

## **May 4, 2010 Council Meeting Notes**

Hello all,

I did attend last week's Council Meeting, but a report on a project was due, and this is the first chance I've had to get the notes finished up. Here they are.

All members of Council were present. Ian Poole, Chris Marshall, Wendy Gilbertson and Michelle Jansson represented staff.

The Mayor presented banners celebrating the centennial of the establishment of the Canadian Navy (Royal Proclamation on May 4, 1910 – HM George V allowed the use of "Royal" a year later) to the Gibsons Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and to the Sunshine Coast Museum and Archives.

Minutes of a number of meetings were adopted and received, as appropriate. Noting that the Public Art Committee had a notion to investigate the establishment of an endowment fund for art projects, Councillor pointed out that the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation has set up such a fund. It was agreed the Town should not duplicate the Foundation's efforts.

### **CORPORATE SERVICES**

Council approved grants of \$1,000 to the Sunshine Coast Fruit Tree Project and \$1,400 to the Gibsons Yacht Club Learn to Sail program.

Council also approved licences to occupy as follows

- Kinsmen Club of Gibsons for 516 Gower Point Road
- Gibsons Rugby and Athletic Club for 574 Marine Drive
- Gibsons Landing harbour Authority for 915 Henry Road
- Gibsons Seniors Society for 690 Harmony Lane, subject to mediation with Suncoast Harmony Entertainment Society to settle the two society's mutual use of the premises
- Jack and Jill Parent Participation Preschool Society for 690 Harmony Lane.

The CAO will negotiate the particulars of each license to occupy.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Council authorized the lease (3 years) and purchase of new computer equipment, peripherals and software up to \$25,000.

Regarding the DVP for 310 Glassford Road, Council considered public input (one letter was received, nothing was said at the meeting) and approved the issuance of the permit.

Council accepted a cheque (a little over \$900) from John Lapore to be used as a contribution towards the costs of Music in the Landing.

### **BYLAWS**

First Reading

Zoning Bylaw Amendment 1065-12, 2010 to change zoning at 1070 Gibsons Way to permit an animal hospital, Public Hearing to be held at 7 pm, Tuesday May 25<sup>th</sup>

Zoning Bylaw Amendment 1065-13 to change zoning at 694 Gibsons Way to multi-family, which will permit the sale of this Town owned land, Public Hearing to be held at 7:15 pm, Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Final Adoption

- Financial Plan 1113, 2010
- Annual Tax Rates 1114, 2010
- Water Users Rates 1115, 2010
- Sewer Users Rates 1116, 2010
- Water Parcel Tax 1117, 2010
- Sewer Parcel Tax 1118, 2010
- Garbage Collection 1119, 2010
- Community Recreation Facilities 1120, 2101

The overall tax increase (Town of Gibsons portion only) will be about 1.5%, which will work out to about \$25 for the average household. The multiple for the business tax has been lowered for the third year in a row to 3.1

#### Upcoming meetings

Gospel Rock Refinement Working Committee – 8:45 am, Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### **Councillor Rowe**

- Joan Petersen has resigned as the Islands representative on the Harbour Authority. A replacement is being sought.
- Mayors Janyk and Inkster, Chief Feschuk, RD Vice Chair Nohr and Councillor Rowe met in Victoria with AG de Jong and his officials regarding the appointment of a judge to the Coast. The Minister was impressed that the delegation included representatives of all local governments. At the end of a frank discussion, the ministry people said that they would be having a conversation with Chief Judge Crabtree, and hope to be able to report back by the end of the month. Rowe noted that as sitting days per week have been reduced on the Coast from 4.3 in 2007 to 3.3 so far this year, it has come at the expense of trial delays which have increased from five to six months in 2008 to nearly twelve months now. It is at about the point where the Charter provision of “unreasonable delay” may be brought to bear and cases may be abandoned. Sunshine Coast representatives have suggested a solution to the Minister; that the appointed judge live on the Coast and commute to North Van for court days there, making for a better lifestyle, an easier commute and a better understanding of particular issues here on the Coast.

#### **Councillor Tretick**

##### Attended

- Volunteer breakfast
- Capilano U luncheon
- Library Board (they are anxious to know what is in the Harbour plan)
- Credit Union AGM

The guest speaker, and economist, predicted that interest will move up to the 6-7% range, the

economy will coast as the stimulus spending dries up. Coast housing inventory is up and sales are dropping

- Infusion session at Cedars.

### **Mayor Janyk**

Attended

- Volunteer breakfast, thanked Michelle Jansson for organizing it
- ICET has earmarked \$1.3 million for sturgeon studies. Target Marine will benefit. Vancouver Island U in Nanaimo is involved.
- ICET RAC (Regional Advisory Committee) to meet Friday

### **Councillor Curry**

Attended

- Volunteer breakfast
- BCI board meeting

The Gibsons Chamber has written to BCI indicating that all three chambers on the Coast will channel economic development initiatives through BCI

BCI has a new website <http://www.bestcoast.org/> (It's worth a look)

BCI's funding is tenuous. BCI is the only economic development office in BC that is not entirely funded by local government. On the Coast, local business is expected to pick up half the tab.

BCI has been contracting its services to try to earn revenue, and has asked the District of Sechelt to help.

### **Councillor Johnson**

Attended

- Volunteer breakfast
- Labour Council Memorial Service
- RD Meetings
- A UBC (Dept of Sociology) research project dealing with the ability to adapt to climate change and estimated to take 56 months will be coming to the Coast.

The meeting concluded at 9:04 pm.

Cheers,

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