

TOWN OF PORT McNEILL

AGENDA for the regular meeting of Council to be held Monday, January 16, 2012 at 7:30 pm at 1775 Grenville Place.

1. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a) Presentation from D. Mitchell regarding the Council Remuneration Committee.
- b) Presentation from D. Mitchell regarding the Chamber of Commerce.
- c) Presentation from T. Olynyk regarding BC Hydro smart meters.
- d) Presentation from M. Anderson regarding the North Island Timing Association.

2. MINUTES

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council meeting, December 19, 2011. M S

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter dated December 15, 2012 from the Port McNeill & District Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Centre congratulating Council on their re-election. M S
- b) Letter dated January 10, 2012 from the North Island Trail Riders Organization requesting a 5 year land use agreement and to expand the bicycle recreation area. M S

4. TABLE ITEMS

- a) Gowlings Publications from H. Brown M S
- b) Vancouver Island Regional Library budget for 2012. M S
- c) 2010/2011 Annual Report from the Ombudsperson. M S

5. REPORTS

6. BYLAWS

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

9. ADJOURNMENT M S

January 9, 2012

Mayor and Town Council
Town of Port McNeill
Box 728
Port McNeill, BC
V0N 2R0

Dear Mayor and Council:

In December of 2011, our working group was tasked with reviewing remuneration for the Port McNeill Mayor and Council members. The attached Findings and Recommendations document details our process.

After investigating and reviewing Council remuneration packages from communities comparable in size to Port McNeill, the working group has discovered the Town of Port McNeill remuneration for Mayor and Councillors has fallen significantly below provincial averages. In some cases the difference is over 200%.

Therefore, the recommendations of the working group are as follows

1. The Review Committee recommends an increase based on the median between an average of comparable communities and a 17.51% inflation rate (Option 3 on the attached document). It is noted that this increase would equal \$4.45 per capita for the Mayor and \$2.60 for the Councillors.
2. Create a new Bylaw to enact this increase and include an annual inflation rate (2.04%) increase for 2013 and 2014.
3. The Bylaw should include language that designates 30% of the remuneration level as a "non-taxable incidental expense allowance."

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Anweiler
Traci Fontana-Wegelin
Annie LeBlanc
Chuck Lok
David Mitchell

Attachment

Port McNeill Mayor and Council Remuneration Findings and Recommendations

Background

- On November 21, 2011 Council approved the formation of a community-based committee to review and make recommendations regarding Council and Mayor remuneration levels.

The Review

- The committee gathered information from the Town office regarding the current rates and bylaw.
- The current levels of remuneration were set in 2003, based on a 2001 Bylaw, which remains in effect today.
- The Bank of Canada Inflation Calculator was used.
- Comparative information was sought, through the UBCM website, of comparable sized towns throughout BC, including Vancouver Island.
- Mayor and Councillor time commitments were considered.

Findings

- Town of Port McNeill remuneration for Mayor and Councillors has fallen significantly below provincial averages for comparable sized towns. In some cases the difference is over 200%.

		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	Current Annual Remuneration	Increase based on 17.51% Inflation (from 2003)	Increase based on the "average" of comparable communities	Increase based on "median" between Options 1 and 2
Mayor	\$7550	\$8,871.98	\$14,495	\$11,683
Council	\$4827	\$5,672.19	\$8,171	\$6,921

Recommendations:

- The Review Committee recommends Option 3.
(It is noted that Option 3 remuneration equals \$4.45 **per capita** for the Mayor and \$2.60 for the Councillors.)
- Create a new Bylaw to enact Option 3 and include an annual inflation rate (2.04%) increase for 2013 and 2014.
- The Bylaw should include language that designates 30% of the remuneration level as a "**non-taxable incidental expense allowance.**"



December 13, 2011

Mayor Furney and Town Council
Town of Port McNeill
PO Box 728
Port McNeill, BC V0N 2R0

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Port McNeill Visitor Information Centre to respectfully request renewal of our funding agreement for the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) for 2012.

