
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Village of Chase Council
826 Okanagan Avenue
4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 25, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution:

"That the agenda be adopted as presented."

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Regular Council Meeting of February 11, 2014

Pages 1-7

Resolution:

"That the minutes of the February 11, 2014 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented."

4. REPORTS

Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Anderson
Councillor Berrigan
Councillor Crowe
Councillor Lepsoe
Councillor Scott

5. DELEGATIONS

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Next Committee of the Whole Scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2014
at 4:00 p.m.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Parent Project – Craig Duck Chief

CAO Report

Pages 8-10

Resolution:

“That Council provides direction to Administration regarding the request from Mr. Duck Chief for support for the Connect Parent Group Program.”

Dimestore Fishermen

CAO Report

Pages 11-12

Resolution:

“That the Village of Chase not pursue the Dimestore Fishermen project at this time.”

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Adams River Salmon Society Liaison - Request for Direction from Council

Councillor Crowe is the Village’s liaison to the Adams River Salmon Society. According to the Bylaws of the Society, the Village’s liaison has a vote on the Society Board.

Recently a vote was put forward to the Board to choose vendors for Salute to the Sockeye event. A ‘tie’ has come up between the last two vendor applicants. One is a not-for-profit vendor, and one is a for-profit vendor. The Society’s food vendor application information states that preference will be given to non-profit community groups and First Naitons food vendor applicants. Councillor Crowe is requesting Council’s direction for his Board vote on the matter, particularly as the non-profit vendor applicant is associated with the Chase Arena, and the Village of Chase provides significant supports the Chase Arena.

It has been suggested that due to a potential perception of bias, that Councillor Crowe withdraw from voting on the matter at the next Board meeting of the Adams River Salmon Society.

Resolution:

“That Councillor Crowe not vote on the matter of the choice for the 5th vendor at the Salute to the Sockeye event being organized by the Adams River Salmon Society, due to the potential perception of bias as a result of the Village’s financial connectedness with the Chase Arena.

8.2 Request from Citizens on Patrol for Grant in Aid

Letter dated February 17, 2014

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Past Grants-in-Aid to Citizens on Patrol:

| Year | Notes |
|------|---|
| 2013 | \$1000 Requested and granted |
| 2012 | \$1000 Requested and granted – additional \$100 of Council Crowe discretionary funds added) |
| 2011 | \$1000 Requested and granted |
| 2010 | Grant-in-Aid not requested – free use of Community Hall requested (and granted) for Coffee Houses January to May 2011 |
| 2009 | Grant-in-Aid not requested – free use of Community Hall requested (and granted) for Coffee Houses second Friday of each month in 2010 |

8.3 Facilities Waiver Request – Chase Excellence Program

Memorandum and Letter

Pages 14-15

Year to date Grants-In-Aid to Chase Excellence:

- \$2000

Year to date Community Hall Rental Waivers for Chase Excellence:

- Pasta Dinner and Apron Auction \$173.25
- Fashion/Entertainment Event \$105.00

(In 2013, Council granted a waiver for the Chase Excellence use of the Community Hall for their Pageant Dinner and Royalty Dance.)

8.4 SILGA Resolutions

Report from the CAO

Pages 16-17

8.5 BC Ferries Service Cuts – Letter from Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District

Letter dated February 3, 2014

Pages 18-21

Opportunity for Council Members to Introduce New Information

9. IN CAMERA

Resolution:

“That Council recess to an In Camera meeting pursuant to Section 90 (1) of the Community Charter, paragraph (e) – acquisition of land or improvements.”

10. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Chase held
in the Council Chambers of the Village Office at 826 Okanagan Avenue
on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

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| Present: | Mayor | R. Anderson |
| | Councillors | R. Berrigan |
| | | R. Crowe |
| | | D. Lepsoe |
| | | S. Scott |
| | Chief Administrative Officer | J. Heinrich |
| | Director of Financial Services | L. Pedersen |
| | Gallery | 5 |
| | Press | 1 |

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Berrigan

"That the agenda be amended by adding:

- **Item 8.2 - Neskonlith Indian Band – Highway Improvements at Hoffman's Bluff – Letter of thanks from Village of Chase; and**
- **Items 8.3 - Wayfinder Art in Action – Request for Letter of Support from the Village of Chase; and**
- **Item 8.4, Chase Physician Recruitment Committee – Request for permission to obtain updates to Tourism CD created for the Village in 2007;**

And that the agenda be adopted as amended."

