

Hi Again:

I generally review the agenda for the Town's bi-weekly meeting on-line beforehand. This week's agenda didn't look onerous, so I was somewhat surprised to arrive to a full Council Chamber. One of the regulars whispered to me, "Some trees have been cut down at Gospel Rock" This accounted for the large crowd. Before the "call to order" the Mayor announced that Gospel Rock was not on the agenda and would not be discussed.

No one was deterred, everyone stayed.

Council adopted the amended agenda, approved and received minutes, and listened to a brief delegation from Charlene SanJenko on the "Social Enterprise Conference" scheduled for May 28 at the Cedars Inn (which I will be attending). Details are available from Charlene by phone 604-886-0745 or email charlene.sanjenko@gmail.com .

"Inquiries" was next on the agenda and folks had come well prepared. A number of people had a list of half a dozen questions that had been divided up amongst them. As the Mayor noted, most of the inquirers were well known to Council, among them Dan Bouman (Sunshine Coast Conservation Association), Suzanne Senger (Gibsons Landing Community Association) and Janet Genders (Friends of Gospel Rock). You can listen to CKAY's Robyn Hall report on the issue at http://www.ckay.ca/news/hall_gibsons_may_6.mp3 . It's a pretty good synopsis of what happened, what people present are concerned about, and what the Town is doing about it.

Committee Reports

Corporate Services Committee

Council approved the following grants of assistance unanimously (except where noted):

Sunshine Coast Music Society \$1,200 for Festival of Wind Music 2010

Sunshine Coast Film Society \$300 for Starlight Film Night

Gibsons Live Poets Society \$650 for poetry reading series

Gibsons Yacht Club - Learn to Sail \$500 for floats

Community Justice Program of the SC \$2,000 for the program. The Town will ask the Solicitor General to clarify the province's funding position on the program.

SCRD \$1,200 for maintenance of the access road to Tetrahedron and Mt Richardson Provincial Parks (Curry opposed)

Gibsons Minor Ball Assoc \$300 for building permit application fees

A \$2,000 request from the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities for its Eagles in the City program was referred to the Public Arts Committee for consideration

Infrastructure Committee

Council approved a recommendation to have staff investigate and report back on options regarding banning bottled water in municipal facilities. The Mayor noted that "Correspondence" includes a letter from Nestle Waters Canada regarding the environmental stewardship and health benefits associated with bottled water.

Council approved a recommendation that "Implementing the Sea-to-Sky Corridor Air Quality Management Plan" be sent to the SCR. The Mayor noted that Director Turnbull (Area F) has indicated her non-involvement is a matter of budget constraint.

Administration Reports

Ian Poole presented a couple of reports on budget procedure. Council resolved to submit a stage 2 application to ICET for \$243,000 (25% of the \$975,000 cost) to develop and construct a Geo-exchange District Energy Utility. This will bring grant funding to 58% of the cost of the project, \$325,000 having been received from the Innovative Clean Energy Fund.

Inquiries

In the second round of inquiries, Gord Smith of the Tetrahedron Outdoor Club thanked Council for the grant in aid to the SCR with respect to the access road, and asked when he might give Councillor Curry a tour of the present

road.

Correspondence

In addition to the Nestle Waters letter mentioned, Council received correspondence from ActNow BC regarding the GamesTown 2010 contest, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada regarding the Therese Casgrain Award, and the Ministry of Small Business, Technology and Economic development confirming the \$325,000 ICE grant mentioned above.

Bylaws

Council gave first reading for OCP and bylaw amendments regarding the creation of temporary use permits. When adopted, these changes will allow the Gibsons Garden Inn to operate both as a senior living place and a hotel, as outlined in the notes of the last Council meeting.

Council gave final reading to most of the bylaws needed to give effect to the 2009 budget. There were some errors in the numbers in a couple of the bylaws, so the offending bylaws have been rescinded, and first second and third reading given to their replacements. Council will convene a special open meeting May 12 following the Planning Committee meeting to give final reading to these replacements.

Other business

Council agreed to set May 19 at 09:00 for a Committee of the Whole meeting. On the agenda will be

- Police Task Force working committee
- How to move forward on Gospel Rock
- Policy on Correspondence

Councillors Reports

Most Council members attended the Leadership Conference in Roberts Creek (the Regional Growth Strategy is still a large blip on the SCRD's radar) and the Volunteer Breakfast. Councillors mentioned their specific liaison

assignments (Koopmans - Museum, Rowe - Chamber and GLBA, Johnson - Library).

The Mayor reported that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure want to leave the changed patterns to Gibsons Way for at least two more weeks (ie through Victoria Day Weekend). The public safety guys still have concerns.

I didn't stay for the final round of "Inquiries"

The Committee of the Whole Meeting on the 19th might be interesting.

Cheers,

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