village of Masset for a grant application to BC Hydro to plant slow growing trees around the airport that will not have to be maintained, pruned or cut down.

**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Johnston, the meeting be adjourned at 8:39 pm.

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Recording Secretary

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Mayor

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Certified Correct, Administrator

Dear Village Council Members,

We are working to establish full-time, affordable child care in Gaw Tlagee/Masset, with plans to open in the Daaxigan Sk'adáa Née space by September 2025. This initiative will not only provide critical child care for families but will also create meaningful local jobs, supporting economic growth and stability within our community.

This project began in partnership with the Daajing Giids Child Center non-profit, leading to the formation of a North End subcommittee (Colleen Williams, Rachael Thorlakson, Amanda Shibley, and Jaimie Holt). We are working with SD50 to secure a space and have established key partnerships to ensure long-term success. Northern Health has committed \$100,000, with additional funding discussions underway with Jordan's Principle and Haida Child & Family Services Society. We are also finalizing our Gwaii Trust Major Contributions Grant and developing a public call for partners and volunteers.

As a licensed center, we will receive provincial funding, significantly reducing family fees and making child care more accessible. This will allow parents and caregivers to participate more fully in the workforce while strengthening the local economy. More importantly, we hope this center will serve as a space where children build a lifelong connection to the land, culture, and community. By engaging with the rhythms of the land and sea, children will not only develop essential skills but also a deep sense of belonging and responsibility to their home and community.

We are presenting this project to make it known to the public and to build awareness. As a small team primarily comprised of volunteers, we hope to gain more community support, which will be vital in bringing this vision to life. With the support of the Village Council and the broader community, we believe this initiative can truly benefit families, children, and the entire community.

We appreciate your time and look forward to your support.

Chloe Clarkson

*Community Outreach Coordinator  
Haida Gwaii Child Care Resource and Referral  
Islands Wellness Society*

Hi Lianne,

I'm writing to see if we might be in time to get an updated support letter from the village to support the Masset Arts Society application to the Coop Community Spaces fund due the 3rd of March. The nature of the application is the same as BC Gaming (unsuccessful unfortunately, but thanks so much for your support :), which would be the completion of the purchase of the property and some upgrades to the building entrances to make it more welcoming and accessible.

Thanks,

Geoff



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February 25, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

Subject: Support for Masset Arts Society's Purchase and Renovations Grant Application

I am writing to provide our support for Masset Arts Society's application for the Co-op Community Spaces Fund in relation to the proposed purchase and renovation of the Masset Playhouse.

The Masset Arts Society formed to secure a church hall in Masset and re-purpose it as a public playhouse for performances and recreation. They have created a community space that has hosted many events including musical and theatrical performances, film screenings and a documentary production workshop led by the Haida Gwaii Media Collective. The Playhouse has also served as a practice space for the Masset Dance Troupe and yoga classes.

With their matching funds, the Masset Arts Society plans to complete the purchase of the building from a generous donor who is currently holding the playhouse and providing it to the Society through a lease. The planned renovations that have the permission of the current donor owner will see the approach to the building transformed with new cedar decks and stairs that invite people into the space. The municipality acknowledges the potential value of this project and recognizes that it aligns with our objectives of engaging our community in the arts and providing more public spaces for gatherings in order to increase well-being and resiliency.

The Village of Masset met at their regularly scheduled Council meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and the following motion was passed:

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Currie that the Village of Masset Council supports an application by the Masset Arts Society for the Co-op Community Spaces Fund for exterior improvements to the Masset Playhouse.

CARRIED

We will be working with the Society on permits that the renovations will require. We support the Masset Arts Society's application and recommend it for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [cao@masset.ca](mailto:cao@masset.ca) for any questions. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Joshua Humphries  
Chief Administrative Officer

## A Whaleboat for Masset

### Summary

A small team of builders is looking to gain some interest and support in the community for the construction of a wooden boat for both education and as a recreational asset. We would like to partner with community organizations whose mandates align with the goals of the project for mutual benefit. We propose to build a temporary boat shed to house the project at the Dixon Entrance Maritime Museum site and hope to expedite the whaleboat build to launch it for the 25th anniversary of the Museum in May 2026.



Fig 1.1 A Beetle Whaleboat under oar. This one was built in Rockland, Maine by The Apprenticeshop boat building school.



Fig 1.2  
On davits aboard the Charles Morgan  
and afloat at the wharf at Mystic  
Seaport, Connecticut.

Haida Gwaii is home to some of the most stunning natural history in the world, and we want to give people a means to connect to it. The Wood to Water project is an opportunity for community groups on Haida Gwaii to experience the process of a wooden boat built from start to finish. At the end of the project there will be a boat and crew ready to bring groups out onto the water for camps, school events, community celebrations and may open eco tourism possibilities as well.

