

HOLLIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL, Inc. MEETING

Minutes

Proper notice of the meeting date/time was given per the Hollis Community Council, Inc. By-laws

TUESDAY, January 9, 2018

7-9PM

FIRE HALL, HOLLIS, ALASKA

Board Members Present: Tom Harden, Steve Gass, Roger Cates, John Ryan, Ron Curtis (Phone)

Absent Board Members: Sandra Nessett, Dan Sharp

Council Members/visitors Present: see attached roster

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE VP Tom Harden at 7:10 PM

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for December 12, 2017 meeting presented for approval.

Motion to approve: Steve Gass - Second: Roger Cates

Discussion:

Vote: Yes 6 - No 0 - Abstained 0

B. Reading of Correspondence- Secretary: None

C. Community Announcements - Lisa Cates announced she was trying to put together a Winter Pot-luck.

D. Committees/Department Reports: (Please have reports either typed or hand written and presented to the secretary after the report is given so they may be included in the record). Per the implementation of the new By-Laws, reports will be given by the Standing Committees in addition to the following:

Committees: If an individual is interested in serving on a standing committee, please submit your name to any board member or the committee chair.

1) Finance Committee: John Ryan, chair.

a) Checking account Balance: _____

b) Audit:

John reported that he had heard nothing on the late taxes from the IRS and it is currently under review. John also explained that the lock had been changed on the PO box and he was working to remedy the situation. Bills were as follows; 113.18 Power, \$20 PO Box lock change, \$119.06 Phone. We received \$16.31 in interest.

2) Annual Fire Department Fundraiser:

Chair- Lisa Cates, Committee Members- **Membership is open to any interested individual on the Council**

a) Complete financial report.

Total receipts:____ Lisa reported that she needed the checks to complete. Sandy is going to help.

Total costs:_____

Net: _____

Lisa also reported that the date will be changed to Saturday, August 11, 2018

3) Fourth of July Celebration: Chair - Ron Curtis, Committee Members – Steve Gass, Ezra Clark, Colleen Watson

a) No Report Due.

4) Cemetery Committee:

Chair- Deena Taylor, Committee Members- Sandra Nessett, Brian Hallstgrom, Steve Gass

a) No meeting and no report.

Appointed Committee(s):

5) Second Class City Forum:

Chair- Steve Gass, Committee Members- Actively Seeking members

a) Steve reported that he is just getting going on this.

6) By-law/Articles of Incorporation Committee:

Chair- John Ryan, Committee Members- Tom Harden, Ron Curtis, Dan Sharp

a) John reported that he is soliciting suggestions for changes and refinements.

7) Strategic Planning Committee:

Chair- Ron Curtis, Committee Members- Roger Cates, Lisa Cates

a) Ron reported no change in status.

Work Groups:

1. Emergency service:

Committee Members- Lisa Cates, John Ryan, Bill Sharpes

a) Lisa made the proposal that the Emergency Services start over from scratch. Positions must be applied for. The community members will need to find their role and step up and in.

b) A motion was made by John Ryan to go forward with the first stage of the proposal. Ron Seconded. Motion Carried 6-0-0

c) A Motion was made by John Ryan for Bill Sharpes to remain Chief in the interim (At least 2 months). Tom Seconded. Bill Sharpes was contacted prior to the vote to make sure he was on board. Motion Carried 6-0-0.

d) A Motion was made by Lisa to extend the Emergency Services committee through the end of June, Steve Seconded. Motion Carried 6-0-0.

e) Lisa announced that the date for Emergency Services enrollment would be 2-6-18 7:00 PM at the Firehall.

2. Document Control - Ron Curtis

a) Ron reported that only Tom has signed up on Dropbox.

b) Tom reported out on the costs of a document safe, at a cost of just over \$500 from Log Cabin.

c) Tom amde

Department Reports:

1) FIRE/EMS: Bill Sharpes – Absent, No Report

a. Vehicles: .

b. Emergency Calls since last meeting.

- c. Training: It was announced that there would be a training on Saturday January 20th.

POW Group Membership Reports

- 1) **POWCAC – Ron Curtis** – There was no meeting this month.
- 2) **POWWA – Sam Schlobohm** – Absent, No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Locks on building: John Ryan
 - a) John reported no change and that the last lock would be changed as soon as all necessary individuals had a copy of the new key.
2. CAPSIS: Ron Curtis
 - a) No change in status
3. Fish and Game Proposals, status: John Ryan
 - a) It was announced that Tom Harden would be attending the meeting to represent the community.
 - b) Tom made his letter the the commission available to the community.
4. Heater Repair status.
 - a) The heater was repaired for \$225.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) John reported that the PO box was shut down, and all mail has been returned to sender. Also, it may no longer be free to the community and it may cost \$108 every 6 months to rem=new. We may not get the same box number either (PO Box 706).

Motion to adjourn : Tom Harden

Meeting adjourned: 8:30

ALASKA LEGISLATURE

Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins

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Pelican · Petersburg · Point Baker · Port Alexander · Port Protection · Sitka · Tenakee Springs · Thorne Bay · Whale Pass

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Fisheries
Judiciary



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State Capitol, Room 411
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201 Katlian Street, Ste. 103
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December 4, 2017

Dear Chairman McAlpine,

I am writing to request that the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) hold a commission meeting on Prince of Wales Island.