As Council will know, \$20,000 was approved last year for a one year agreement so that the VIC could continue to provide a valued service to the groups and individuals who come to Port McNeill throughout the year. Recognizing that the Town has many priorities to consider, we still believe that there would be value in discussing the amount and duration of funding support with the Mayor and Council.

This letter represents our preliminary request for funding for 2012, however I would also like to request *delegate status* at your first meeting in January to present data and highlights of the 2011 year at the VIC, before the Council makes its decision about funding for 2012 and subsequent years.

What the data will show Council is that the VIC and the visitors who use it are making an increasing contribution to our community's economy and to our established industries.

As a fixture on the wonderfully renewed waterfront venue, the VIC continues to be the "go to" place for thousands of visitors each year. I believe the Town's investment in this facility and its services is something we can all be proud of, knowing that our visitors receive a warm welcome to our town and much needed information and support to make their stay a success.

Please confirm our delegate status request.

Yours truly,

David Mitchell, Vice President,
Port McNeill and District Chamber of Commerce

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Cc: Port McNeill and District Chamber of Commerce Executive and Board of Directors

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TOWN OF PORT McNEILL

Town of Port McNeill,
1775 Grenville Place,
Port McNeill, BC

Box 82,
Port McNeill, BC
December 29th, 2011

Council Members:

We, the North Island Timing Association are asking for permission to use the Port McNeill Airport for the next three (3) years in the months of June to August inclusive to hold an 1/8 mile Drag racing. We do have an agreement with the Loggers Golf people, that we will be the 4th weekend of June, so not to encroach on their event. I have enclosed a copy of the survey that was done at the windup and sent to members to show what they have spent on a weekend when they come up for racing. Although I didn't get the response that I would have liked, only about a third of the people got back to me: you can see some of what is brought into this town during a weekend.

The dates we are asking for this year and the following years are as follows:

June 23-24 th , 2012	June 22-23 rd , 2013	June 28-29 th , 2014
July 21-22 nd , 2012	July 20-21 st , 2013	July 19-20 th , 2014
Aug. 25-26 th , 2012.	Aug. 24-25 th , 2013	Aug. 23-24 th , 2014

With these guaranteed dates, we can apply for improvement grants for the airport, which could include the paving of the staging lanes and return roads: allowing for a taxi way for the airplanes to leave. Possibly installing permanent washrooms and other things that may come up in our endeavours.

I would appreciate your consideration, as to this request. The North Island Timing Association does hope to hear from you soon.

Respectfully,



Maureen Anderson
NITA organizer-exec.

1d)

Survey of places you visited while at the:

Rumble on the Runway-2011

I am asking you to take 5 minutes and fill this out without any names attached, so that I can correlate it and present it to the Town Counsel when asking for a 3 year commitment to continue the races.

Did you spend any money at:

Hotels: _____ approximately how much? 1155.⁰⁰

Restaurants _____ approximately how much? 1420.⁰⁰

Food stores _____ approximately how much? 1115.⁰⁰

Liquor stores _____ approximately how much? 770.⁰⁰

Gas stations _____ approximately how much? 1600.⁰⁰

General (Fields, Dollar) approximately how much? 250.⁰⁰

Mechanical _____ approximately how much? 675.⁰⁰

I am only looking for a one weekend total and then I will multiply it by the 3. This way, I have some idea of what we brought in each weekend of racing to the town, without counting in the concessions or anything else.

Thank You,
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18/65 racers

*6985.⁰⁰
from answer papers*

TOWN OF PORT McNEILL

MINUTES of the regular meeting of Council held Monday December 19, 2011 at 7:30 pm at 1775 Grenville Place.

PRESENT: Mayor G. Furney, Councillors G. Anderson, C. Sharpe, G. Wickstrom and Staff A. Sweet and S. Harvey

APOLOGIES: Councillor S. Ackland

1. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

2. MINUTES

a) Minutes of the Special Council meeting, December 08, 2011.

218/2011 – Moved, seconded and CARRIED that the December 08, 2011 minutes of the Special Council meeting be accepted as circulated.

Regular Minutes

3. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letter dated November 25, 2011 from Premier Christy Clark congratulating Mayor Gerry Furney's re-election.

