

## Village of Masset

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 25, 2012 in the Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

Present:	Mayor:	A. Merilees
	Councillors:	B.Pages, B.Johnston, J.Thompson
	Chief Administration Officer:	T Jarvis
	Chief Financial Officer:	J. Brown

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Thompson the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

### **DELEGATE**

#### **1. Gwaii Forest**

Gwaii Trust Director Warren Foster, Chair Peter Lantin and Administrator Errol Winter were welcomed by Mayor Merilees. Mr. Foster began with a brief history of the formation of the Gwaii Forest Charitable Trust and the trust deed that governs the operation of the trust. He also discussed the current state of the trust funds still being “parked” in order to build up a sufficient buffer to allow disbursement of funds for operations. Mr. Foster stated that the Gwaii Trust Board is recommending that a Gwaii Trust Forestry Sub Committee be appointed to deliver Gwaii Forest Charitable Trust programming. They feel that this is the most efficient manner to operate given the constraints of the trust deed, however, they also want to continue to look for ways to amend or modify the trust deed to allow operation as a separate entity. Peter Lantin stated that this is just the beginning of a discussion about how to move forward with the Gwaii Forest Charitable Trust but they want to be ready for the time when they funds earn enough to allow operations. He stated that they are seeking agreement in principle from the elected councils first, then will be engaging in public consultation likely in the fall.

Mayor Merilees thanked the delegates for their presentation and they departed the council chambers at 6:40 pm.

#### **2. Delkatla Sanctuary Society**

Peter Hamel, Chair and Directors Margo Hearne and Martin Williams were welcomed by Mayor Merilees. Mr. Hamel stated that the society was seeking relief from property taxes which the society cannot afford to pay. Mr. Hamel then gave a summary of some of the activities and programs that the society has provided over the years. Margo Hearne stated that the society envisioned that the funding would be in place now that the society is 10 years into operations in the nature centre, but also stated that it is hard to raise funds for taxes. Mayor Merilees asked about the nature centre’s operating costs and sources of funding. Ms. Hearne stated that their current budget was about \$11,000 per year and that funding came from a variety of sources including memberships, a grant from the Regional District, an annual barbecue, art show entry fees, rentals

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and sales of some souvenirs. Councillor Pages requested a copy of the society's budget and financial statements for the past 3 years.

Mayor Merilees thanked the delegates for their presentation, the delegates departed the council chambers at 8:10 pm.

### **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Council Meeting Minutes, May 28, 2012

Moved by Councillor, Johnston seconded by Councillor Pages that the Council Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2012 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

### **MINUTES AND REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES**

#### **1. Healthy Communities Society Minutes April 17, 2012**

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Thompson that the Healthy Communities Society minutes of April 17, 2012 be received and filed.

CARRIED

#### **2. Vancouver Regional Library, From the Board Table June 9, 2012**

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Mayor Merilees that the Vancouver Regional Library report, From the Board Table June 9, 2012 be received and filed.

CARRIED

### **VERBAL REPORTS OF COUNCIL**

Mayor Merilees attended the George M Dawson High School Grad ceremony the Visitor Centre open house and the MIEDS AGM.

Councillor Pages attended a Regional District meeting.

Councillor Johnston attended the MIEDS AGM and the Visitor Centre open house.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **NB1 Annual Report**

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Johnston, that the Annual report be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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**NB2 Website Quote**

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Johnston, that the Village of Masset approve the quote from Spark Design.

CARRIED

**NB-3 Summer Schedule**

The next meeting date was tentatively set for July 23, 2012 subject to any timely issues arising.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Thompson the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

CARRIED

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Recording Secretary

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Mayor

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Certified Correct, Administrator