

**SBC Public Meeting
10.Oct.29.10**

**Skidegate Band Council
Public Meeting
Held October 29, 2010**

PRESENT:

Chief Councillor	Robert Mills	
Councillors	James Cowpar	Robert Williams
	Bill Yovanovich	David Crosby
Staff:		
Band Manager	Barbara Stevens	

Community Members:

Shelley Gladstone	Terry Williams	Carrie Chapple
Cindy Williams	Marie Roberts	Doris Dashchuk
Juanita Mills	Crystal Zeller	Steven Wesley Sr.
Golie Hans	Gladys Vandal	Russell Gladstone
Irene Mills	Philip Gladstone	Ernie Gladstone
Gladys Gladstone	Laura Jormanianen	Ken Williams
Herman Collinson	Roy Jones	Grace Jones
Harvey Williams	Georgia Williams	Kathy Williams

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by chairperson Robert Mills.

Agenda: Additions:

MOTION: 29-10-10(01pmtg): moved by Irene Mills to accept the agenda as presented. Second Phil Gladstone. CARRIED.

Discussion: Shelley Gladstone: action items are to be added to the minutes.

Adoption of Minutes: July 26, 2010:

MOTION: 29-10-10(02pmtg): moved by David Crosby to adopt the July 26, 2010 minutes as corrected. Second Robert Williams. CARRIED.

Correction: Kay is the correct spelling-page 2.

Discussion: Shelley Gladstone asked did someone follow up on the drugs, which Barb Wilson brought up, something should have gone into the newsletter about this.

Lauren Brown is negotiating with Health Canada regarding travel funds, Robert Williams and James Cowpar will bring up to First Nations Health Council. Bill Yovanovich added

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it was in the newsletter for patients travelling to hold on to their food receipts (voluntary not mandatory). Escorts are only referred by the doctor.

Gladys Gladstone: doesn't see anything in here about the dogs. Robert Williams explained on the dog issue, and the night patrols, it has been put in the newsletter that all dogs are to be tied up or fenced in. With our financial situation SBC cannot afford a dog catcher and pound. SBC is meeting with QCC in early November to discuss possible solutions.

MOTION: 29-10-10(03pmtg): moved by Shelley Gladstone to adopt the September 10, 2010 minutes, as amended. Second Robert Williams. CARRIED.

Discussion: Robert Mills explained the \$500,000 GST goes to Ottawa anyway, if we apply for it, it will come to Skidegate. Expenditure of the funds will be determined by the community of Skidegate, i.e. SHIP, Youth Center, Kay. A board would be set up with community members on it. Everybody would pay the tax. Shelley Gladstone asked so we'd know on a quarterly basis, how much money has been sent to us and the community could decide how it will be spent. Fat Tax: all fuel, alcohol and tobacco sold on reserve would be taxed, the government decided no fat tax anymore. It's a tax on all purchases or no tax. David Crosby added that the Band Council could offer tax refunds if people applied for them. We need a resolution of support from the community. Do a community FAQ with the question and answers that were brought up at the Sept. 10, 2010 forum. Circulate them via newsletter, Facebook, and the website, there would be a referendum on it. No date set because there hasn't been enough of our public attending the information sessions. Shelley Gladstone stated at Musqueam before they approve their budget the public must review the proposed budget and the coordinators have their funding proposals for public information, this would help our community. There will be an open house in November or December, we'll have financial statements available.

Alcohol and Drugs: James Cowpar reported Council had a meeting with the RCMP, the next newsletter we'll put out a call to our community to sit on a committee. This will be an avenue to address the drug issue.

Kay Update: Council has signed a separation agreement – the Kay board is now in place. Council has also severed all financial ties with Kay. Jason Alsop took one year internship to increase his skill level in order to run Kay effectively. Duane Alsop and James Cowpar are in charge at Kay at the moment, helping with operations. Shelley Gladstone asked so it's not Council that hires and fires at Kay. No. The new board will be at the next meeting to report to the public, information such as term of office, terms of reference.

Robert Williams' remarks: One of the primary facets of this Council has been to empower Managers and, even more importantly, to empower you – the electorate – in making decisions relevant to this community. That is why, for example, we have requested your input on Housing matters via public forums like this and via our Housing

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Committee. That is why we have requested your input on matters relating to Education via our Education Committee which, I should point out, is always open for interested community members to join. Finally, that is also why the Skidegate Band Council followed up on a Motion passed on November 11, 2009, requesting that a “Band Membership Committee” be formed to assist the Band Council in making decisions on transfers. This follow-up was done, first, via internal Motion outlining the parameters of the Committee and, second, via community call-outs, which were distributed in our local paper and posted at the Band Office through August and September. Unfortunately, in this instance, I must report that due to an apparent lack of interest in this committee, the Skidegate Band Council has decided that it will resume its task of approving and disproving Band membership transfers. For the record, there were only 2 applicants.

