

Village of Masset Regular Council Meeting of January 22, 2024

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 22, 2024 in the Council Chambers.

Present:	Councillors:	J. Currie, T. Carty, B. Johnston, B. Pages
	CAO:	J. Humphries
	CFO:	J. Brown
	Intern:	A. Olee
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 7:04 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 8, 2024**

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Currie that the January 8, 2024 Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**PETITIONS AND DELEGATES**

**Andrew Hudson Grant Writer Report**

Andrew Hudson is the grant writer for the island municipalities and various agencies on Haida Gwaii. 17 applications were filed in 2023 year with some larger applications that are still pending approval.

REDIP is one of the larger funds, but infrastructure grants are harder to find.

Councillor Pages mentioned the NDIT grants which could possibly cover the shortfall for the Covered Plaza Project which is \$150,000.00 short. The grants deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Currie that the Grant Writer report be received and filed.

CARRIED

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

Councillor Johnston did not attend any meetings.

Councillor Currie tried to attend MIEDS interviews but was unable to due to the internet.

CAO Humphries met with OMVC Band Manager and others regarding sewer service. He met with Small Craft Harbours regarding the public harbour, MOT regarding the causeway and has EOC training on Wednesday January 24th.

Councillor Carty attended MIEDS interviews.

Councillor Pages attended a Northwest Regional Hospital District meeting and a North Coast Regional District meeting.

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

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB-1 Haida Gwaii Protocol Table Letter of Support**

Issues with BC Ferries have come up at the Protocol Table meetings, they met with BC Ferries and a letter has been prepared for island communities to sign.

Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Pages that the letter to BC Ferries be signed on behalf of the Village of Masset.

CARRIED

**NB-2 Grant Writer Support Application**

Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Johnston that the Village of Masset apply to the Northern Development Grant Writing Support program for 2024.

CARRIED

**NB-3 HUB Pier RFP Submissions**

Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Johnston to approve Phase I Preconstruction Service Stage with Naikoon Contracting for \$78,716.36.

CARRIED

**NB-4 Imagine Community Grant - Northern Health Authority**

The Village of Masset was approved for three park benches, one picnic table and two bike racks from Imagine Community Grant. North Arm Transportation will assist with shipping at half the cost.

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Currie that an additional \$3,500.00 be approved.

CARRIED

**NB-5 Update on GMDC Buildings**

Councillor Johnston requested an update on the status of the buildings being leased in the commercial lot of GMDC. Jo-Ann Brown reported that she had just talked to the lawyer handling the finalization of the lease and sale of those buildings. The lawyer indicated that the surveying had been completed and he was going to contact them to make sure the plans had been filed.

**NB-6 CityWest**

The province is working on getting funding from the provincial and federal governments for the additional cost of armoring the cable from Bonilla Island to Tlell. CHN is working on getting an exclusion zone. Each community will need to write a letter to the province supporting the exclusion zone request.

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Currie that the Village of Masset send a letter to the Provincial and Federal governments to establish an exclusion zone.

CARRIED

**NB-7 NDIT Grant Application Covered Plaza**

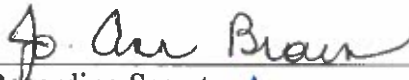
Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Currie that the Village of Masset apply to NDIT Main Street Revitalization: Capital for additional funding up to \$200,000.00 for the Park to Pier Covered Plaza.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Currie, seconded by Councillor Carty the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 pm.

CARRIED

  
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Recording Secretary

  
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Mayor

  
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Certified Correct, Administrator