

Hi everyone:

It was a busy evening Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Gibsons Municipal Hall.

Councillor Koopmans was in the Chair as Acting Mayor, Councillors Rowe, Curry and Johnson were in attendance. (The Mayor was enroute to the Czech Republic.)

#### PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing at 6:30 was held to allow public input into Council's consideration of a zoning bylaw amendment to permit a veterinary hospital at Kern's Plaza. Speakers for Kern's Plaza, the veterinary hospital and a neighbour spoke. Councillors asked a couple of questions and the hearing ended.

#### THE GIBSONS VIDEO FOR PILSEN

A six minute video produced by Jeff Barringer for Gibsons' presentation to the LivCom competition in Pilsen, Czech Republic, was shown to those assembled. (It is quite a good piece, certainly superior to the little video put together by the Olympic Secretariat for the BC Explorer kiosk that went to Beijing and will be shown at the 2010 Commerce's BC Showcase at Robson Square.) The Town is considering a public showing of the video soon.

#### COUNCIL MEETING

In order to accommodate the Mayor's travel schedule, an item dealing with recycling was moved to the top of the agenda.

#### Corporate Services Committee

##### Recycling Update

Corporate Services Committee recommended a contract for \$17,510 be awarded to Promise Consulting of Canada to develop a Curbside and Recycling RFP. Councillors Rowe and Curry spoke against the recommendation, citing the following:

- Amount is unwarranted
- Funds are not in the budget
- Not a priority in the Town's strategic plan for this year
- Staff is busy with more important issues than the management of this contract (Council's Post-Meeting Checklist is now 16 pages long)
- Better to wait and coordinate with the SCR'D's RFP process

The Mayor (by phone), and Councillors Johnson and Koopmans spoke in favour of the recommendation;

- There will never be a "good time" to do this
- Town should keep ahead of the RD – project may result in a model for the RD
- Must act now or may miss the opportunity to incorporate results into new garbage contract (Feb 2010)
- Amount of RFP contract responds to public request that it deal with a more specific scope
- Opportunity to harmonize garbage and recycling

CAO Gipps noted that staff will undertake what Council asks of it, and will explain impact on other work.

Finance Director Poole reported that the Town's September budget update indicates a surplus of about \$50k, generated from savings in Planning, Parks and Public Works/Engineering.

3-2 vote in favour of the recommendation.

### Proclamation

October 19-25 was proclaimed "Waste Reduction Week" by Acting Mayor Koopmans

### Inquiries

Brian Sadler asked whether his submission to the Gospel Rock Refinement Working Committee would be included in the Committee's official record. Acting Mayor Koopmans explained the process by which the submission will be formally received by the Committee and then become part of the record.

Graham Walker noted that residents on his street had not been surveyed about traffic calming as residents of other streets had, and had been given an "engineered design". Engineering Director Newman will meet with the residents of South Fletcher.

### Corporate Services Committee (continued)

#### Grants

The Town considers grants to community organizations in March and September of each year. The annual budget is \$17,000. Grants were approved at the September intake as follows:

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| - The Good Samaritan Society           | \$1,000 |
| - Arrowhead Society                    | \$3,000 |
| - Art Building School & Centre Society | \$3,000 |

#### Permissive Tax Exemptions

The Town must adopt a bylaw before October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year to award permissive tax exemptions. (This year's come up under "Bylaws".) Councillor Rowe indicated that the Town will be speaking to the organizations involved about exemptions in the future.

### Infrastructure Services Committee

#### O'Shea Residents – Traffic Calming

Council considered a recommendation to survey O'Shea residents regarding the current "chicane" traffic calming measures to determine what other measures might receive residents' support. (The "chicane" trial was overwhelmingly rejected – more than 90% - by residents.)

Councillor Curry noted that the residents would be frustrated by a further survey.

3-1 vote in favour of the recommendation.