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Regular Council Meeting of January 28, 2014

Moved by Councillor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Lepsoe

"That the minutes of the January 28, 2014 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

3.2 Special (Budget) Meeting of February 3, 2014

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Berrigan

“That the minutes of the February 3, 2014 Special (Budget) meeting of Council be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

4. **REPORTS**

Administration Reports

Public Works Supervisor was not in attendance.

The Director of Financial Services reported that he is working on budget preparations and year end. He also continues to work with the Recreation Centre Society regarding enhancing Arena operations.

The CAO reported that she has been working on improvements for the Fire Department, improvements to office procedures and assisting with the Project Comeback initiative.

Moved by Councillor Lepsoe

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“That the reports from the Director of Financial Services and the CAO be received for information.”

CARRIED

Council Reports

Mayor Anderson

- Participated in the Secwepemculecw Flag Ceremony at Arena January 31, 2014
- Participated in the February 3, 2014 Budget meeting and the February 3, 2014 workshop with the Fire Department

Councillor Berrigan

- Attended the Chase Wellness meeting on January 29, 2014
- Attended at the Arena for the Secwepemculecw Flag Ceremony January 31, 2014
- Participated in the February 3, 2014 Council Budget meeting and the Fire department budget workshop
- Chaired a Youth Advisory Committee meeting on February 5, 2014

Councillor Crowe

- Attended the Secwepemculecw flag ceremony at the Art Holding Memorial Arena January 31, 2014
- Participated in the February 3, 2014 Council Budget meeting and Fire Department budget workshop
- February 5 through 7, 2014 attended the Local Government Leadership Academy Conference and governance education seminars in Richmond

Councillor Lepsoe

- Attended the Secwepemculecw flag ceremony at the Art Holding Memorial Arena January 31, 2014
- Attended the Adams Lake Indian Band Chief and Council meeting on February 4, 2014 with the CAO

Councillor Scott

- Participated in the January 29, 2014 Chamber of Commerce Executive meeting
- Attended the Secwepemculecw flag ceremony at the Art Holding Memorial Arena January 31, 2014
- Participated in the February 3, 2014 Council Budget meeting and Fire Department budget workshop

5. DELEGATIONS

Connect Parent Group Program

Craig Duck Chief – Youth and Family Support Worker – Adams Lake Indian Band was in attendance and provided the following information:

- Mr. Duck Chief recently took the training that would allow him to offer this connect parent group program locally – he has working with youth for 15 years and believes the program would be of great value locally
- He has been encouraged by Terry Anne Smiley to ask for support from the Village of Chase – the program was started in early 2000, moving from BC into other provinces, and has been very successful
- The program would go for 10 weeks and could accommodate 42 people (parents and children) from all participating communities (equal funding would mean equal representation from the communities)
- Children will be between the ages of 13 and 18 – parents attend while children are in childcare and engaging in activities
- 1 day per week for 2 hours for a total of 10 weeks
- ALIB has pledged support, and Neskonlith and Little Shuswap Lake Bands have been approached to participate

Moving Forward Together Initiative

Mr. Duck Chief provided the following information relating to the Moving Forward Together Initiative:

- Started with communities in the Chase area, both First Nations and non-First Nations, as well as Sicamous, Salmon Arm, Enderby and others to discuss how all the communities are communicating and how we can improve our relationships to ensure we are working together to enhance the vibrancy of our communities
- First meetings occurred in 2012, and it was shown that there is lots of interest in aboriginal communities and values
- As the meetings continued, the groups formed champion activities with which goals were created and people joined the various champions to move the particular projects forward
- A report on the champion activities should be available in the coming weeks

Mayor Anderson thanked Mr. Duck Chief for his information about both the Connect Parent Group Program and the Moving Forward Together Initiative.

<Mr. Duck Chief left the meeting at 4:29 p.m.>

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Recommendations from the meeting held February 4, 2014:

6.1 Chase Excellence Program – 2013 Grant-In-Aid Request

Moved by Councillor Berrigan

Seconded by Councillor Crowe

“That Council not grant funds to the Chase Excellence Program to cover costs they incurred for their 2013 activities.” *CARRIED*

6.2 Thompson Nicola Regional District – Presentation to Council in July 2014

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Berrigan

“That a letter be sent to the Board of the Thompson Nicola Regional District thanking them for their plans to address the Village of Chase Council at its Regular meeting of July 8, 2014 indicating that Council looks forward to the TNRD’s Chair and CAO attendance at that meeting.

CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2012 Annual Report

It was noted that there is an error on page 31 of the agenda, the date for the permissive tax exemptions for land should read 2012 and not 2011.

Questions were raised from the gallery:

- The statement of financial information shows that TAG Automotive received \$31,000 in payments in 2012 for works done for the Village – do other local automotive companies also do work for the Village?

The answer to this question is yes, that the work is spread around as much as possible to be fair to all licensed mechanical shops.

- Was this report not supposed to be done in July of 2013?

The answer is yes, but due to staffing changes and positive changes made to the way the accounting is done for the Village, the report for 2012 was not completed before the usual July deadline.

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Berrigan

“That the 2012 Annual Report be adopted.”

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Proclamation – National Health and Fitness Day

Moved by Councillor Berrigan

Seconded by Councillor Crowe

“That the first Saturday in June, 2014 (June 7, 2014) be proclaimed as National Health and Fitness Day in the Village of Chase.”

CARRIED

8.2 Neskonlith Indian Band – Highway Improvements at Hoffman’s Bluff – Letter of thanks from Village of Chase

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Berrigan

“That a letter be written to the Neskonlith Indian Band Chief and Council thanking them for their recent positive vote to allow the Provincial Ministry of Highways to provide upgrades to the Trans Canada Highway at Hoffman’s Bluff, and that the Village of Chase looks forward to working with the Neskonlith Indian Band in the future to ensure the continued safety of both our communities.”

It was noted that the Hoffman's Bluff area is a dangerous portion of the Trans Canada Highway between Chase and Kamloops, and that there have been 3 fatalities on that stretch of highway in the past month alone.

Mayor Anderson added that MLA and Minister of Highways Todd Stone expects the tendering for the improvements to be out in the fall of 2014, with works beginning in 2015, taking approximately 3 years to complete.

The vote was called on the motion and it was CARRIED

8.3 Wayfinder Art in Action – Request for Letter of Support from the Village of Chase

It was noted that this project takes youth at risk and works with them through art therapy to enhance their lives and improve their opportunities.

Moved by Councillor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Scott

“That the Village of Chase provides a letter of support for the Wayfinder Art in Action program to be conducted in Chase with Chase and surrounding community youth participants.”

CARRIED

8.4 Chase Physician Recruitment Committee – Request for permission to obtain updates to Tourism CD created for the Village in 2007

Moved by Councillor Crowe

Seconded by Councillor Berrigan

“That the Village of Chase permit the Chase Physician Recruitment Committee to work with Westcor Media Ltd. to update the Chase Tourism CD to include more current information about the community, and to include footage and information about the medical facilities available in Chase, and that the cost of the new CD be funded out of the grant-in-aid funds allocated to the Physician Recruitment Committee if such allocation is approved at Budget.”

CARRIED

Ms. Lynne Moyer, member of the Physician recruitment committee noted that there may be another video company that will produce a video, and there may also be someone willing to donate the funds for the production of the video.

It was noted that the resolution just passed simply gives permission to utilize the Village's original CD and update it, but the committee can utilize another company which will not require Village of Chase permission.

Opportunity for Council Members to Introduce New Information

No new items.

9. IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor Crowe

"That Council recess to an In Camera meeting pursuant to Section 90 (1) of the Community Charter, paragraph (e), acquisition of land or improvements."

CARRIED

Mayor Anderson adjourned the Regular meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Mayor Anderson reconvened the Regular meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Change to time and date of Special Council Meeting (Budget)

Moved by Councillor Berrigan

Seconded by Councillor Crowe

"That the Special (Budget) meeting of Council scheduled for February 17, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. be rescheduled to February 24, 2014 at 3:30 p.m."

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Berrigan

Seconded by Councillor Crowe

"That the regular meeting of Council be adjourned."

CARRIED

Mayor Anderson declared the Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

These minutes were adopted by a resolution of Council on February 25, 2014.

Mayor,
R. Anderson

Chief Administrative Officer
J. Heinrich



Village Of Chase *Administrative Report*

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: CAO
DATE: February 25, 2014
RE: Connect Parent Group Program

ISSUE/PURPOSE

To obtain direction from Council regarding whether or not it wishes to contribute to the Connect Parent Group Program.

