

Greetings:

Gibsons Council (all present except Councillor Johnson) met last night for an hour and twenty five minutes.

Adoption of Minutes of a special Council meeting with members of the School Board was deferred to the next meeting of Council, pending some corrections and clarifications requested by Councillor Curry. Councillor Tretick noted the length of the Post Meeting Action Checklist (currently 13 pages). CAO Gipps explained that items remain on the list until they have been completely dealt with. Councillor Curry's questions regarding two checklist items were answered.

## **COMMITTEES**

### **Planning**

- Council approved a statement of support for the SCRD's Sunshine Coast Sustainability Vision
- Council approved a DVP regarding setback reductions at 348 Burns Road

### **Parks & Community Services**

- Council approved a recommendation to write a letter of support for Private Members Bill C-475 regarding restrictions on methamphetamine and ecstasy, noting that the Bill will continue its path through Parliament, proroguing notwithstanding.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

- Council approved the borrowing of \$294,000 from the MFA for the Road Rehabilitation Program. Interest is estimated at \$133,000 over the ten year term of the loan.
- Council received a report from the Planner on Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1065-10 to regulate short term (less than 28 days) rental accommodations. In the questions that followed, it was stated that the Bylaw is in response to cases where short term renters of residential accommodation have disrupted neighbourhoods, and that the Bylaw will be enforced on complaint. Its purpose is not to prevent house swapping or accommodating visitors at major events (like the upcoming Olympics).
- Council received a report from the Assistant Planner on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1065-8 regarding 348 Burns Road.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Council agreed to send a letter supporting the Sunshine Coast Community Orchestra's application for funding from the BC Lottery Corporation.
- Council received information regarding the AVICC AGM and convention to be held in Powell River April 9-11. (Association of Vancouver Island & Coastal Communities)

## **BYLAWS**

- Council gave 1<sup>st</sup> reading to Zoning Bylaw Amendment 1065-10 regarding the regulation of short term rental of dwelling units, and set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, February 16 at 6:30 pm.
- Council gave 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings to Zoning Bylaw Amendment 1065-8 regarding 348 Burns Road

### **OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY**

- The Mayor reported that the Olympic Torch will be stopping in Gibsons at Winegarden Park on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. He thanked Michelle Jansson for her efforts in putting together a program (from 1pm to 2pm) that will include entertainment, the Squamish Nation, and refreshments by Wild Bistro.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Regarding the matter of the Provincial Court Judge on the Sunshine Coast raised by Councillor Rowe at Council's last meeting, it was reported that CAO Gipps had spoken to the CAOs of the SCRCD and the District of Sechelt who have indicated their Chair/Mayor's support and their willingness that Gibsons should lead the charge on this issue. The Town will now write to the Minister on behalf of local governments on the Sunshine Coast (including the Sechelt Indian Government District) to ask for a meeting. Meanwhile, UBCM met recently with Minister Heed and this issue was raised. The UBCM executive will be discussing it further this week.

### **MEETING DATES**

- Corporate Services (The Visitor Information Centre contract will be on the agenda); 9:00 am, Tuesday, January 26
- Committee of the Whole (recycling, commuter ferries); 1:00 pm, Wednesday, January 27
- Parks Master Plan Open House; 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Wednesday, January 27;

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Curry;** none

**Rowe;** none

#### **Tretick**

- met with SC Museum & Archives, they will meet with Tretick and the Mayor next week regarding their financial difficulties
- met with SC Community Foundation regarding its strategic plan
  - the Vital Signs report has been very well received
  - the Foundation will be organizing a meeting of funders on the Coast to discuss how coast non-profits can best be supported
- a report on the future of the BC Ambulance Service is out. One option in the report is that local government support the service. This will be an item for discussion in the near future.

#### **Janyk**

- attended a meeting on Wednesday which included the 3 economic Trusts (Northern, Southern Interior and Island Coastal) and Bill Bennett, Minister of Community & Rural Development and his officials. The Trusts are trying to find ways to get the money into communities in a more dramatic way. They will meet with the Ministry again in a couple of months in an effort to align their strategies with those of the Province.
- The RD budget goes into round 2 the second week of February. Less will be asked of Gibsons this year, and is participating in fewer functions.

- In the context of the UBCM meeting he will be attending this week with local government people from throughout BC, the Mayor stated that he thinks we are relatively well off here on the Sunshine Coast, due in part to our proximity to the Olympic showcase.

The next meeting of Council will be February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Cheers,  
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