In any event, just to switch gears here, on the matter of education the Skidegate Band Council has made it known to both schools – high school and elementary – that we intend to have a much more “visible” presence in both schools. That is to say, Council has committed to doing annual “site visits” to QCSS and Sk’aadгаа Naay Elementary to demonstrate to our youth that Council – as community leaders – takes education seriously and, even more importantly, takes an active interest in what our youth, students and, indeed, future leaders are doing here and now.

Sort of in the same vein, the Skidegate Band Council, in partnership with the Skidegate Youth Council, has re-booted the Skidegate Homework sessions as requested by the youth. For your information, the Homework sessions take place Wednesday nights from 6-9PM at the library. I guess I could also note, even though details are still in the extremely early stages, that the Skidegate Youth Council, much like last year, will donate a prize to be drawn and won at random come the end of the school year – June 2011. So, stay tuned!

Also, on a positive note, the Skidegate Band Council – on September 24 – formally ratified the Education Committee’s recommendations for the January 2011 post-secondary intake. This resulted in 13 students being funded for the January semester at a total cost of \$112,071.58.

Finally on the Education front, the Skidegate Education department submitted a proposal to INAC for a First Nations and Inuit Youth Employment Skills Link program and was successful in getting \$70,000 in funding. The proposal was to hire 6 youth between the ages of 15 and 30. The youth will be mentored and trained in technology – smartboard installation and maintenance, computer networking and maintenance, digitizing and archiving for the museum and parks, and possibly a professional videographer course are what has been discussed with our three partners so far. Two youth will be placed with the SHIP program, two youth at the museum and two at Parks Canada. Casey Vander Weide has been contracted to oversee the project which will run from November 1st to April 29th, 2011. This information was disseminated by way of posters at Jags, Taaw Naay, Skidegate Video, and the postal kiosk as well as in our newsletter and our web site. There was also a one day information session held at the Community Career Centre on October 8th from 9 am to 5 pm where Casey was available to give out information along with

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application forms and answer any questions that came up. In all, there were nine applicants for the six positions. The students are taking a level 1 web design course put on by NWCC that starts this Saturday and ends November 27th as a part of their work experience.

Robert Mills applauds our education committee – **rec** Sept. 23, 2010, three week turn around between **rec** and Council approval on Sept. 24, 2010.

Bill Yovanovich Update: Education-monthly visits to the school. SHIP-meeting with Angus Wilson and Ken Campbell, they want us to do up a 3-4 year plan for SHIP so we hope that means funding.

BC Ferries Advisory Meeting on Nov. 8th, so if anyone has any concerns bring them to Bill Yovanovich at the Band office.

Health Hub-is a good place to voice our concerns and give input regarding health.

Meeting with Haico-with Tom Olsen, Executive Assistant and Irene Mills, Taan Forest Corp. manager.

Swan Bay: James Cowpar stated Swan Bay recently held their AGM, they are moving their office to Kay.

GNC-the CEO hiring is ongoing, in consultation with Haico, looking at capacity development, forestry, shellfish discussions moving ahead. A PICFI business case, Chinese interested in scallops.

Capital Update: David Crosby reported O'Brien was hired to cut trees down at 165/hr and traded for rock for the job. We're on the freeze list for housing from 2004 to now so had to put \$75,000 to roofs, some houses are done through insurance and INAC funds. Council is cleaning up to get off the freeze list, we want a road to our dam and went to INAC with a report from previous inspection, INAC is funding Trow \$50,000 to do phase 1 of our dam survey and assessments. Phase 2-\$71,000, beaver dammed it up, so hard to get rid of the beaver. SBC put in to INAC for emergency roof funds of \$321,000.

Bill Yovanovich reported on the BC Ferries sewer/water, DNA did a cost report for BC Ferries to hook up to Skidegate's sewer and water. Quote-several different options for BC Ferries to select from. BC Ferries is paying for everything.

Phil Gladstone asked why didn't we sell our rock and hire our people to cut the alder down. Access road to dam-will we sell our rock to the contractor. If we have that opportunity again, we will.

SHIP-Gladys Vandal: it is stressful to not have funding, would like to see more Elders attending SHIP. Curriculum is needed. SBC backs SHIP 100%. SHIP has been working hard on the curriculum, if the community directs Council to be at SHIP two

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hours per week, as part of our work week, we will do it, every day we're busy except Thursday. Laura Jormanianen and Joan Moody work at the schools with 200 students, 15 hrs per week, Joan Moody needs more time to do lesson plans, K-7, please look into giving her more time so next time at school come to Haida language room. SBC brought this up with the principal to request more hours. Council will bring it up again.

