

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the District of Highlands held in the Caleb Pike House, 1589 Millstream Road on Monday, January 17th, 1994 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

His Worship The Mayor - Bob McMinn - Chairman Councillor Joy Councillor Revelle Councillor Roessingh Councillor Vogel Councillor Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Woodbury and Mrs. Scott

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 53/94 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOY

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOGEL and resolved:

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

1. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Nil

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting Held January 4th, 1994:

MOTION 54/94 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR VOGEL SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOY and resolved: That the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 4th, 1994, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

4. REPORTS

a) Committee Reports:

Administration and Finance Committee:

Councillor Williams, Chairman advised that the Administration and Finance Committee had nothing to report.

Questions relating to the following topics were raised:

i) Finlayson Arm - Gowland Range:

Councillor Williams advised that he and the Administrator had taken advantage of the weather to photograph and video the Gowland Range today, noting that the area was a beautiful natural setting and that, in his opinion, it would be nice if it stayed that way.

ii) Caleb Pike House:

Mayor McMinn advised that the Administrator would be requesting quotations to upgrade the electrical wiring at the Caleb Pike House, noting that the quotations would be presented to Council for consideration in the near future.

iii) Municipal Office:

Councillor Williams advised that the Administration and Finance Committee is looking into the options and costs for the location of Municipal office facilities.

Environment Committee:

Councillor Revelle, Chairman advised that the Environment Committee had nothing to report.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

Councillor Joy, Chairman advised that the Parks and Recreation Committee had nothing to report.

Protective Services Committee:

It was noted that Councillor Johnson, Chairman was away on holidays and that the Protective Services Committee had nothing to report.

In response to a query, Councillor Williams advised that due to the priority of touring the Gowland Range from Finlayson Arm, he had not been able to attend the meeting of the Joint Western Communities Police Committee on behalf of Councillor Johnson. Councillor Williams noted that minutes from the meeting would be provided in due course.

Transportation and Public Works Committee:

Councillor Roessingh, Chairman noted that the South Highlands area would be getting cable TV service within the next couple of weeks.

Planning and Zoning Committee:

Councillor Vogel, Chairman advised that the Planning and Zoning Committee had nothing to report.

b) Mayor's Report:

B.C. Transit - Handy Dart Service:

Mayor McMinn advised that he had had a meeting with a representative of B.C. Transit who had recommended writing to the newly formed Transit Committee which is scheduled to meet in February to express concerns and request an increase in the frequency of Handy Dart service to the Highland area.

MOTION 55/94 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR VOGEL SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOY and resolved: That a letter be sent to the B.C. Transit Committee requesting an increase in the Handy Dart service in the Highlands area to facilitate the needs of residents.

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Capital Regional District - Request for Proclamation of National Non-Smoking Week, January 17th - 23rd, 1994 and Weedless Wednesday, January 19th, 1994:

MOTION 56/94 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOY

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOGEL and resolved: That the week of January 17th to 23rd, 1994 inclusive, BE PROCLAIMED "National Non-Smoking Week" and that January 19th, 1994 BE PROCLAIMED "Weedless Wednesday" in the District of Highlands as requested in a letter dated January 5th, 1994 from the Chairman of the Board, Capital Regional District.

CARRIED

b) Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of B.C.
Request for Proclamation of Multiculturalism Week February 13th to 19th, 1994:

MOTION 57/94 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REVELLE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH and resolved: That the week of February 13th to 19th, 1994 inclusive BE PROCLAIMED "Multiculturalism Week" in the District of Highlands, as requested in a letter (undated) from the President, Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of B.C.

CARRIED

6. BY-LAWS

Nil

7. NEW BUSINESS

Nil

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Western Communities Arts Council:

Mayor McMinn advised that Pat Carfra would be entertaining the Brownies at the Caleb Pike House at 6:30 p.m. on January 25th, 1994 and asked that the information be passed on to anyone interested in attending.

b) Gowland Park:

In response to a query from a member of Council, Mayor McMinn advised that negotiations between First National Properties and the Nature Conservancy of Canada were ongoing but that the Executive Director, Nature Conservancy of Canada had advised that he hoped to have an

agreement completed within the next two to three weeks.

c) South Highlands:

A Member of Council expressed concern regarding unfounded rumours circulating in the South Highlands area relative to the incorporation proposal and suggested that residents be provided with information outlining Council's views and intentions.

Mayor McMinn suggested that any information to the residents of the South Highlands be hand delivered by a Member of Council which would provide the opportunity for a personal introduction to the residents and an opportunity for discussion of issues and to allay concerns.

d) Vandalism:

Residents in the public gallery expressed concern related to noise and vandalism due to parties attended by large numbers of youths. Further concern was expressed regarding the R.C.M.P.'s response time to calls from residents.

Further concern was expressed due to the lack of some street signs and the omission of some streets on area maps.

Councillor Joy agreed to meet with a concerned member of the public gallery with a view to arranging an appointment to visit one of the areas where a fire had been started in the middle of a new road (Stonecrest Road), and subsequently arrange to meet with the R.C.M.P. regarding concerns about service to the area.

e) Subdivision Proposals - Advisory Planning Commission:

In response to a query from the public gallery Mayor McMinn advised that the current community plan, which had been inherited, would be reviewed later in the year. Mayor McMinn advised that any subdivision proposals should be submitted to the Administrator noting that if the proposal did not conform to the current community plan in terms of density a rezoning application would be required which would be subject to a public hearing pursuant to the regulations contained in the Municipal Act.

Mayor McMinn further noted that an Advisory Planning Commission would be organized following calls for nominations from the community and that Council would likely be entertaining proposals under Bill 57 which would include modifying density in exchange for an amenity since Council was interested in developing a municipal forest to be maintained by volunteers and to hopefully generate some revenue.

f) District of Highlands Signage:

In response to a query from the public gallery the Administrator advised that as previously directed by Council, he would be making arrangements to have District of Highlands signage posted.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION 58/94 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOY SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOGEL and resolved: That the Regular Council Meeting be ADJOURNED at 8:20 p.m.

CARRIED

Bruce Woodbury, Administrator

Robert G. McMinn, Mayor