OPTIONS

- 1. Support the Connect Parent Group Program with a grant-in-aid to cover one quarter of the costs of the program with 16 parents and 24 children at a cost of between \$2300 and \$2400.**
- 2. Support the Program with a grant-in-aid in another amount. A lesser amount contributed will still support the program with less parents and children participating.**
- 3. Do not provide any support to this particular initiative.**

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

At its January 28, 2014 meeting, Council considered information that had been provided regarding the Connect Parent Group Program. Mr. Duck Chief was invited to and attended Council's February 11, 2014 Regular meeting to provide additional information and answer any questions of Council.

DISCUSSION

In further discussions between Administration and Mr. Duck Chief after the February 11, 2014 Council meeting, it was determined that:

- The program has already received some local funding and will proceed with the number of participants that can be included with the budget available (2 couples each with 3 children)
- If the Village of Chase Council is able contribute a smaller amount of funds to the program than what is being requested (\$2400 per each of 4 communities), additional couples and children could participate depending on the amount of funds contributed by the Village

- Based on the budget provided by Mr. Duck Chief, the cost of the program is approximately \$230 to \$240 per person

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There has been some discussion amongst Council members suggesting a set amount of funds be allocated annually to provide grants-in-aid to each of the three local area First Nations bands. That 'set' amount has not yet been determined by Council. In addition, it may be difficult to pre-determine the annual financial requests from each Band, as various events that occur in one year may not occur in another.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council provides direction to administration regarding the request from Mr. Duck Chief for support of the Connect Parent Group Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Heinrich, CAO



Village Of Chase Administrative Report

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: CAO
DATE: February 25, 2014
RE: Dimestore Fishermen

ISSUE/PURPOSE

To obtain direction from Council regarding the Village's participation in the Dimestore Fishermen program.

OPTIONS

- 1. Do not proceed with the Dimestore Fishermen project in 2014.**
- 2. Proceed with the Dimestore Fishermen project in 2014.**

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

At the January 7, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council considered a report from Administration regarding the proposal for the Village of Chase to engage the Dimestore Fishermen to produce a program about Chase and the local fishing opportunities. Council will recall that the project would require an expenditure of almost \$20,000, plus accommodation and meals for the production crew for the 4-5 days they would be in the local area.

Council ratified the following resolution at its January 14, 2014 Regular meeting:

“That staff be directed to pursue financial contributions from community groups/businesses in the local trading area (including Shuswap Tourism) with assistance from the Chamber of Commerce, bringing a report back to Council by February 28, 2014 to enable Council to decide whether to pursue the proposal from the Dimestore Fishermen to produce a television program about Chase and area.”

DISCUSSION

Action taken to determine the interest level and potential support for this proposed project included the issue being brought forward to the Shuswap Tourism Committee, the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the members of the Chase and District Chamber of Commerce.

The following comments have been received:

- Other fishing shows may provide better exposures and be less expensive to produce
- Not much exposure of the program in key markets for Chase
- While fishing is important to the local tourism economy, the cost of this particular project may be more than the value of the exposure received
- 2014 Salmon Run will be finished by the time the program airs so this may reduce benefits of the project
- Quaaout Lodge offered accommodations and meals for the production crew
- Overlander Motel has offered discounted room rates
- Segway tours offered to members of the production crew
- “Great exposure for the community”
- Need to consider Chase for not just retirees but for families and youth – need to invest in the next generation – this fishing show is too restricted in its audience therefore not the type of exposure that Chase needs
- 2 days of charters can be provided however not on the Little Shuswap – charters would be in the Big Shuswap out of the Anglemont Marina
- The Village needs to work on attracting and keeping youth in the community – need to start thinking and acting differently to ensure Chase can be economically and socially strong into the future

Other than accommodations, meals and a fishing charter offer, no offers of financial support were obtained.

After receiving all this information, the Manager of the Chamber and Village Administration have discussed the project and are of the opinion that funds could be better spent on other tourism and economic development campaigns.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Village of Chase not pursue the Dimestore Fishermen project at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Heinrich, CAO

**CITIZENS ON PATROL
Box 1756
Chase, BC V0E 1M0**

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February 17, 2014

Mayor and Village Council
Village of Chase
826 Okanagan Ave.,
Chase, BC V0E 1M0

Dear Mayor Anderson and Members of Council,

Please consider this correspondence a formal request for a Grant-In-Aid in support of the activities of our organisation.

