

Happy New Year everyone!

Council held its first meeting of 2010 tonight. All were present.

The first order of business was the Oath of Office made before Michelle Jansson by Councillor-elect Gerry Tretick, followed by the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty The Queen. The Mayor then invited Councillor Tretick "to take a seat at the Council table, where we will have fun". A very large gallery applauded with enthusiasm.

The amended agenda and minutes of the December 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting were approved. HWTM asked that staff determine the cost of both the installation and the removal of the traffic calming measures on O'Shea, as a resident has asked for the information.

### **COMMITTEES**

#### ***Policing Service Task Force Committee***

Councillor Rowe asked that the deadline for the Committee's report be extended from 31 December 2009 to 31 March 2010. Approved.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Council approved DP 2009-10 for a mixed use development at 458 Marine Drive.

Council received the report of the Chief Election Officer regarding the December 19<sup>th</sup> by-election. The CAO noted that the by-election was conducted within budget. He also stated that the lessons learned from the conduct of the by-election, as enumerated in the report, will be considered by the Town after the Provincial Task Force has brought in its report on changes to the election section of the Local Government Act later this year.

Council approved DVP 2009-06 for a subdivision at 744 Hillcrest Road.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Council received and disposed of correspondence as follows:

- Letter from UBCM regarding foreign students and recreational activity, referred to the Community Policing Committee
- Letter from SCRD regarding the proposed Sunshine Coast Sustainability Vision, referred to the Planning Committee next Tuesday
- Letter from BC Progress Board received
- Letter from MLA John Slater regarding Living Water Smart, referred to staff to contact Minister of Environment White with information about Town's aquifer mapping project.



### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor Rowe reported that the Judge assigned to the Provincial Court in Sechelt has retired as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, and the Provincial Government has yet to appoint a replacement. As a result, court days in Sechelt will be reduced effective January 1<sup>st</sup> from 4 days per week to 2 days per week. This will increase substantially the wait times for cases to be heard. Council agreed that a full court press (no pun intended) be made on the Province to address this unacceptable situation. The CAO will organize a meeting soon with the District of Sechelt, the Sunshine Coast Regional District and the Sechelt Indian Government District, the objective of which is to put together a delegation to Attorney General Coleman. Councillor Rowe will play a leading role in this effort.

### **UPDATES**

The Town`s website has been re-designed and is being re-populated for a scheduled re-launch in early February.

The Town will celebrate the Olympic Torch Relay with a one hour event at 1 pm on Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup> at Winegarden Park. The Torch will make a brief appearance on its way to the ferry in Langdale.

Council Reports were light due to the Christmas holiday.

The meeting adjourned to cake in the lobby at 8:10 pm.

Cheers,

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