

Gibsons Council, June 1st, 7 pm

All present but for Councillor Johnson, whose mother has just passed away in Salem, OR. Mayor Janyk expressed the Town's regrets.

The Mayor noted the Town's new Smart car, which will serve the Engineering department, and which gets 65 mpg (gas).

Minutes were adopted (Council) and received for information (Committees).

DELEGATION

Al Strang (Howe Sound Pulp & Paper) informed Council that HSP&P is proceeding to amend its Air Permit with the provincial Ministry of Environment to allow it to burn the wood component of construction debris for fuel on a permanent basis. The mill has been testing this and will continue for another couple of months. It will then share the results of the tests with Gibsons, Squamish and the Ministry, which has the final say.

COMMITTEES

Corporate Services

Council approved a recommendation to give a license to occupy 464 South Fletcher Road to the Coast Arts School & Centre Society (Oct 2010 to May 2011 @ \$400/month)

Regarding Youth Outreach Funding, Council agreed to

- Put the issue to the next Intergovernmental Meeting
- Notify the Rd that the Town has contributed \$9,800
- Ask the UBCM Public Safety Committee to explore ways to fund the Youth Outreach Program in BC communities

ADMINISTRATION

Tree removal

Council granted permission to an applicant to have a tree removed from 500 Sargent Rd (partly on Town property) at the applicant's cost and with a proviso that the tree be suitably replaced. There was a mirthful misunderstanding when Wendy Gilbertson was asked how the tree would be replaced and she replied that there was a dead cherry tree in Holland Park. Everyone in the room imagined the dead tree being trucked up to 500 Sargent and stuck in the ground. What Wendy meant was that the tree count in the Town would be maintained by replacing the dead tree in Holland Park with a new one provided by the applicant. Apparently the applicant has to pay the cost of the tree removal, notwithstanding it being on Town property, because the applicant wants it removed. The Town would be happy to have it rot in place, as long as it was not unsafe.

Liquor license amendment for the Royal Canadian Legion

The Town was asked to comment of the Legion's application to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch to extend its license to include an outdoor patio space. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed to adopt the staff recommendation to support the application, including the proviso that liquor service be

terminated at 11:00 pm in the outdoor area. If the Legion finds that the 11:00 pm limit on the patio isn't satisfactory, they will be welcome to re-apply next year (at a cost of another \$300).

DVP 2010-04, Parkland Subdivision

Council approved the issuance of the DVP to remove the requirement for lighting along the laneways.

DVP 2010-02, 1100 Gibsons Way, Park Plaza Mall expansion

Council approved the issuance of the DVP to vary

- the Subdivision and Development Bylaw to eliminate the requirement for a grassed boulevard along the Payne Road frontage and
- the Signage Bylaw to increase the number of signs, their height and size

Geo-exchange

CAO Gipps reported that work has begun and the project will be accomplished within the revised budget. As the contract for the work has yet to be formally approved by Council, a full report will be circulated to Council, hopefully before the end of the week.

BYLAWS

Second and third reading

- Zoning amendment bylaw 1065-12, 2010; 1070 Gibsons Way to permit a veterinary hospital
- Zoning amendment bylaw 1065-13, 2010; 694 Gibsons Way to create a new multi-family residential zone

Both passed, Councillor Curry opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Mayor asked that a draft bylaw prepared some years ago regarding smoking in parks be brought to the Parks and Community Services Committee. Smoking has become an issue around the Community Centre.

COUNCIL REPORTS

The Mayor

- Attended a meeting of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in Toronto and participated on a panel with the mayors of Santerre QC and Vulcan AB regarding community energy systems. The panel played to a full house. We now have a contact with the Green Municipal Fund.
- Attended a strategic planning session of Best Coast Initiatives (BCI) and was pretty impressed. Gibsons only has so much capacity to fund economic development, and BCI's strategy is to engage the whole coast. They hope to encourage the District of Sechelt by helping with efforts to expand the airport.
- With CAO, will be meeting with RCMP this Thursday morning to discuss a number of issues including vandalism, marine safety

- The Provincial/UBCM Election Task Force report is out. A summary and a full report can be found at http://www.localelectiontaskforce.gov.bc.ca/taskforce_report.html
The Mayor continues to be concerned about campaign financing and spending, and really wants a per cap limit to be set, which is not recommended by the Task Force.
- Gospel Rock Refinement Committee will meet June 7th at 8:45 am (and later at 11:00 am with the Select Committee) to try to wrap up this phase of the work so that it can be presented to a Public Information Meeting at the Legion on June 28th, from 4 to 8 pm.

Councillor Curry

- Attended RCBC Zero Waste conference in Whistler at which there was a focus on organic waste
- Youth Advisory Action Committee is concerned about bullying in schools and has asked SD 46 to do something about it
- Attended a Zero Waste conference at the Cedars, 80 to 200 people participated

Councillor Rowe

- GLHA (Harbour) reported to the Committee of the Whole this morning.
 - Repairs are finished on the dock
 - Carol Doyle has been replaced as Chair by Terry Rhodes
 - New director Ron Nelson is Treasurer
 - Need to have an appointment from the Islands
 - Moorage revenue is down due to bad weather
 - A person on a live-aboard saved a paddler who was in trouble after nightfall.

Councillor Tretick

- Met with Cap U Tourism Management students who want to do a tourism visioning session with the Town
- Sunshine Coast Community Foundation has two task groups pursuing the outcomes of the recent session on employment for young adults; a strategic plan and an assessment of the partnerships needed to implement the plan – both are due in November. The SSCF has been able to continue making grants this year, the economy notwithstanding.
- Attended an affordable housing workshop in Roberts Creek at which local governments, business and local non-profits had reasonable discussions about the issues.
- The Library Board meeting was concentrated on succession planning

The meeting concluded shortly after 9 pm

Cheers,

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