Our community support activities include vehicle patrols, public event security, traffic control and vehicle speed and seatbelt usage monitoring. We are also currently contemplating the feasibility of daytime and evening foot patrols.

These various activities are sanctioned by the RCMP and are conducted by volunteers who contribute their interest, time, and private vehicles.

While we strive to raise funds through various events, the financial support of the Village is crucial and very much appreciated.

To this end, we request your funding support in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,



Bob Kroeker
Chairman, Chase COP



VILLAGE OF CHASE

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 19, 2014
TO: J. Heinrich, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
FROM: S. Bepple, Facilities Booking
RE: FACILITIES RENTAL WAIVER-CHASE EXCELLENCE

BACKGROUND

Attached is correspondence from The Miss Chase Excellence Program dated February 4, 2014.

Chase Excellence is requesting that the rental fees be waived for their:

- Hospitality Lunch on April 26, 2014
- Pre-pageant Dinner on April 26, 2014; and
- Farewell Breakfast on April 27, 2014

Chase Excellence has used the Community Hall for their Pre-pageant Dinner and Farewell Breakfast in the past but not for their Hospitality Lunch. Council granted free use of the Community Hall in 2013 for the Pageant Dinner and Royalty Dance.

Chase Excellence is not having an after-pageant dance this year.

The fee for the two days requested would be \$175.00.

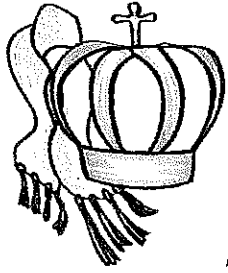
Approved Community Hall waivers year to date (2014) is \$2422.75.

Please consider this request based on its merit.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Bepple
Administrative Assistant

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MISS CHASE EXCELLENCE PROGRAM
P.O. Box 800 Chase, BC V0E 1M0

February 4, 2014

Village of Chase
Box 440
Chase, BC
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Attn: Mayor & Council
Village of Chase

We advise that our present Royalty, Kate Milner and Shyleigh Thiessen have been excellent ambassadors for Chase at many events in Chase and throughout B.C. this year.

We are planning a hospitality lunch for the visiting Royalty on April 26, 2014 and are requesting the use the main hall for this purpose.

We are planning our pre pageant dinner and farewell breakfast at the hall this year & are requesting the use of the kitchen & Room B for this purpose.

On behalf of the Miss Chase Excellence Program Committee I would like to request the Village Council give consideration to donate the use of the Community Hall for April 26, 2014 and April 27, 2014.

Please contact Jacquie Everett, Chairperson, at 675-2574 or myself at 679-8546 or email at pam_hartley@hotmail.com regarding this matter.
Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Pam Hartley
Secretary

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Village Of Chase Administrative Report

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: CAO
DATE: February 25, 2014
RE: SILGA Resolutions – Teachers Residency and Road Rescue Services

ISSUE/PURPOSE

To obtain direction from Council regarding resolutions to SILGA.

OPTIONS

- 1. Pass suggested resolutions.**
- 2. Do not pass suggested resolutions.**

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

At Council's January 28, 2014 meeting, the following resolution was passed:

“That Council put forward a resolution for consideration at the 2014 SILGA convention asking the provincial government to once again consider making financial proceeds of crime available to the community or rural area in which the crime occurred and associated proceeds were generated.”

The deadline for receipt of resolutions for the 2014 SILGA convention is Friday, February 28, 2014. In recent informal discussions amongst members of Council, the following additional issues have arisen:

- 1. Teachers Working and Living in Communities**

Very few teachers that teach at the schools in Chase live in Chase. This has a significant impact on teacher's availability to attend meetings to discuss youth issues, to participate in activities involving youth, and to generally contribute to the community outside of their regular working hours.

Council is being asked to consider putting forward a resolution that requests the British Columbia School Districts to encourage teachers to live in the communities in which they work.

2. Road Rescue Services – Funding

The Village of Chase, as with other small communities, is struggling financially to keep its road rescue services viable. Road rescue is a valuable service, and the faster the response time, the more lives can be saved from vehicle crashes.

While Emergency Management BC has recently increased rescue reimbursement fees to local governments/societies who offer this service, costs for vehicles, supplies and other required items are not covered and must be paid for by local government taxpayers or through fundraising. While grants-in-aid can be requested of adjacent local governments by road rescue service providers, there is no continuity to funding to assist with vehicle purchase, maintenance and other required expenditures.

