Village of Masset Regular Council Meeting of June 14, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 14, 2021 in Council Chambers

Present:

Mayor:

B. Pages

Councillors:

T. Carty, R. Williams, J. Currie, B. Johnston

CAO:

A. Smith

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 7:00 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Carty to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes May 25, 2021

Moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Carty that the May 25, 2021 Council meeting minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Main Street Planters

Councillor Williams reviewed plans that included the use of mulch, pansies and power washing/staining of selected planters. The CAO will arrange for Councillor Williams to meet with the Superintendent of Public Works to discuss these plans which will provide direction to summer students.

CORRESPONDENCE

C-1 Accessible Haida Gwaii Society Annual General Meeting

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Williams that the correspondence from the Accessible Haida Gwaii Society be received.

CARRIED

C-2 Civil Resolution Tribunal

The information from the Civil Resolution Tribunal will be placed on the Village website.

Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Williams, that the information from the Civil Resolution Tribunal be received.

CARRIED

VERBAL REPORTS OF COUNCIL/CAO/CFO

Councillor Johnston mentioned that the Gwaii Trust AGM is still being arranged; and there is \$75,000 remaining in Gwaii Trust COVID funds. Councillor Carty attended the All-Islands Protocol working group meeting regarding the revision of the Terms of Reference for the committee. Councillor Williams attended the VIRL meeting. The survey for the new library has been completed and drawings will be done in the coming weeks. The library is on schedule to open in the fall of 2022. Councillor Williams also attended the GMDC meeting. Lease/rental rates were discussed and a lease with the North Coast Regional District was approved.

The CFO has been busy with property taxes, home owners' grants, and annual reporting. The CAO mentioned that the Main Street RFP has been issued with the closing date of June 21st. The kick-off meeting for the developing the Asset Management Plan will take place early July. The billing procedures and policy implementation for the Harbour are underway.

Like Councillor Williams, Mayor Pages attended the GMDC meeting. Brodie Swanson was named Vice-Chair. Mayor Pages attended the Regional Hospital Board. The hospital rebuild plan was reviewed and the COVID pop ups have been successful. Mayor Pages also attended the North Coast Regional District Board meeting. The community wildfire strategy was reviewed. Mayor Pages also noted that the recycling depot in Masset will be a person operated facility. Recycle BC will be paying for staffing and shipping costs.

Moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Currie, that the verbal reports be received and filed.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 UBCM 2021 Convention

Council identified issues around transportation, roads, healthcare, RBA, and housing as possible topics to be discussed at the UBCM virtual conference, with respective Ministries. Council will revisit this list at the June 28th meeting.

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NB-2 BC Hydro Meetings: Prior to UBCM Conference

A meeting with BC Hydro is not required at this time.

NB-3 Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operation & Rural Development – Removal of Lands from the Greenbelt Register

Moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Carty that the information from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operation & Rural Development, be received.

CARRIED

NB-4 AP Cheque Listing April 1 – 30, 2021

Moved by Councillor Johnston, Seconded by Councillor Carty, that the accounts payable cheque listing for April 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

NB-5 AP Cheque Listing May 1-31,2021

Moved by Councillor Johnston, Seconded by Councillor Currie, that the accounts payable cheque listing for May 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

NB-6 UBCM's Community to Community Forum Grant

Moved by Councillor Currie, Seconded by Councillor Carty that the Village of Masset apply to the UBCM's Community-to-Community Forum Grant to support the All-Islands Protocol Table.

CARRIED

NB-7 Haida Gwaii Community Futures - VOM Board of Directors Representative

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Williams that Councillor Jim Currie be appointed as the Village of Masset's representative on the Haida Gwaii Community Futures Board of Directors.

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NB-8 Council Chambers: IT Upgrade

In order to adapt and to meet the new realities of a post COVID world, Council agreed to install the necessary technology in the Council Chambers. This will include two TV screens, web cam, microphone, wall-mounts, cables etc.

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Carty that Council Chambers be upgraded with technology that enables Council to better meet the challenges and expectations resulting from the pandemic.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED MEETING

Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Currie that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 pm to a closed session of Council.

CARRIED

Mayor

Recording Secretary

Certified Correct, Administrator