

Village of Masset Regular Council Meeting of March 22, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 22, 2021 conducted via Zoom.

Present:	Mayor:	B. Pages
	Councillors:	B. Johnston, T. Carty, R. Williams
	CAO:	T. Jarvis/Alan 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 Williams to adopt the agenda as amended with NB-2 and NB-3.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Council Meeting Minutes March 8, 2021**

Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Johnston that the March 8, 2021 Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

**Council Meeting Minutes of the March 15, 2021 Public Hearing on Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Application**

Moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Johnston that the minutes of the March 15, 2021 Public Hearing on Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Application be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**MINUTES AND REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

**C-1 City of Pitt Meadows: Fair Taxation from Railway Operations & Industrial Parks**

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Carty that the report be received and filed.

CARRIED

**C-2 The City of Victoria: Help Cities Lead**

Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Johnston that the report be received and filed.

CARRIED

**C-3 Haida Gwaii Community Futures: Letter of Support**

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Williams that a Letter of Support be sent to Haida Gwaii Community Futures for their application to fund paramedic PCP training through a grant from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training-Emerging Priorities.

CARRIED

**C-4 City of Prince George: BC Hydro Street Lighting Rate Application**

Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Johnston that the correspondence be received and filed and a letter be sent to the BC Utilities Commission expressing displeasure at future rate increases.

CARRIED

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

All members of Council, including the CAO, attended the Cannabis Retail Application Public Hearing. Councilor Johnston attended the Gwaii Trust meeting. Councillor Carty who was also in attendance at the Gwaii Trust meeting, mentioned the discussion of governance and evaluation of the Board that took place. The CAO updated Council on COVID, and the Unified Command meeting. The CFO, mentioned that the auditors would be at the office this week as they are undertaking the auditing of all three island municipalities. Trevor Jarvis updated Council on the April 17<sup>th</sup> by-election. The Notice of Election by Voting was posted on the website and social media on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Jarvis also mentioned that the Airport lighting project was ahead of schedule; however, due to the wet conditions, the work would be stopped for a short while and resumed once conditions improve. Mayor Pages attended the Northwest Regional Hospital and the Northwest Regional District meetings. Mayor Pages also attended the All-Island Protocol meeting where concerns were raised over BC Ferry cancellations.

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Carty that the verbal reports be received as presented.

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**NB-1 Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store**

Moved by: Councillor Carty  
Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

WHEREAS the Village of Masset recognizes S. A. M. Productions Ltd. has applied to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) for a Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store (CRS) licence proposed to be located at 1632 Main Street, Masset, BC, and

WHEREAS Section 33(1) of the *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act* prevents the LCRB from issuing a CRS licence without a positive recommendation regarding the CRS licence application from the Village of Masset; and

WHEREAS in order to consider the application and provide the LCRB with a written recommendation with respect to the application, the Village of Masset provided the public with an opportunity to submit written comments prior to the March 15th Public Hearing and to participate in said Hearing; and

WHEREAS based on the comments received with the majority referring to the positive health, safety, and economic aspects of having a legal non-medical cannabis retail store in the community, and from the presentation by the applicant to members of Council detailing the location and operations of the proposed retail store;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Masset approve the Non Medical Cannabis Retail application by S.A.M. Productions based on public input and information received.

CARRIED

**NB-2 Ministerial Order**

Moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Carty that for the purposes of the April 17, 2021 by-election, taking into consideration COVID-19, that the Village of Masset receive the Ministerial Order from the BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

CARRIED

**NB-3 Smart Digital Displays**


Council directed staff to investigate Smart Digital Displays and report back to Council

**ADJOURNMENT**

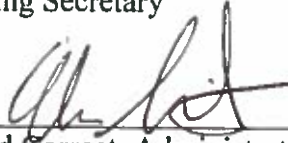
Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Carty that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 pm to a closed meeting based on the Community Charter Section 92 (2) (b).

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Recording Secretary

  
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Mayor

  
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Certified Correct, Administrator