

Village of Masset Regular Council Meeting of November 6, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 6, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

Present:	Mayor:	S. Disney
	Councillors:	T. Carty, B. Johnston, B. Pages
		J. Currie via Zoom
	CAO:	J. Humphries
	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 Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Council Meeting Minutes October 23, 2023**

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Carty that the October 23, 2023 Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**MINUTES AND REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

**NCRD Board Highlights October 2023**

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that the NCRD October 2023 board report be received and filed.

CARRIED

**PETITIONS AND DELEGATES**

**John Disney**

Mr. Disney spoke to Council about his concerns regarding the rise in sea level and the erosion occurring within the Village of Masset, in particular at the end of the airport runway. He has concerns that with the increased frequency of the storms and the higher tides, that the water will reach the end of the runway and start eroding it soon. There is also a concern that the erosion could affect the BC Hydro plant and the recently installed solar farm.

Mr. Disney wanted to ensure that Council was aware of the erosion that was currently happening and that it would worsen as time went on. He suggested that future planning include the possibility of moving the airport to higher ground. Future planning for moving the communities of Masset and Old Massett to higher ground should start happening as well as this will require partnering with other federal and provincial agencies.

Councillor Carty stated that he has also checked out the area at the end of the runway but it is not only the storms and tides eroding the sand dunes, but also the vehicles that drive up and over the dunes that are the problem and suggested that it might be an idea to build some sort of a levy. The Coastal Erosion study was recently reviewed with the public that had projections for the next 100 years. He stated that it is our role to try and take care of the infrastructure and those costs have gone up significantly and that every piece of land is owned by somebody. The cost to move the airport and possibly the communities would be extremely high.

Councillor Pages stated that he lived here most of his life and is aware how the beaches have changed lately. The sand is always moving and forming different patterns. The Village of Masset will work with the various agencies to protect its infrastructure and continue to do our best to ensure it is a livable solution.

Mayor Disney requested that airport staff look at the runway issue. Josh Humphries stated that VOM has a runway rehabilitation application being planned and engineers will be looking at the runway in the very near future.

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Carty that Mr. Disney's presentation be received.

CARRIED

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

Councillor Johnston attended a Gwaii Trust allocation meeting for arts, spoke to the Mayor of Daajing Giids regarding VOYANT.

Councillor Currie reviewed an email from Jennifer Rutt advising she is resigning from MIEDS.

Councillor Carty did not attend any meetings.

Councillor Pages attended a North Coast Regional District meeting.

Mayor Disney attended Coffee and Council in Old Massett, a VIRL executive meeting, a Dixon Entrance Maritime Museum meeting, received the first poppy from the Legion and will take part in Remembrance Day ceremonies in Masset.

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

CARRIED

### **BYLAWS**

#### **Bylaw No. 663 To Provide Remuneration to the Council for the Village of Masset**

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Carty that Bylaw No. 663 be read a first time.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Johnston that Bylaw No. 663 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Carty that Bylaw No. 663 be read a third time.

CARRIED

#### **Bylaw No. 664 to Amend Bylaw No 422**

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Johnston that Bylaw No. 664 be read a third time.

CARRIED

#### **Bylaw No. 665 Water User Rates**

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Pages that Bylaw No. 665 Water User Rates 5-year format be reconsidered and adopted.

CARRIED

**Bylaw No. 666 Sewer User Rates**

Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Pages that Bylaw No. 666 Sewer User Rates 5-year format be reconsidered and adopted.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB-1 VIRL Board Appointments**

Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Johnston, that the Village of Masset appoint Mayor Sheri Disney as representative to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Pages, that the Village of Masset appoint and Councillor Terry Carty as alternate to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board.

CARRIED

**NB-2 SMS Quarterly Report 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

CAO Joshua Humphries reviewed the report provided by WASCO, issues at the airport have been addressed and there is overall improvement.

Moved by Councillor Pages, seconded by Councillor Johnston that the WASCO SMS Quarterly Report 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter be received.

CARRIED

**NB-3 Haida Gwaii Healthy Communities Society Christmas Dinner**

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Pages that the Village of Masset donate the use of the Howard Phillips Community Hall for the Haid Gwaii Healthy Communities Society Christmas dinner.

CARRIED

**NB-4 Village of Masset Logo**

CAO Joshua Humphries reviewed and presented the top six logo designs. The Village of Masset will purchase the rights to some of the logos for merchandise, keep the existing logo as the official one, and revisit changing the logo at a future date.

Village of Masset Regular Council Meeting of November 6, 2023

Moved by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Johnston to approve \$1,000.00 towards logo design purchases.

CARRIED

**NB-5 AP Cheque Listing - September 1-30, 2023**

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Pages that the cheque listing for September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

**NB-6 AP Cheque Listing - October 1-31, 2023**

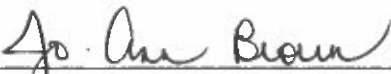
Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Carty that the cheque listing for October 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 be approved.


CARRIED

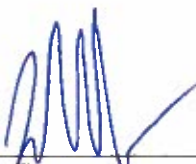
**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Carty the meeting be adjourned at 8:11 pm to a closed session.

CARRIED

  
Recording Secretary

  
Mayor

  
Certified Correct, Administrator