219/2011 – Moved, seconded and CARRIED that the above correspondence be received and filed.

Congratulation from Christy Clark

4. TABLE ITEMS

220/2011 – Moved, seconded and CARRIED that the Table Items be received and filed.

Table item

5. REPORTS

a) Resolution needed to apply for the Community Recreation Grant.

221/2011 – Moved, seconded and CARRIED that Council supports the Community Recreation Grant application for the replacement of the boiler and refit of the pool.

Recreation grant for pool

b) Report on the North Island Regional Emergency Planning Committee.

6. BYLAWS

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Councillor Wickstrom reported on the need for a 4-Way stop at the intersection of Campbell Way and Mine Road.

4-Way stop
Campbell Way
& Mine Road

8. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

9. ADJOURNMENT

222/2011– Moved, seconded and CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 pm

Adjourn

Mayor

Administrator



Port McNeill & District Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Centre

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December 15, 2011

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Dec 21/11

Mayor Gerry Furney and Town Council
Town of Port McNeill
PO Box 728
Port McNeill, British Columbia
V0N 2R0

Dear Mayor Furney and Town Council,

It is with great respect that I write to congratulate you on your recent re-election and election to the mayoral and council positions in Port McNeill. Congratulations!

We join with you in the pride and support of our rich forestry and logging resources, aquaculture and mining and in the steady progress and sustainability of our local businesses. The regard and support of our resource industries and local business is a duty we are happy to unite with the Town of Port McNeill on.

Your knowledge, support and encouragement are valued by our Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to continuing our combined effort to prosper Port McNeill in every way and at each opportunity.

Thank you for your years of dedication to Port McNeill and once again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

Sharon Barratt
President
Port McNeill & District Chamber of Commerce

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Cc: The Port McNeill & District Chamber of Commerce
The Mount Waddington Regional District
Chris Sharpe Town of Port McNeill /Chamber Liaison

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TOWN OF PORT McNEILL

Derek Koel
North Island Trail Riders Organization Society
Box 1407
Port McNeill, BC V0N 2R0

January 10, 2012

Mayor and Council
Town of Port McNeill
1775 Grenville Place
Port McNeill, BC V0N 2R0

Re: Port McNeill Bicycle Recreation Area

Regards Mayor and Council Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town of Port McNeill for its continued support of North Island Trail Riders Organization Society (NITRO) in our endeavours to develop a Bicycle Recreation Area off Pioneer Hill Drive. During the spring and summer I lead a group of volunteers, mainly youths, armed with shovels and rakes on Thursday evenings in an attempt to develop the current Bicycle Recreation Area. Developing the site with manual labour is proving to be a slow process and my hope that concerted effort involving heavy equipment such as excavators, back-hoes, and bulldozers etc. has not materialized; this is primarily because the existing agreement between NITRO and The Town is of a temporary nature. The agreement states "The Town of Port McNeill may choose at any time to revoke permission to use this area for any reason with no compensation to North Island Trail Riders Organization." While attempting to recruit the volunteers, machine time, and funding necessary to create a viable Bicycle Recreation Area, the temporary use agreement is consistently the main barrier. People do not want to invest time, money, and goodwill in something that could be arbitrarily taken away.

NITRO would like to propose a 5 year land use agreement with a 5 year renewal option. The current agreement is for a 100M X 30M area; we would like to expand the area to 100M X 80M. We are requesting the area be expanded to the cross ditch that cuts through the middle of the property, still leaving substantial land between the recreation area and Campbell Way. The 100 meter length along Pioneer Hill Drive would remain as is. With an agreement like this we feel we will be able to develop the area into the kind of facility that the public wants and needs, with little or no cost to the Town of Port McNeill.

A viable, safe, and versatile bicycle recreation area is our ultimate goal. The current location has great potential and we are open to, and welcome, any input or ideas. Again, we

thank the Town of Port McNeill for the continued support and we look forward to your response. I am available to meet on or off site to discuss the matter at your convenience. I can be reached at 250-949-1338.

Sincerely:

Derek Koel