#### The Beetle Whaleboat

Whaleboats are renowned for their strength to weight ratio and their sea worthiness. They are double ended which means they can maneuver in either direction easily. For over 200 years whaleboats were used not only in the whaling industry, but in military and merchant fleets as tenders and lifeboats for ships. Many different types of whaleboats existed, but few plans survive today. The plans we procured are from Mystic Seaport in Connecticut, with lines taken from a 1933 Whaleboat designed by Charles Beetle. This boat is 29 feet long and 6.5 feet at its widest point. It will carry 12 adults with gear and will be modified in design to have 8 rowing stations along with its traditional sailing rig. Fig 1.3 shows another example of a Beetle Whaleboat built in 2013



Fig 1.3  
Independence  
Seaport whaleboat

Wood to Water is a multi phase project:

#### Phase 1

Building the team and preparing a shop for the boat.

Several experienced shipwrights and wooden boat builders live on Haida Gwaii. We are currently assembling a small group of dedicated builders that can work alongside community volunteers to complete the project. At the same time we will finalize the location and boat shed design so we can create a suitable place to house the boat for the duration of the build, which we should be able to complete between May 25 and June 30. We will procure any tools still needed and set up the shop.

## Phase 2

### Boat building phase

This process will take 1 year from start to launch and will consist of purchasing the wood, lofting, creating the molds, raising the keel assembly, planking, framing and finishing. The oars and spars will be completed at this time. If possible we would like to have the boat ready enough to launch for May 2026, in time to celebrate the Dixon Entrance Maritime Museum's 25th anniversary. A partnership with the Museum may allow funding for a joint anniversary and launch event.

## Phase 3

### Outfitting and crew training

It will take another 6 months to install the sailing rig, safety and navigation equipment, perform necessary sea trials and train the crew. At this point the boat will be ready to start its next adventures. We will use the winter to plan and prepare for group trips starting in the spring of 2027.

## Budget overview

### Boat shed \$21,000

40 feet long by 16 feet wide, with framed end walls and plywood floor. The roof and walls would be built with modular members and sheathed in 6mm greenhouse poly.

### Whale boat \$85,000

Material and labour costs. We are anticipating up to 30% volunteer labour from various groups.

### Outfitting the boat \$45,000

This includes sail rig, onboard safety equipment, navigation and gear storage

### Crew training \$10,000

Marine safety requirements in compliance with Transport Canada and sea time on the vessel.

### Trailer \$8,000

A single axle extra long trailer may be custom framed here in Masset.

We are looking for a place to build a temporary shop space 40' long by 16' wide and 12' high at the peak. The design is similar to a Quonset hut, but lumber framed and covered with 6mm poly. An example of such a shed shows the framing method. (Fig 1.4) One end would be framed with a wall and entry door, the other a barn door to allow the finished boat to be moved. The framing would be anchored using ground screws for easy removal at the close of the project.

A functional shop space has some requirements, most notably power. It will also need to be secure. The space does not need to be heated, as the boat is best kept where the ambient humidity is the same as outside. Access to running water and a washroom are helpful but not necessary.



Fig 1.4 example of a bow-roof shed frame. This one is considerably taller than the one proposed.

The Dixon Entrance Maritime Museum could be good location for this project. A boat built on site would help raise the profile of the museum and support its mandate. It would offer some maritime content which would extend outside the museum's opening hours without the need for additional staffing.

The main advantage for us to have a shed at the museum is that we would like to have a space that is easily accessed by the public but also one we can close on occasion.

On the museum grounds there is only one option for placement of a shed that allows road access and foot traffic, and doesn't require modification of pathways or any of the existing exterior displays (See fig 1.5). It may require wind firming of the large hemlock adjacent to the proposed site.



Fig 1.5 approximate location of shed. Not to scale.

Some considerations for this arrangement are:

#### Use of Museum utilities

Power Supply needs - 20 amp circuits x 2, 15 amp circuit x 1 Monthly cost ~ \$20

We could look into getting a sub panel wired in temporarily

Water - access preferred but not essential

Washroom - access preferred but not essential

#### Garbage

We will have a policy of removing any garbage daily, especially food waste as we do not want to attract rodents. We will be producing a significant amount of sawdust, shavings and wood scraps. This will be removed from the site weekly.

### Insurance

Our team will carry insurance for the boat shed and contents, as well as third party liability to cover anyone who is in the building. I will be getting more details on this in the coming week.

### Boat shed parking

Arrangements could be made for parking on the Harrison Ave side to keep the museum parking free for visitors

The timelines for the project outlined here are aimed at a boat launch that coincides with the 25th anniversary of the Maritime Museum and not intended to apply time pressure. Depending on our funding we may find that one year is not long enough to complete the build to the point of launch.