Village of Masset Regular Council Meeting of September 27, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 27, 2021 in Council Chambers

Present:

Mayor:

B. Pages

Councillors:

R. Williams, J. Currie, B. Johnston

CAO: CFO:

A. Smith J. Brown

Regrets:

Councillor:

T. Carty

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 Williams, seconded by Councillor Currie to adopt the agenda as amended with the addition of NB-2 Ministry of Transportation.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes September 13, 2021

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Williams that the September 13, 2021 Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES AND REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

1. NCRD Board Highlights

Moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Currie that the NCRD Board Highlights be filed and received as information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

C-1 Haida Gwaii Society for Community Peace

Moved by: Councillor Williams Seconded by: Councillor Currie

WHEREAS Community Inclusion Month is a celebration of community inclusion throughout British Columbia, and this year it will focus attention on inclusive housing and the importance of supporting inclusion of all British Columbians, and

WHEREAS in 2010, Canada ratified the United Nations' historic Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which includes Article 19 – Living independently and being included in the community, and

WHEREAS inclusive housing builds strong, supportive, accessible and more resilient communities where everybody belongs, feels valued and has the chance to contribute, and

WHEREAS many people with developmental and intellectual disabilities face barriers like poverty and isolation and have trouble finding housing that is safe, affordable and accessible, and

WHEREAS inclusive housing must consider the unique needs of all people to be truly inclusive, and

WHEREAS the Village of Masset is committed to enhancing inclusion, thus ensuring that persons with developmental disabilities can participate fully in society;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 2021 shall be known as

"Community Inclusion Month"

CARRIED

C-2 Letter Re: Donation to Village of Lytton

Moved by Councillor Currie, seconded by Councillor Williams that the Village of Masset donate \$793.00 as per the 2016 population census data to the rebuild of the Village of Lytton.

CARRIED

VERBAL REPORTS OF COUNCIL/CAO/CFO

Councillor Johnston had dinner with the military and gave remarks to the troops that were in Masset to build a bridge. Councillor Johnston also attended a Gwaii Trust meeting where funds were allocated to projects (in order to prepare for more funds that will be potentially distributed by Gwaii Trust, Council will hold a strategic planning session on October 19th). The CFO informed Council that a tax sale will not be occurring this year. She also attended a virtual conference regarding employment law. Councillor Williams attended a dinner with Councillors Carty, Johnston, and Currie for the airport manager candidate. She also attended the stakeholders meeting for the Main Street Plan. The CAO is currently engaging with the consultants for the asset management plan who are in Masset until the end of the week. The consultants from Urban Systems were also in Masset for three days undertaking the public engagement work for the Main Street Plan. Turnout by the public was good. The CAO also met with the Island Wellness Society regarding childcare. The mayor met with the Ministry of Health to discuss the hospital debt. He also met with MLA Rice concerning the Water Line project that was denied funding. The RBA was also discussed.

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

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 City West Municipal Access Agreement

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Currie that Council directs the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the City West Municipal Access Agreement.

CARRIED

NB-2 Ministry of Transportation

Councillor Johnston brought to the attention of Council the problems/issues with the reservation system for BC Ferries. Mayor Pages will reach out to a contact at BC Ferries to discuss Council's concerns.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED MEETING

Moved by Councillor Williams that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20pm to a closed session of Council.

CARRIED

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Recording Secretary

Mayor

Certified Correct, Administrator