

Hi everyone:

Welcome to summer (finally)!

Council met for an hour and a half yesterday evening, Councillor Rowe in the Chair, Councillors Curry, Johnson and Tretick attending. Staff present were Gipps, Jansson, Gilbertson, Marshall, Newman and Poole.

The agenda was approved, minutes were adopted and received as required.

#### CORPORATE SERVICES

##### *Sunshine Coast Tourism*

Council approved a grant of \$5,635 to Sunshine Coast Tourism. Councillor Tretick noted that this is the Town's share of what amounts to a coast-wide grant made to SCT by all local governments, and which the Town had forgotten to include when its budget was being finalized. Councillor Curry supported the grant, the Town's very tight budget notwithstanding. Councillor Johnson said that she was concerned with the grant, as she does not like the Town supporting businesses with funds that had been intended for local non-profits and charities.

Council agreed to support the concept of a locally administered regionally applied 2% hotel tax to be utilized for tourism development on the lower Sunshine Coast.

##### *Coast TV sponsorship*

The Town is supporting the Coast Profile Program in the amount of \$250

##### *Recycling Council of BC*

The Town is joining the Council at an annual cost of \$175

##### *Dakota Ridge Operating Options*

The Town supports Option C (volunteer club runs whole operation with no financial support from SCRD, SCRD oversees contract with club). The risk here is that a volunteer club may not have the capacity to fund the operation of Dakota Ridge out of operating revenues. Councillor Tretick said he understands that the opportunity to have private enterprise operate Dakota Ridge is constrained by provincial regulation.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

##### *Subdivision and Development Bylaw Rewrite Award*

The Subdivision and Development Bylaw has not been renewed since the mid 90s. The re-write should result in more clarity and less confusion for developers and property owners, and fewer requests for variances. Council awarded the \$35,715 contract to AECOM, one of two respondents to the RFP.

This item was presented by Dave Newman. Chris Marshall will be leaving Gibsons at the end of the summer to take up a post as Director of Planning for the town of Huntsville, Ontario. Dave has been named the Town's Approving Officer. Here's how provincial legislation defines the job.

- The approving officer has authority to approve subdivision plans and is appointed by the council and, where authorized, the board. Although the council or board establishes the standards for subdivisions, the approving officer is responsible to the provincial government and must base

approval on legislation that is set out in the Land Title Act, Local Government Act, Strata Property Act and Limitation Act.

## ADMINISTRATION

### *694 Gibsons Way*

Council released a covenant on the property so that DVP granted at Council's last meeting can be implemented.

### *Town's Annual Report*

Council received the 2009 Annual Report (including financial statements) prepared by staff. Everyone was pleased with the new format.

## BYLAWS

### *First reading*

#### Recreational Water Lease Control and Regulation Bylaw 1121

Council received the report of the Bylaw Officer on the subject bylaw.

In light of an earlier inquiry regarding the rights of owners of strata property, a letter from John Roper and other concerns expressed about the bylaw as drafted, Council declined to give first reading. Councillor Tretick stated that the Town needs to get this bylaw right, and that the Bylaw Officer's opinion on some of the concerns should be heard before the bylaw is enacted. Councillor Curry favoured deferment. Councillor Johnson was reluctant to defer, preferring to put a bylaw in place for enforcement purposes during the busy summer season, then agreed provided a timeline to move forward was established. Council referred the bylaw back to planning on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1065-14, 2010 re Christ the King Church at The Club

Council gave first reading to the bylaw and set a date for a Public Hearing on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The bylaw gives CTK two more years at the Club on the temporary basis, after which the either CTK must find a new home or zoning to permit the occupancy must be permanently amended.

### *Second and third reading*

Council gave second and third reading to the Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw 122, 2010 to cover the Town's line of credit with CIBC (up to \$100,00)

(The Mayor arrived and took the chair at 7:50 pm.)

Council gave second and third reading to Dog Licensing and Regulation Bylaw Amendment 1124, 2010

## COUNCIL REPORTS

### Rowe

- Attended the SC Community Services Society AGM and was presented with a plaque for the Town.
- Attended an meeting with the CAO of Sooke who outlined the process by which construction is well under way on a hotel and convention centre in Sooke after 24 months of work. The

convention centre is expected to be an economic engine for Sooke. He noted that in Gibsons, we have a proponent for such a project and that we should be working to make it happen.

#### Tretick

- Attended the Rotary 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, noting that the late Eric Small led the effort to get Rotary going on the Coast.
- Attended the Library Board meeting. Noted that the Library Foundation has assets of \$42,000.
- Attended the Botanical Garden Senior Garden opening. Noted that a federal Horizons grant of \$25,000 helped to fund this aspect of the Botanical Garden, and there are still funds available through this program
- Attended the Gospel Rock Refinement Working Committee Open House
- Attended the Ferry Advisory Committee  
BC Ferries is no longer marketing the Circle Pack. Focus is now on destination marketing; on the lower Sunshine Coast that means kayaking and Painted Boat.  
BC Ferries is considering making the Experience Card discounts available only to regular ferry users (a notion roundly rejected by the FAC)  
MV Queen of Surrey will be back in service July 28<sup>th</sup>
- In discussions with the public health folks about the Town's desire to restrict smoking in public areas, it appears they have funds to assist with bylaw enforcement and with educational signage. Council will invite these people to be a delegation.

#### The Mayor

- The HST will actually allow savings on the St Mary's capital budget of \$41 million
- Recommendations of the Police and Transportation committee will be made to the next SCRD board meeting
- This weekend is the big paddlers weekend
- Jim Ling is working on a plan for a more multi-cultural Canada Day next year
- Thanks to staff (particularly Michelle) for the excellent Annual Report.

#### Curry

- Attended the SC Community Services Society AGM. Noted that they have purchased the Thrift Store (business and property both) which will provide the Society with business revenue for its social activities.
- Attended BCI meeting. Given BCI's efforts to focus attention on Coast-wide economic development, there was discussion around the issue of competition between the priorities of the various communities and local governments on the Coast. BCI's finances continue to be fragile.
- Attended Sunshine Coast Youth Action and Awareness Committee. Lighthouse Learning Network is organizing free outdoor tourism training for young people at Camp Bing.
- GLBA has agreed to cover the cost of insurance for the Sunday Market (probably to be called the Gibsons Landing Artisans Market).

#### Johnson

- Attended a public information session on the Aquifer. The consultant briefed attendees on the progress of the project to map the aquifer.

Please note that the next meeting of the Gospel Rock Refinement Working Committee is scheduled for next Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 09:00 am. It might be an interesting meeting. You may have seen in last

Friday's Coast Reporter the Mayor's proposal to have the Town buy the Gospel Rock waterfront to create a conservation area administered by a third party.

<http://www.coastreporter.net/article/20100702/SECHELT0101/307029983/-1/sechelt/town-suggests-waterfront-purchase> Personally, I don't support the notion of spending Town resources on projects, the management of which is abdicated elsewhere.

If you have an opinion about the Gospel Rock Refinement Working Committee's Hybrid Option or the Mayor's new proposal, let the Town know. Letters and emails can be sent to Michelle Jansson, Corporate Officer [mjansson@gibsons.ca](mailto:mjansson@gibsons.ca) and addressed to Mayor and Council and the Gospel Rock Refinement Working Committee. The Town wants the input by the beginning of next week.

Cheers,

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