

Village of Masset Regular Council Meeting of March 10, 2025

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

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

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 amended with the addition of Northern Health – Healthy Communities Delegate and the removal of A Whaleboat for Masset.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes February 24, 2025

Moved by Councillor Currie, seconded by Councillor Johnston that the February 24, 2025 Council meeting minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES AND REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

NCRD Board Highlights February 2025

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

CARRIED

PETITIONS AND DELEGATES

NDIT - Haida Gwaii Resiliency Fund

Delegates Sylvan Dugert and Sam Hall advised that Gwaii Tel Society has submitted an application to NDIT for a subsea cable for internet. They are looking for letters of support from the Village of Masset and other municipalities. The deadline is March 31, 2025. \$25 million would be the maximum awarded. They are estimating \$22 million. The cable could originate from the elephant cage, but they are considering three different routes.

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Currie that the request for a letter of support be put forward to the March 24, 2025 meeting.

CARRIED

Northern Health – Healthy Communities

Lana Pestaluky, Northern Health - Healthy Communities is a community centered public health organization which visits communities to discuss community health priorities, community health data needs, granting and more. She is visiting Haida Gwaii March 10-14, 2025, and looking for feedback regarding concern from the community and support for grant applications. Council raised the issue that there is more mental health programs needed.

CORRESPONDENCE

C-1 Haida Nation Flag Raising Ceremony

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Carty that the invitation to the Haida Nation Flag Raising Ceremony in Skidegate be received.

CARRIED

C-2 Water Quality Report 2024

The Public Works supervisor reviewed the Water Quality Report 2024. They are working on a couple of issues with chemicals that are slightly above normal such as manganese and HAA's.

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Currie that the 2024 Water Quality Report be received.

CARRIED

VERBAL REPORTS OF COUNCIL/CAO/CFO

Councillor Johnston attended a Gwaii Trust Audit and Finance meeting.
Councillor Currie attended a Community Futures meeting.
Councillor Pages attended an NCRD meeting and an RBA meeting.
Councillor Carty attended a Gwaii Trust Audit and Finance meeting, an Island Protocol meeting, and a Gwaii Trust Allocation meeting.
CFO Brown attended an RBA meeting and a management meeting.
CAO Humphries attended an Island Protocol meeting, a management meeting and is working on year end reporting and audit preparation.
Mayor Disney met with the mayor of Port Clements, attended a VIRL planning meeting, an RBA meeting, wrote an article for the newspaper and visited the new Terrace hospital.

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

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Fire Chief Appointment

John Ray Thorgeirson has been acting as Fire Chief and is being recommended to be the new Fire Chief with Ryan Thorgeirson as the Deputy Fire Chief.
Recruitment is up by 60%.
John Ray will be away commercial fishing May to September and Ryan will fill in while he's away.
They gave a brief report on the fire department fleet that has maintenance issues and are looking at short-term solutions until other vehicles can be purchased.

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by councilor Carty to appoint John Ray Thorgeirson as the new Fire Chief and Ryan Thorgeirson as the new Deputy Fire Chief and to put the equipment request on at a future council meeting.

CARRIED

NB-2 Fire Department Donation

MVFD has acquired new SCBA's and bottles.

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Currie that the Village of Masset donate their used SCBA's and bottles to the Tlell Fire Department.

CARRIED

NB-3 BC ACAP Funding for Airport Fuel Truck

The Village of Masset will be applying to BCAAP Major Projects stream for up to 90% funding towards a replacement fuel truck for the Masset Municipal Airport. The current truck is 37 years old, and it is getting too old to source parts. There have been numerous letters of support received so far.

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty to approve the application to the BCAAP Major Projects stream for a Masset Airport Refueller Truck Replacement.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

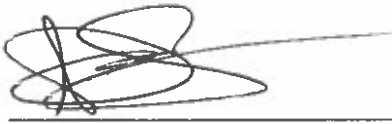
Dustin Rushworth advised that BC Bid has surplus equipment auctions.

ADJOURNMENT/TO CLOSED MEETING

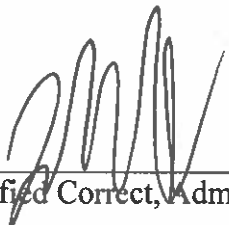
Moved by Councillor Carty the meeting be adjourned at 8:28 pm.



Recording Secretary



Mayor



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