

Hello everyone:

The Mayor and three Councillors (Koopmans was not present) met on Tuesday Evening, Sept. 15, 2009.

During the preliminaries, Finance Director Ian Poole noted that the budget update on the current year will be going to the Corporate Services Committee at its meeting next week (Tuesday morning the 22nd at 09:00).

The Mayor proclaimed Oct 4-10 "Mental Illness Awareness Week"

PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Rezoning plans regarding the Garden Inn on Gibsons Way were rescinded. Chris Marshall explained that the plans had been in the works for four years and as progress was not being made, the rezoning process was being terminated with the concurrence of the proponent.
2. The Town will notify neighbours of a development variance permit application for a three unit apartment at School Road and South Fletcher.
3. Staff will draft zoning bylaw amendments to incorporate bicycle parking standards. These standards will require developers to provide bicycle parking or cash in lieu. The Town will also ask the SCRD to increase bike parking at the Community Centre. Councillor Rowe voted against the resolution on the grounds that (1) another layer of regulation is added, (2) costs of building housing are increased and (3) the market will respond to a demand for bike parking. The vote was 3-1 in favour of the resolution. More social engineering from our local government.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Boundary Extension

There were only three responses to the alternative approval process regarding the proposed extension of Gibson's municipal boundaries (well short of the 350 threshold required to go to referendum), so the

approval of the electors was declared. The Town will now petition the Minister of Community and Rural Development to extend Town boundaries to include 11 properties in Area E within the Town. Any differences between Town and RD taxation will be phased in over three years. The Town will provide a sanitary sewer connection to the properties in the boundary extension area. Wesbild VP Tom Sroufe was in attendance and said that his company will bring forward some exciting proposals if ministerial approval is obtained. The Mayor replied that the Town "will do everything to make you successful".

Tender Awards 2009 Road Rehabilitation Program Engineering

Director Dave Newman gave a very cogent report (page 47 of the agenda

<http://www.gowebtide.com/gibsonsddocuments/090915CouncilAgenda.pdf>) on the 2009 plan, and how the 2009 budget will cover the costs. BA Blacktop and Murmac Construction were the successful bidders on contracts totalling a little over half a million dollars.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Liveable Communities Award

CAO Paul Gipps reported that three donations totalling \$5,500 have been received towards the costs of Town staff's attendance at the award competition in Pilsen, Czech Republic next month. Ian Poole reported that \$2,000 has been identified in department travel funds, thus a total of \$7,500 is available for the project. Council authorized Mayor Janyk to attend in Pilsen along with Chris Marshall and Wendy Gilbertson, with the proviso that no public funds be used to send any elected representatives. Full disclosure will be made regarding the private sector contributions.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Sea Cavalcade planning meeting for 2010, Cedars Inn, 7-9 pm, Sep 17
2. Community Beach Cleanup, Sep 20
3. MOT Workshop, staff to staff, 12 noon Sep 22,

- A subsequent open meeting is planned, and it is intended to invite businesses affected by the changes on Gibsons Way to attend.
 - If you represent one of those businesses, call Paul Gipps at 604-886-2274 to make sure you are on the invitation list)
4. Harbour Area Plan Open House, Legion, Sep 24, 7-9 pm.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Bob Curry

Communities in Bloom will enter the national competition in 2010

Barry Janyk

1. Regarding the Building Canada Fund, there have been some federal/provincial issues which have delayed the distribution of cash here in BC. Municipalities can expect an announcement on how this will be resolved at UBCM at the end of the month.
2. The Town has been working with a pair of academics on climate change issues. The work will likely lead to zoning and OCP amendments. Interestingly, the climate change subject is open to debate only on the internet. Mainstream media and government have bought into AGW without a whimper.

Cheers for now,
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