

**TOWN OF PORT MCNEILL**

**Minutes** of the regular meeting of the Harbour Advisory Committee (HAC) held on March 1, 2011 at 1594 Beach Drive. Called to order at 6:33 pm.

**Present:** B. Foster, B. Jackman, B. McCormick, K. Menzies, K. Schwalm, Councillor G. Wickstrom.  
**Absent:** J. Furney, C. Stewart

**1. MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Harbour Advisory Committee (HAC) meeting February 1, 2011.

007/2011 - Moved, seconded and CARRIED that the February 1, 2011 minutes be accepted as circulated. Minutes

**2. DELEGATE(S):**

- a) Angela Smith, Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) member re:  
- Life Jacket Borrow Box and possible funding through the CCGA.

A. Smith advised the HAC that the CCGA Unit 50 will donate a lifejacket "kit" with 11 Personal Flotation Devices (PDFs), CCGA signage and safety signage. A. Smith will be going into the schools to talk about the CCGA and will include information on the lifejacket program. CCGA Funding

**3. CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION:**

- a) Harbour Authority Bulletin No. 15 Newsletter

008/2011 - Moved, seconded and CARRIED that the Harbour Authority Bulletin No. 15 Newsletter be accepted and filed. Harbour Authority Newsletter

**4. BUSINESS ARISING & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) Update Viewpoints – Discussion ensued over using Haddington Island Rock to highlight points of interest. B. McCormick circulated some pictures of this idea in practice. B. Foster will bring more information and some pictures from the Riverside Park set-up in Kamloops.
- b) Life Jacket Program – felt to be good PR; keep at a height that kids can reach; store in a "cabinet" on the docks that can be locked at night; request that harbour staff unlock in the morning and lock at night; option for a few on the docks with a sign indicating where more can be found; confirmation that educational signage will be posted.
- c) Harbour Buoys – discussion ensued. Some concerns arose as well as the question of whether this was contrary to existing private and Municipal harbour moorage areas. It was agreed upon to shelf the idea.

**5. REPORTS:**

**Council Member's Report –**

Councillors Report

Councillor Wickstrom advised the members that C. Stewart resigned from the HAC and an ad has been posted for his seat. Council has agreed to meet with the HAC at the HAC April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting in the Harbour Office. She advised the members that a couple of grants have been applied for to replace the gangway and main dock. Councillor Wickstrom also advised that she has requested a financial report on the harbour beautification project. She supplied the members with a copy of the new harbour fees bylaw.

### Harbour Manager's Report

H. Ramsay – January and February Boat Count, and Municipal and Federal Harbour Maintenance Reports.

Harbour  
Manager  
Report

### Committee Members' Reports

B. Jackman – attended 3 boat shows and heard good comments about our area. He believes that marketing is the key and circulated a copy of the Yacht Essentials magazine showing a great spread on Port McNeill and area.

Harbour  
Members  
Reports

K. Schwalm – mentioned that some Sointula boaters miss the grid. K. Menzies replied that the Sointula boaters expressed happiness with the new off load.

K. Menzies –we have a new fisherman at the harbour from Port Hardy. K. Menzies asked Councillor Wickstrom for any news on the off load crane. She will look into.

B. Foster – addressed boater concerns around hydro rates. He found that they are not substantial when annualized. His concern is with the limited number of available specific wattage plugs. (i.e. 20 watt, 30 watt, etc.)

B. McCormick – no concerns.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) B. Jackman suggested his son, S. Jackman share a presentation on Port McNeill and area at the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Delegate-S  
Jackman

### 7. RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:

- 009/2011 a) Request that Council support the CCGA Sponsorship of the Lifejacket Borrow Box and designate a spot to store the lifejackets at the Harbour.

CCGA Life  
Jacket  
Donations

- 010/2011 b) Request that Council investigate the practicality and cost of installing electrical meters on the docks.

Harbour  
Electrical  
Meters

8. **NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on April 5, 2011 at 6:30 pm

Meeting

### 9. ADJOURNMENT:

- 011/2011 Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Adjourn

Chair B. McCormick  
B. McCormick

Recording Secretary K. Cessford  
K. Cessford