

## **Town Council Meeting of Feb. 2, 2010**

Hi everyone

Mayor and Council were all in attendance and joined by CAO Gipps, Directors of Finance and Planning Poole and Marshall respectively, Corporate Officer Jansson, and media guys Eckford (CKAY) and Richter (Coast Reporter). Five people were in the gallery.

Following approval of the agenda, it was agreed to deal with a number of items out of order in consideration of Mr Cruickshank's need to catch the last ferry.

Mr Cruickshank had applied to subdivide a lot at 348 Burns Road which required a Development Variance Permit to reduce setbacks as well as a variance to the Subdivision and Development Bylaw to allow for a change of required frontage improvements. Accordingly, Council

- Considered public opinion on the administration report (item 9.1) – no comments were forthcoming from the public
- Received the administration report on final adoption of the Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1065-8 (agenda item 9.2)
- Gave final adoption to Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1065-8 (agenda item 12.1)

Minutes were adopted (Council, Jan 19<sup>th</sup>) and received (Public Arts, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>; Corporate Services, Oct 27<sup>th</sup>)

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### ***Corporate Services, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010***

- Council approved the award of a contract for the operation of the Visitor Information Centre to the Gibsons & District Chamber of Commerce based on the Chamber's submission of December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- Council approved a recommendation that Councillor Tretick work with the Sunshine Coast Museum & Archives, the Town staff and the SCRCD to find suitable (climate controlled) accommodation for artefacts that have been identified for future storage needs.
- Council asked staff to write to the Recycling Council of BC recommending they contact ENCORP regarding funding assistance
- Council approved an amended Memorandum of Understanding with SD 46 for the coming year
- Council approved a donation of \$1,000 to Sunshine Coast Tourism so that it can participate in a special event at the 2010 Commerce centre on February 11<sup>th</sup> to promote the Sunshine Coast to key Olympic visitors. Other local governments on the Coast area also supporting this initiative.

#### ***Special Committee of the Whole, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010***

- Council approved the issuance of Development Permit Application 2009-15 for the construction of a two story building at the corner of Gibsons Way and Mahon Road. The building will be occupied by the Bank of Montreal. Dave Longman thanked Council and Planning Director Marshall for their help in expediting the approval. Construction is expected to begin in March, and be completed in October, following which four months of fit-up will precede the bank opening.

- Council directed staff to report back with the financial implications and necessary steps to proceed with the options contained in the Committee of the Whole Report of January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 regarding single family residential recycling. The report will deal with options regarding curb side collection, single/multi stream collection, and the report will be brought back to Committee of the Whole in about one month.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Three items of correspondence were received. It was noted that District of Sechelt Mayor Darren Inkster appears increasingly interested in participating in provincial associations (UBCM, AVICC were mentioned), and this was generally seen to be a good thing for the Lower Sunshine Coast.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Councillor Johnson** is glad to be back and recuperating well from recent medical attention.

- Attended the recent government leaders workshop

### **Councillor Rowe**

GLHA

- the terms of four directors are concluding. The Harbour Authority will advertise for new candidates and submit recommendations to Council
- the Harbour Authority will be spending \$1.3 million on improvements, \$450,00 before the end of this March
- the Harbour Authority will be writing to tell Coastal Link Ferries that Gibsons Harbour has no capacity to accommodate their request

### **Councillor Tretick**

- Attended session with Colin Hansen on Jan 26<sup>th</sup> (along with a disputed number of HST protestors)
- Attended the recent government leaders workshop
- Attended the Parks Master Plan Open House and noted that only about a dozen members of the public were there. He suggested that Council members study the plan (which will be expensive to implement) and provide their input.
- Attended the Botanical Garden Gala on Jan 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Mayor Janyk**

UBCM Executive

- The Deputy Minister of Community & Rural Development, Dale Wall, has advised the UBCM Executive that no invoices for projects covered under stimulus funding will be paid after March 31<sup>st</sup>. If projects are not finished, local communities must find the resources to complete them.
- The Regional District (RD) drafted a resolution asking the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to ask the federal government for an extension on stimulus funding projects; FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) rejected the RD's resolution. Consequently the RD has proposed to withdraw its payments to FCM for this year.
- The HST will have an impact on how tourism is funded. DMO's are concerned about the fate of the hotel tax. UBCM will have a report on this issue available in a couple of months.

- The Mayor briefed the UBCM Executive on the situation regarding the provincial court judge on the Sunshine Coast. UBCM will not take an active role in this matter at this time.
- UBCM will be holding a forum for members on the Province's Local Government Election Task Force on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The Province is sticking to its May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline so that recommended changes can be implemented before the 2011 elections. Key issues according to the Mayor will be term of office (currently three years), campaign financing, and a return to the business vote, which the Mayor said UBCM members are resolutely against. He did not mention the issue, important in this community, of the mail-in ballot. Information regarding the Elections Task Force is available at <http://www.localelectiontaskforce.gov.bc.ca/> and comments can be made through that site.

### **Olympic Torch Relay**

- Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – arrives at 10:30 in Sechelt (Spirit Square) and at 1:45 in Gibsons (Winegarden Park)

### **Councillor Curry**

Attended the session with Colin Hansen, who he described as "a straight shooter".

Best Coast Initiatives

- BCI will focus on fundraising
- Recruiting new directors
- Working on four projects for Gibsons
  - Hillside Industrial Park
  - developing marketing benefits from LivCom award
  - determining the economic feasibility of the Harbour Plan
  - development of intelligent products cluster
- Described BCI directors as "great people who give a lot of their time"

### **IN CAMERA**

Council continued to meet "in camera" to discuss the recycling issue.

Until the 16<sup>th</sup>,

Cheers,

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