Band Manager's Report: Skidegate Band has applied for Funding this fall in the following areas:

- Skills & Partnership Training \$277,584.55
For carpenter, plumber, electrician apprentice training – awaiting approval
- Gwaii Trust Parity \$250,000.00
To cover the Kaay line of credit payments
- INAC's eco-energy-Energy Baseline Analysis app \$ 15,000.00
Funding approved to do up an application for analyzing Skidegate's energy consumption
- Soc Dev Teaching Haida Skills \$ 50,000.00
Funding approved for Soc Dev to carry out Haida Skills training for SA recipients
- BC Capacity Initiative-Haida Language Worker \$ 75,000.00
For someone to scribe for the Haida Language Program-awaiting approval
- BCCI-OMVC/SBC/CHN-Hire & train in forestry base \$199,936.00
For forestry worker training-awaiting approval

Skidegate is in the process of applying for funding to carry out a 'Community Training Assessment'. This will help us to apply to agencies for more training funds.

The Education Department applied for and received funding in the amount of \$69,349 for Mentored Skills Placement in Information Technology.

Gwaii Trust-Skidegate, Old Massett and the Council of the Haida Nation have requested a full payout of the Haida Parity Funds. Gwaii Trust met and they will pay \$1,666,666.67 to each of the 3 Haida groups this year and will determine the next 2 years payout.

Questions:

Gladys Gladstone: in these times of unemployment and tough times, can SBC put people to work? Look at it. David Crosby agrees, but we're in RMP, SBC's funding is tight right now. We've been raising that with the Haida Nation re: jobs and TFL. Our apprentices are hard working, through SNDS, stopped, no notice. Willard Wilson has been working on this talking to other northern Bands. In past WOP funds have been used to put people to work. SBC staff has cut back to a 4 day work week.

Robert Williams-as community member CHN has a quorum, is there a quorum number for public meetings, what is the quorum 10 members?

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Shelley Gladstone-Roe on Kelp-how did we do this year and what are we doing next year? Did we have a halibut license. Finance report by James Cowpar-\$50,000 deficit this year, CHN does halibut and food fish trip paid for by CHN/OMVC/SBC. SBC still has to decide what they will do for the upcoming HROK season in March 2011.

Housing-transferring money from capital to housing, will spend time with policy. Roof funding-\$630,000 for capital, SBC put \$150,000 – emergency, \$100,000 – Elder’s renovations, dam road - \$150,000, \$75,000 for five houses and \$100,000 – housing coordinator and assistant. Will give a copy in next newsletter. Bill Yovanovich added there was a problem with HROK because a lapse in Council, the harvest was quite good, it was the price that was not good.

Irene Mills-housing-policy, sent Council, no response, new Council, 2 letters, no response, kitchen \$7000, new cupboards, kitchen and bath, new paint, sent a list of deficiencies, got dirty old cupboards, in the policy why do contractors not put in list of supplies that will be ordered, SBC should have a storage building, got a email from the housing coordinator. How can this continue, frustrating not getting communication and a contractor that can’t acknowledge. James Cowpar-policy has cracks, will bring forward once again. Housing coordinator has asked to answer in letter, contractor policy and obligations are needed, if faulty work, will deal with it in house. No hold back to the contractors, we need a place to store materials. Irene Mills went out and priced another kitchen, over \$7000, job not complete, and not inspected. Make the process transparent. Did Irene Mills have a material list. No. Ed Dignard inspected. How will you manage the inventory that is left and payment of jobs. David Crosby-we will look at, the policy and material list and cost. James Cowpar and David Crosby will follow up on this.

1. Dogs
2. Education-Joan Moody
3. Irene Mills

Housing committee not answering letters, need to do that, committee needs to wait for answer every letter that comes in to SBC, all letters.

Steve Wesley-SVFD concern only four volunteers, new equipment, no volunteers. Ask for new volunteers in next newsletter and on Facebook, it was in all your platforms when you ran. Practice night is Tuesday.

Phil Gladstone-\$20,000 made this year for youth center operations.

Health Break

Shelley Gladstone-SVFD-work with high school, to put students at fire department for credits.

Look at eco tourism for Kay, get someone who is talented in doing funding proposals. SBC has been covering Kay deficits, the Kay debt has been the SBC debt, we need to

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ensure that our finances are in the black so our block funding, museum society is going to help fund a person to be hired to work at Kay.

SBC working with Haico in different areas.

Bill Yovanovich-will try to find volunteers for the SVFD.

Closing Remarks: Thanks for coming out tonight, Council doing everything possible to fix our financial situation. Next public meeting January 24, 2011, second to last Monday of January. Because of RMP, Council is cut back to three days per week, Chief cut back 2-3 day per week. The Chief has an autistic daughter, splitting time between Skidegate and Kamloops. Autistic Center for 7 more months, three weeks at Kamloops, 2 weeks in Skidegate. Also looking at possibility of taking her out of the center.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.