

# VILLAGE OF MASSET

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September 15, 2009

Re: De-staffing Lightstations

The Village of Masset at its regular meeting of Monday, September 14, 2009, passed the following resolution:

## RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that the Village of Masset supports staffed lightstations. We believe that retaining the 27 remaining staffed lightstations is the best way to ensure the safety of the members of our community who travel on or over the waters of BC's West coast and the safety of all those who come to visit our beautiful coastal waters. We would hold the Canadian Coast Guard to their larger mandate, their motto, of Safety First, Service Always. We want a human presence at these 27 lighthouses. We want these trained weather observers to inform us of the weather at these strategic locations 24 hours a day, every day of the year. We want a lightkeeper to be able to relay a distress call from a weak VHF radio. We want lightkeepers on hand to offer assistance to those who need it, to protect the stations, the aids to navigation and other equipment on hand. We disagree with the Canadian Coast Guard when it states that its responsibility on lightstations only extends as far as the navigational aids. Staffed lightstations help protect the marine environment, play a major role in the safety of the public on our waters, and help to ensure Canada's sovereignty and security by establishing a strong federal presence on our coastline. We ask the Canadian Coast Guard to rescind their plans to de-staff lightstations.

MOVED by Councillor Woode, SECONDED by Councillor Grosse that the Village of Masset support the draft resolution that supports the service of staffed lightstations.

CARRIED

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Department	Plant	Inspector	Development	Office	Centre	Airport
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