

June 15, 2010 Council Meeting

Hello everyone:

Sorry to be late with this. Wrapping up a couple of projects and a family wedding got in the way. The notes on the Gospel Rock Refinement Working Committee are the most important part of these observations.

Council's meeting on June 15th started with an acknowledgement by the Mayor of the excellent efforts of the emergency response groups (fire, ambulance and police) to the fire in Lower Gibsons on June 4th. The emergency services people in attendance were applauded by Council and the rest of the gallery. The Mayor proclaimed that henceforth, June 4th will be "Emergency Services Personnel Recognition Day" in Gibsons.

The agenda was approved (with minor adjustments), minutes were adopted and received as appropriate.

PLANNING

- Council approved an amendment to Dog Licensing & Regulation Bylaw 930 to increase boarding fees for impounded dogs to \$20/day. This reflects arrangements with a new boarding service provider.
- Council instructed staff to write a Bylaw Enforcement Notice Bylaw. This will result in cheaper enforcement and appeals, and will reduce need to tie up court time. Both the SCR and the District of Sechelt are looking at this.
- Council instructed staff to write a Zoning Bylaw amendment to enable Christ the King Church to use "The Club" for a further two years. Council noted that the Town will be looking for "highest and best use" of "The Club" when the amendment expires.

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Council will sponsor a resolution at UBCM seeking provincial funding from tobacco sales taxes for local government education and signage to reduce tobacco use on public lands.

ADMINISTRATION

- Gospel Rock Refinement Working Committee
(Find the report at

<http://www.gibsons.ca/images/stories/2010council/20100615%20Regular%20Agenda%20Final.pdf>
page 54)

Council authorized the Gospel Rock Refinement Working Committee to hold a public information meeting on Monday, June 28 at the Gibsons Community Centre from 6 pm to 9 pm at which the Working Committee will present the draft Hybrid Option prior to the final report going to Council. Members of the Gibsons Landing Community Association were present and asked for more information about the public process that will follow the meeting on the 28th. These folks are clearly concerned that there be NO development of any part of the waterfront in the Gospel Rock Neighbour Plan. The Hybrid Option provides for some limited development. The Mayor expects the Working Group will report the results of the information meeting to Council by the end of July, and that Council will consider the report in September, at which time a detailed schedule for making and considering the necessary OCP

amendments would be established. The Mayor reminded everyone that the plan for Gospel Rock is long term (forty to sixty years, he said). SC Greenspace is organizing a rally in Lower Gibsons for 11am on Sunday to protest waterfront development at Gospel Rock and to encourage people to attend the meeting on the 28th. I am concerned, as I'm sure many who live on Shaw Road are, that the plan will produce increased traffic from nearly 700 housing units along the Inglis/Shaw "corridor".

- Council approved the Statement of Financial Operations for the year ended 31 December, 2009. (Find the report at <http://www.gibsons.ca/images/stories/2010council/20100615%20Regular%20Agenda%20Final.pdf> page 84)
- Council approved the Mayor's additional travel expenses (under \$200) for a recent trip to Toronto. Council also asked the CAO to review the Town's policies on travel expenses and report to Corporate Services. Over time, the Town's policies have not kept pace with inflationary trends in travel, accommodation and per diem expenses.
- Council issued Development Variance Permit 2008-05 for 529 Gibsons Way (Stonehurst). This old business had been held up while a covenant was put in place.

Geo-exchange project update

- CAO Gipps gave Council an update on the project, noting that lessons have been learned regarding planning for project cost escalation and pursuing additional funding. The cost overrun (\$366,000) will lengthen the payback period of the project by about a year and a half. Project updates will be available on the Town's website.

BYLAWS

Council gave first reading to

- Amendment Bylaw 1065-9, 2010; Bicycle Parking Zoning Amendment. Public Hearing set for 20 July at 6:30 pm.
- Revenue anticipation borrowing bylaw (line of credit of \$100,000)

After Council agreed unanimously, first, second and third readings were given to Loan Authorization Bylaw 1123, 2010, to cover long term debt of \$219,400 towards the budgeted cost of \$1,580,000 for a Zone 2 reservoir.

Council gave final adoption to

- Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1065-12, 2010; animal hospital at 1070 Gibsons Way
- Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1065-13, 2010; new multi-family residential zone 5 at 694 Gibsons Way, Councillor Curry opposed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council issued DVP 2010-03 regarding 694 Gibsons Way, Councillor Curry opposed

COUNCIL REPORTS

Note, taxes are due by 4:30 pm July 2nd.

Councillor Johnson

- the Ferry Advisory Committee will meet June 29th at 9 am at the Cedars. Councillor Tretick will represent Council. The MV Surrey will not be back in service until the end of July. The Ferry Corp is not communicating well how it proposes to deal with the changes to the summer schedule. Unreliability during peak traffic season is frustrating.
- GLBA will hold the Salmon Festival on Saturday September 11.
- There may be a revival of the play "Gibsons Gold" July 10, 11 and/or 12.

Councillor Rowe

- attended Air Cadet Squadron review

Councillor Tretick

- SCCF's Youth Employment Task Force is being supported by the SCRD, the District of Sechelt and the Town of Gibsons
- SCCF grants down to \$11,000 this year (from \$16,000 last year), reflecting the downturn in asset values

Mayor Janyk

- ICET board meets Friday June 18
- St Mary's is about to review construction bids. The budget is \$41 million

I'll be attending the Gospel Rock Refinement Working Committee meeting next Monday. Perhaps I'll see some of you there.

Cheers,

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