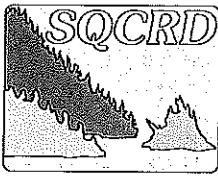
Council is being asked to consider putting forward a resolution to SILGA that will ask the Provincial Government to review how road rescue services are funded, and to initiate more firm funding for the service to assist small local governments/societies in providing the much needed service, which includes the provision of vehicles and equipment.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council provides direction to Administration regarding the proposed resolutions relating to Teachers Residency and Road Rescue Service funding.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Heinrich, CAO



SKEENA-QUEEN CHARLOTTE REGIONAL DISTRICT

100 - 1st Avenue East Prince Rupert, BC V8J 1A6

Phone: (250) 624-2002 Fax: (250) 627-8493

Website: www.sqcrd.bc.ca

February 3, 2014

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Box 440
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Dear Councillors/Board:

Re: BC Ferries Service Cuts

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On behalf of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD) Board, I am writing in regards to the BC Ferries service cuts and fare increases, announced by the Province of BC on November 18th, 2013.

The Board is undivided in its concern over the rising costs and the proposed reduction in ferry services to coastal communities. In many of our communities, affordable ferry service is as necessary as the highway systems to the remainder of B.C. As a vital transportation link throughout the province, BC Ferries has a significant influence on both our local and provincial economies, and is integral to the daily functioning of many of our residents and businesses.

The BC Ferry Coalition, an ad hoc steering committee of allied residents from coastal communities around B.C., has already completed a mass rally in opposition of the cuts and is encouraging B.C.'s coastal residents to write letters to the Premier describing how the proposed service cuts and higher fares will affect their families and communities. For instance, many hotels across the province have already shown concern over the sustainability of their business, as they are seeing an unprecedented amount of booking cancellations brought on by the BC Ferries service cuts.

The coalition is gaining support from an array of coastal residents, as well as local governments, private industry and businesses, chambers of commerce, and other stakeholders. The SQCRD Board strongly supports the BC Ferry Coalition and its continued efforts in opposing the recent BC Ferries service cuts and fare increases.

To date, the SQCRD has been unsuccessful in scheduling a meeting with Premier Christy Clark to further discuss the myriad of problems surrounding this issue. Moving forward, we request that you show your support against the ferry service cuts by:

1. Writing to the Premier

Writing letters to the Premier, requesting that she schedule a joint-meeting with local governments and First Nations to further discuss this issue. Additionally, copy your letters to the SQCRD and the BC Ferry Coalition.

2. Supporting the BC Ferry Coalition

Because the BC Ferry Coalition is actively carrying out valuable work toward opposing the service cuts and fare increases, I would request that each Council or Board support the coalition in its endeavours by conveying their support by way of a resolution or letter to the coalition.

If you have any further questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the SQCRD.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,

SKEENA-QUEEN CHARLOTTE REGIONAL DISTRICT



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Attachments: 2

Cc: Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Board
BC Ferry Coalition

Attachment 1

Resolution from the January 24, 2014 Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Board Meeting

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MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Kinney, that the Board support the BC Ferry Coalition.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 014-2014 made by the Board of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District on the 24th day of January, 2014.

Dated at Prince Rupert, BC this 24th day of January, 2014.

Daniel Fish
Deputy Corporate Officer



SKEENA-QUEEN CHARLOTTE REGIONAL DISTRICT

100 - 1st Avenue East Prince Rupert, BC V8J 1A6

Phone: (250) 624-2002 Fax: (250) 627-8493

Website: www.sqcrd.bc.ca

Attachment 2

January 31, 2014

Office of the Premier of British Columbia
PO Box 9041 STN Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9E1

Attention: Honourable Premier Christy Clark

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: BC Ferries Service Cuts

On behalf of the Board of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD), I am writing to request a joint-meeting with you, and other affected communities in the province, to discuss the recent BC Ferries service cuts and the serious and detrimental impacts that they will have in our communities.

The Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Board is categorically opposed to the position that the Province of BC has taken in regard to the BC Ferries service cuts and fare increases. Furthermore, the Board is supportive of the BC Ferry Coalition and its continued efforts to oppose these cuts and fare increases.

I look forward to hearing from you shortly about your availability to schedule this meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions please feel free to reach me through the contact information provided.

Yours truly,

SKEENA-QUEEN CHARLOTTE REGIONAL DISTRICT

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