For the past three years, my office has worked with the communities on Prince of Wales, and specifically the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council (POWCAC), to assess the quality and accessibility of service provided by telecom carriers on Prince of Wales Island. POWCAC, established in 1989, is an association of communities and tribes on Prince of Wales Island dedicated to improving the quality of life on the island. In consultation with these community leaders, we researched and vetted potential strategies to improve the poor service on Prince of Wales Island.

The communities of Coffman Cove, Port Protection, Point Baker and Whale Pass have no cellular coverage at all. In Naukati Bay, Thorne Bay, and Hollis, coverage is only partial. Even in communities where cell service is available, connection is weak. Speed tests of cellular data connections in communities where cellular service is available showed consistently weak and slow connections: average download speeds were below 1 mbps in each community.

I believe that island residents — who have felt powerless and without an means to understand why things are the way they are and with little to no recourse — would appreciate the opportunity to have their voices heard.

The small population and the potential cost of developing the infrastructure necessary for reliable telecom service make improvements unlikely, absent government funding. GCI, the only eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) operating in the service areas that encompass Prince of Wales Island, has no plans to use federal dollars made available to GCI through the Alaska Plan or other programs to improve service on the island.

A meeting with the residents and community leaders on Prince of Wales Island will be an opportunity for the RCA to obtain valuable information about the extent to which cellular service is available and how the availability, or lack thereof, affects the residents of Prince of Wales Island. This meeting should include my office and POWCAC, as well as other community leaders and residents. I am eager to facilitate in any way I and my office is able, and I am certain the same is true of leaders on the island.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JKT', written in a cursive style.

Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins

PRINCE OF WALES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL RESOLUTION No. 17-01

A JOINT RESOLUTION BY AND BETWEEN THE COMMUNITIES OF THE PRINCE OF WALES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (POWCAC) SETTING TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND FOR 2017

WHEREAS, the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council acts in an advisory capacity for participating communities on Prince of Wales Island; and,

WHEREAS, the representatives from the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities have discussed proposed road projects for Prince of Wales Island and have suggested that communities on the island develop a consensus of road projects priorities for inclusion in the State of Alaska's STIP, Public Forest Service Roads Program, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Roads Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council has discussed road needs on Prince of Wales Island and recommends that the following projects and priorities be adopted by the Island communities and submitted to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for inclusion in the State's planning and prioritization process; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the communities of the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council hereby adopt the following regional transportation projects and priorities for roads on Prince of Wales Island:

FOREMOST TRANSPORTATION PRIORITY

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
1.	Operational Support to IFA	Continue annual appropriation in the State of Alaska General Fund operating budget.
2.	Roads and Trails vegetation control	Mechanical not Chemical means for controlling noxious and/or invasive plants.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
1.	Kasaan Road	Phase I-Goose Creek to Tolstoi Bay; Phase II-Tolstoi Bay to Kasaan: Upgrade to a two-lane road at 35 mph design speed. Surface with D1 and asphalt. The road is critical to Kasaan and carries school bus traffic, daily commuting from S. Thorne Bay to the balance of Prince of Wales Island, and industrial truck traffic, making upgrade of the right of way priority.
2.	Resurfacing Hydaburg Road	Redesign, straighten, and resurface the Hydaburg Road to provide safe driving conditions.
3.	Naukati Bay Road	Upgrade and pave Naukati Bay access road between the North POW Road and the Naukati Seaplane Float.

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| 4. | Whale Pass Road | Upgrade and pave the Neck Lake and Twin Island roads to create a suitable road base for El Capitan Cave and north island traffic loop through Whale Pass. |
| 5. | Sandy Beach Road | Upgrade and reconstruct between Thorne Bay and Coffman Cove. Evaluate merits of construction of the low elevation Eagle Creek road segment. |
| 6. | Ratz Harbor-Eagle Creek Rd. | Construct a low elevation road between Ratz Harbor and Eagle Creek. |
| 7. | Port Saint Nicholas Rd. | Upgrade and improve the remainder of the Port Saint Nicholas Road system located outside of Craig. |

AIR TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
1.	Frank Peratrovich Airport	Construct/install improvements detailed in the airport master plan, and provide a public parking facility. Address invasive plant species issues.

ROADS TO RESOURCES

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
1.	POW Minerals and Hydropower Road	Construct road access to POW mine and hydro-electric project sites, including Reynolds Creek, Niblack Mine, and Bokan Mountain sites.

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
1.	IFA Terminal & Clark Bay Float Plane Dock Parking area	Expand the public parking area shared by IFA and State of Alaska for passengers using the IFA and Clark Bay Floatplane Dock facilities.
2.	Coffman Cove and South Mitkof Terminal Modifications	Modification to allow both Rainforest Ferry Authority, AMHS and IFA vessels to dock at both terminals.
3.	Community Transit System	Establish an Island-wide bus system to connect communities and transportation hubs.

NON-MOTORIZED FACILITY PRIORITIES

1.	Craig-Klawock Path	Construct a multi-use path for 4.7 miles along the uphill side of the highway between Craig and Klawock.
2.	Multiple Use Paths	Construct multi-use paths along the mainline road system Prince of Wales Island.
3.	POW Discovery/Visitor Center	Planning, design, and construction of a POW

Discovery/visitor's center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, US Forest Service and FHWA Western Federal Lands Division in Vancouver, Washington, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Governor Bill Walker, Senator Bert Stedman, Rep. Dan Ortiz, Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, and other members of the Alaska Legislature that represent Southeast Alaska communities.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24^h day of January, 2017 by the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council.

POWCAC Chair

Wayne Benner

1. City of Thorne Bay
2. City of Hydaburg
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