#### Stormwater Management Plan

The Town will hold a public open house in November on the Stormwater Management Plan and the Aquifer Mapping Program

## Traffic Calming Master Plan Update

Council approved a recommendation to bring forward for 2010 budget consideration:

- Detailed design of traffic calming measures on South Fletcher between Winn and Gower Point
- Installation of trial traffic calming measures on South Fletcher between Winn and Gower Point
- Additional speed cushions on Franklin between Gower Point and Cochrane be prioritized and residents be surveyed for support
- Survey Burns Road residents to gauge support for traffic calming on Burns Road
- Survey Cascade Crescent residents to gauge support for traffic calming on Cascade Crescent
- Conduct a traffic count on Skyline Drive between Arbutus and Georgia during the summer of 2010 to determine if further action is necessary regarding the request for traffic calming

(note – Next time you're at the Five Corners, check out the markings on the pavement for traffic calming there. The intersection will be pinched to make it more difficult to make the turns, especially for vehicles servicing the businesses in the Landing, as well as public safety vehicles.)

## Gospel Rock Refinement Working Committee

A number of reports will be posted to the Town's website.

Two copies of the 1996 Road Network Plan Study be provided for information at the Municipal Hall. (These will be worth looking at if you are concerned about how traffic from a developed Gospel Rock area is to be routed through your neighbourhood.)

## Gospel Rock Neighbourhood Plan Update

Council received the report of the Working Group dated Oct 6.

Council confirmed (again) that the terms of reference for the GR Refinement Working Group will not be amended to include a member of the previous Select Committee.

## Administration Reports

DVP re 524 South Fletcher Road (for a three unit apartment) was approved. (Five letters had been received regarding the project. Three were opposed. No one present spoke either way)

## Correspondence

### Regional Growth Strategy

The Town received the request from the SCRDC to have the Town's response to the RGS in time for an Intergovernmental Meeting on October 19. Councillor Rowe indicated that he would be making a formal Notice of Motion later in the meeting.

### Award for Town of Gibsons

At the recent UBCM annual convention, the Community Energy Association has honoured the Town with an Energy and Climate Action Award for Community Planning and Development. The award is in recognition of the inclusion of a geo-thermal utility in the plan for the Upper Gibsons Neighbourhood.

## Bylaws

With the unanimous consent of Council, first reading was given to the 2009 Permissive Property Tax Exemption bylaw.

Zoning Bylaw Amendment regarding the veterinary hospital at Kern's Plaza was given second and third readings.

## Notice of Motion

Councillor Rowe gave notice of motion for two resolutions to be considered at Council's next meeting

- Resolved that the CAO advise the SCRDC that the Town of Gibsons does not wish to participate in the Regional Growth Strategy at this time
- Resolved that that the CAO advise the SCRDC that the Town of Gibsons will participate on specific plans on a case by case basis, for example, regional transportation

## Councillors Reports

### Koopmans

UBCM seemed muted, probably due to the economy. It was odd, therefore, that only 40 delegates attended the economic session with cabinet members. For a number of communities the number one issue is the refusal of industrial taxpayers to pay the full amount of their assessed taxes.

HST seems to be a positive or negative depending on where you live. Rural BC seems favourable, while municipal BC is against due to the negative impact on retail sales. Gibsons met with Minister Bennett on the matter of the boundary extension. The Minister appeared to be supportive.

The Premier announced the joint UBCM/Province group that will work on a plan for revamping the municipal election process. Length of term and returning the vote to tax-paying businesses are on the agenda.

### Rowe

Noted that a person has stepped forward to work on the 2010 Sea Cavalcade

### Curry

Noted Minister Bell's new mantra – "Wood is Good."

(That is good, especially if more value added wood product businesses on the Sunshine Coast can be established.)

## Inquiries

The Coast Reporter asked about sponsorship of the trips to Pilsen. CAO Gipps read supportive letters from two of the sponsors, Greg Russell and Bob Hoy. He also reported that support in kind was provided by Barry Haynes (photos) and Jeff Barringer (video).

The smoothly run meeting ended at 8:50 pm.

Cheers,

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