

Village of Masset Regular Council Meeting of February 26, 2024

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 26, 2024 in the Council Chambers.

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

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 Carty to adopt the agenda as amended with the addition of NB-8 Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes February 12, 2024

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that the February 12, 2024 Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES AND REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

NCRD Board Highlights February 2024

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

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND DELEGATES

Jevan Gowler/John Ray Thorgeirson Masset Volunteer Fire Department

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Fire Chief Jevan Gowler discussed the Gwaii Trust application for new firefighting equipment. He explained that a lot of the existing equipment is too old to be maintained and parts are no longer available. They are applying to the Gwaii Trust Major Infrastructure Fund to replace the old breathing equipment equipment. He also stated that the department has been researching fire trucks as the current fleet vehicles are 27 to 29 years old and 2 of the vehicles will soon be uninsurable.

Councillor Pages is in favour of the application and advised that the fire department research vehicles and try to find funding for future vehicles.

Councillor Carty advised that the total funding available for Gwaii Trust Major Contributions is \$250,000.00 for all communities. The Village of Masset application request from Gwaii Trust is \$95,727.00.

The current dispatch company are not able to dispatch fire calls accurately and the fire department requires a trained dispatch. The contract with Replay runs out March 31st and the current rate is \$89.00/month. Trained dispatch companies will cost more than that. Old Massett and Masset dispatch together so they could potentially share the cost of a trained dispatch company with Northern 911.

Councillor Pages stated that Old Massett and Masset would be better using the same dispatch as PC. He suggested that staff work with Old Massett to switch dispatching companies and to find out how long it would take to switch.

Councillor Pages asked about the junior firefighting program. Jevan advised they have two junior firefighters and have also visited the high school as well.

Mayor Disney asked if the MVFD will be participating in Harbour Day this year. Fire Chief Gowler said they would definitely be involved with the parade and hamburger sales but were also looking into other activities as well.

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that staff be directed to start discussions with the Old Massett Fire Department to partner and update dispatch companies.

CARRIED

VERBAL REPORTS OF COUNCIL/CAO/CFO

Councillor Pages attended a GMDC meeting.

Councillor Carty attended a GMDC meeting.

CAO Humphries attended an Accessibility Committee meeting, will attend an ACAP meeting set for March 14, 2024, signed the Solar Farm lease agreement, WASCO inspected the lines and found some needed to be fixed, received an update from Northern

Health regarding staffing, the Park Drive lift station is being worked on, RBA released their budget for 2024.

Mayor Disney had informal discussions with Alissa MacMullin regarding the gym and community hall buildings.

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

CARRIED

BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 667 A Bylaw to Establish a Parks and Recreation Committee

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that Bylaw No. 667 be read a first time.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that Bylaw No. 667 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that Bylaw No. 667 be read a third time.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Gwaii Trust Major Contributions 2024 MVFD Breathing Equipment Upgrade

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty to submit an application to the Gwaii Trust Major Contributions program for breathing equipment for the Masset Volunteer Fire Department.

CARRIED

NB-2 UBCM Emergency Operations Centre Grant Ratify Motion

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that the following motion in support of the UBCM EOC Grant be ratified.

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Pages, that the Village of Masset submit an application to UBCM Emergency Centre Operations Grant to support the shared grant up to \$30,000.00.

CARRIED

NB-3 FOI Policy 2024

Staff recommended a policy be put in place to deal with FOI requests and to charge a fee for the requests. A fee structure will be built into the policy.

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that the Village of Masset adopt the FOI policy as recommended by staff.

CARRIED

NB-4 Invitation to Participate in Research Study for Elected Officials

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that the invitation to participate in a research study for elected officials be received.

CARRIED

NB-5 XAAYDAGA DLAANG SOCIETY Letter of Support

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that the Village of Masset support the XAAYDAGA DLAANG SOCIETY project to provide accessible and affordable housing options for healthcare professionals and traditional wellness healers supporting Haida Gwaii.

CARRIED

NB-6 Letter of Support Village of Port Clements Sewage Lagoon Project

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that the Village of Masset provide a Letter of Support to the Village of Port Clements for the Gwaii Trust Application – Sewage Lagoon Project.

CARRIED

NB-7 Letter of Support – Support Our Troops Licence Plate Program

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that the Village of Masset send a Letter of Support to Minister Farnsworth in support of the Support Our Troops Licence Plate Program.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED MEETING

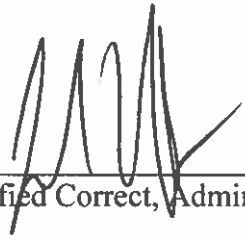
Moved by Councillor Carty the meeting be adjourned at 8:34 pm.



Recording Secretary



Mayor



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