

Greetings:

Gibsons Council meeting on Tuesday was a fairly short affair, as only three members of Council were present (Councillor Johnson was in Cranbrook), and the agenda was light.

PROCLAMATION

HWTM proclaimed the week of December 1st to be Elves Club Week in Gibsons. The Elves Club has donated food hampers to people in need at Christmas on the Sunshine Coast since 1972.

COMMITTEES

Corporate Services

Council has asked staff to prepare an RFP for the supply of Visitor Information Services for a five year term starting in January. Currently the Gibsons & District Chamber of Commerce operates the Visitor Information Centre.

In the interests of the orderly conduct of business, Council has set a deadline (April 30, 2010) for the SCRD to conclude all works related to the completion of the Gibsons & Area Community Centre. HWTM noted that a new member of Council will bring a new perspective to issues related to the Community Centre.

ADMINISTRATION

Town of Gibsons By-election

Chief Election Officer Heather Jeal's report was received. The report confirms the election date (December 19th), the advance polling dates (December 9 and 11), and explains why no additional dates are possible (insufficient time for bylaw amendment). The budget for the by-election is \$12,600, nearly as much as for a full municipal election.

HWTM noted that potential candidates had asked him to endorse their candidacy. He said that he would not be contributing to the campaign of any candidate, and that he "endorsed" all candidates who exhibit honesty, integrity, fairness, compassion and empathy. He added that candidates should be familiar with the Town's base documents (OCP, Zoning Bylaw), and that they should have a grasp of the goals and directions of Council as directed by the community and articulated in the Town's strategic plan. CKAY has a sound-bite of HWTM's remarks on their site at http://www.ckay.ca/news/bj_on_candidates.mp3

Councillor Rowe noted that he will not endorse any candidate, but will work collaboratively with whoever sits in the vacant Council seat.

CKAY's Sean Eckford asked if the Mayor's comment implied that only those of a like mind should run, HWTM responded candidates who might challenge the Town's current goals are welcome too. "Come on down", he said.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Agenda included a detailed report from Sunshine Coast Tourism.
<http://www.gibsons.ca/documents/091103RegularAgendaFinal.pdf> (pages 34-39).
Sunshine Coast Tourism will be invited to Corporate Services to update the Committee on future prospects.

BYLAWS

Final adoption was given to Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1065-7, dealing with the vet hospital at Kerns Plaza

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Curry opined that the Town's awards should not be collecting dust in the trophy case, but should be seen around the community. CAO Gipps noted that staff is working on ways to incorporate the awards into the Town's communications profile with consultant Laura Ballance Media Group, and will report back to Council.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Rowe reported on attendance at meetings with GLHA, Parks Planning, LivCom @ Heritage, Harbour Planning, Travel Ambassadors.
Curry reported on attendance at Harbour Planning, Community Futures AGM, Youth Action Awareness Committee

HWTM reported as follows:

- The Town is working on a 5 year program through a Canadian university organization (including UBC and U of Ottawa) to develop adaptation strategies to deal with coastal environmental change. The program is federally funded.
- ICET's Regional Advisory Committee met Oct 23rd. No announcement can be made yet, however he is optimistic for new things for the Coast.
- Between 200 and 250 people attended the 350 event on Oct 24th. He thanked Councillor Curry and Michael McLaughlin for helping with the event.
- The hospital auxiliary is about to launch a campaign for a \$40 million expansion of St Mary's.
- HWTM "never ceases to be amazed" at Community Futures Chair Barrie Wilbee's ability to describe dozens of CF projects.
- Nominations for Council open today (November 3rd), and close at 4:00 pm on November 13th.

The meeting ended at 8:18 pm.

Cheers,

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