

Greetings all:

I have a confession to make. I was in town yesterday and did not catch an early enough ferry to get me to the Town of Gibsons' first June meeting on time, so I missed it. I did learn that what looked like a straight forward agenda turned into the longest Council meeting so far this year (9:40 pm adjournment). You can review the amended agenda at <http://www.gibsons.ca/documents/090602AmendedRegularAgendaFinal.pdf> To see the full agenda package with attachments, go to <http://www.gowebtide.com/gibsonsddocuments/090602CouncilAgenda.pdf>

I have been able to learn some of the highlights of last night's meeting, and here they are in no particular order.

Gospel Rock (page 47, full agenda package)

Following a discussion of about three quarters of an hour, Council approved the terms of reference (with minor amendments) for the Gospel Rock Refinement Working Committee, and appointed the Committee members, who are;

Mayor Janyk, Chair; Councillors Curry and Koopmans; Planning Director Marshall; Consultant Michael Rosen; Owners rep Art Phillips. The Town's lawyers will now review the terms of reference.

Noise Complaint - Gibsons Recycling/Disposal Depot (page 63, full agenda package)

After a thorough discussion, Council approved staff's recommendation "to continue to cooperate with the petitioners resident at 735 Park Road and the owner of Gibsons Recycling and Disposal to study this issue to develop strategies and mechanisms to mitigate the noise and dust issue emanating from the I-1 zone". The matter has been referred to the July 14 meeting of the Planning Committee. Sounds to me like there should always be a buffer between industrial and residential zoned lands.

Gibsons Garden Inn Retirement Centre (amended agenda, page 15)

The OCP amendment to permit both retirement living and hotel use has been withdrawn at the request of the property owner.

Gibsons Harbour and Waterfront Plan

The motion awarding the first phase of the harbour and waterfront plan to AECOM was rescinded. The award has been made on the basis of the principal's skill and experience, and he has left the company. The RFP will be redrafted to provide for a higher budget (up to \$35,000) which will allow for more comprehensive community consultation.

I have no plans to be in town on the 16th, and expect to be back at my post.

I've received some favourable reviews for these observations of the proceedings of Gibsons Council. I sometimes wonder though, if those receiving them still want the little missive arriving in their mailboxes every couple of weeks. If you want off the list, please let me know. If you know of people who want to be on, ask them to contact me.

Cheers,

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