

**DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on April 16, 2007 at Caleb Pike House, 1589 Millstream Road at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Cardinal, Chair
Councillor Brotherston
Councillor Fall
Councillor Mahovlich
Councillor Mendum
Councillor Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: Christopher Coates, CAO
Sandi Chesley, A/Corporate Officer

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION NO. 146/07
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH

THAT Council approves the agenda as amended by adding to Late Items a letter, dated April 11, 2007, from Fred York, Chair of the Highlands Association of Large Lot Owners.

CARRIED.

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting dated April 2, 2007

MOTION NO. 147/07
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FALL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MENDUM

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 2, 2007 be adopted as amended by adding to Motion No. 128/07:

AND FURTHER THAT Council request staff to look into achieving an opportunity to negotiate with future proponents either funds towards a daytime fire fighter position or provide a volunteer fire fighter for the community.

CARRIED.

And by adding to Motion No. 142/07

AND FURTHER THAT staff send a letter to Ron Cheeke, Owner and Realtor for the Woodridge Subdivision, requesting that he advise future owners to contact the Municipal Office to obtain the bylaws and policies on this subdivision.

CARRIED.

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & COMMISSIONS

a) Committee Reports

- i) Advisory Planning Commission – (Councillor Brotherston) - nothing to report
- ii) Arts Committee – (Councillor Fall) – nothing to report
- iii) Community Energy Planning Steering Committee – (Councillor Williams) – nothing to report.
- iv) Emergency Planning Committee – (Councillor Fall) – nothing to report.
- v) Greater Victoria Family Court Committee – (Councillor Mahovlich) – nothing to report.
- vi) Greater Victoria Public Library Board- (Councillor Kadar) – nothing to report
- vii) Inter-Municipal Committee on Disability Issues– (Councillor Kadar) – nothing to report
- viii) Solid Waste Advisory Committee – (Councillor Kadar) – Councillor Kadar advised that the Committee had a presentation on the “Residential Organic Pilot Collection” which was carried out in View Royal and Oak Bay. The Pilot Project was very successful. The Committee was then handed a report – “Solid Waste Function – Funding Options”. The purpose of this report was to provide the Committee with alternative sources of funding to sustain the current solid waste programs to the year 2012. Councillor Kadar outlined some of these alternatives that are listed in the report. Some of the items were deferred to the next meeting.
- ix) Western Communities Policing Advisory Committee- (Councillor Mendum) – Councillor Fall attended for Councillor Mendum. Councillor Fall reported that one of the auxiliary police officers had caught one of the biggest “graffiti” artists in the West Shore.
- x) Groundwater Task Force (Councillor Mahovlich) – Councillor Mahovlich advised that the Committee will meet April 17, 2007. The Highland District Community Association has set up a meeting on June 19, 2007 for Golder and Associates to make a presentation to the community on the scope of the comprehensive groundwater study.

b) Mayor’s Report

Mayor Cardinal advised that the OCP Information Session was held on Sunday April 15, 2007. Laura Beckett, Municipal Planner was in attendance to answer questions from the approximately 25 residents that attended. Councillor Williams was also at the Information Session.

- i) Capital Regional Board – The Hartland Landfill Aggregate Production 2007 contract was awarded to Aggressive Excavating Ltd. in the amount of \$1,060, 286.20. Mayor Cardinal reported that the TravelChoices Implementation and Investment Plan was endorsed unanimously by the Board.
- ii) CRD Parks Committee – nothing to report
- iii) CRD Environment Committee – nothing to report

- iv) CREST – the next meeting will be April 25, 2007.
- v) West Shore Parks and Recreation Society's Board of Directors – The Board met on April 12, 2007. A Facilities Users Committee was formed to allow all users to be aware and to voice opinions on what takes place at West Shore Parks and Recreation. The Activity Guide will now be distributed three times a year instead of four. The CAO's contract was renewed.
- vi) West Shore Economic and Development Association – Mayor Cardinal advised that he will be meeting with Mike Adamac, President of WEDA on April 26, 2007.

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

- a) The CAO read out the letter from Fred York, Chair of the Highlands Association of Large Lot Owners, dated April 11, 2007
Re: Older Second Growth Forest Proposed Development Permit Designation

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Requiring Action:

- a) Letter from Sheryl Masters, Acting Corporate Administrator, City of Victoria, dated March 27, 2007
Re: Urban Agriculture

MOTION NO. 148/07
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT the letter from Sheryl Masters, Acting Corporate Administrator, City of Victoria, dated March 27, 2007, regarding Urban Agriculture, be received for information.

CARRIED.

- b) Letter from Bob Elton, President and CEO, BC Hydro and Brenda Binnie, President, UBCM, dated March 30, 2007
Re: Invitation to participate in the *Turn if Off Challenge*

MOTION NO. 149/07
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR

THAT the letter from Bob Elton, President and CEO, BC Hydro and Brenda Binnie, President UBCM, dated March 30, 2007 regarding an invitation to participate in the *Turn if Off Challenge* be received for information.

CARRIED.

- c) Letter from Brian Lande, Chair, Central Coast Regional District, dated March 30, 2007
Re: Continuation and Expansion of BC Ferries Route 40, Discovery Coast Passage, Port Hardy to Bella Coola

MOTION NO. 150/07
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FALL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTERSTON

THAT Council send a letter of support in promoting dialogue among the North Coast FAC, BC Ferries and the BC Ministry of Transportation for the purposes of ensuring that the delivery of service on Route 40 continues and in such a manner as fulfills the requirements of all Central Coast residents.

CARRIED.

9. BYLAWS

- a) Fireworks Regulation Bylaw, No. 254, 2007

MOTION NO. 151/07
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MENDUM
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR FALL

THAT Council adopt the District of Highlands Fireworks Regulation Bylaw No. 254, 2007.

CARRIED.

(Councillor's Brotherston, Kadar and Williams opposed)

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Memo from Building Official to CAO, dated April 2, 2007
Re: Building Report for March 2007

MOTION NO. 152/07
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FALL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR KADAR

THAT the Building Report for March 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED.

- b) That Council resolve to convene to Committee of the Whole
Re: Budget Discussions

MOTION NO. 153/07
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MENDUM
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERTON

THAT Council convene immediately into a Committee of the Whole meeting regarding budget discussions.

CARRIED.

Council Re-Convened into the Regular Council Meeting at 9:30 p.m.

RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting dated April 16, 2007

MOTION NO. 154/07
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR KADAR
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT the Grant in Aid applications be forwarded to the Fiscal and Environmental Select Committee for recommendations back to Council as soon as possible;

AND FURTHER THAT the Fire Department Stipend be referred back to the Fiscal and Environmental Select Committee for recommendations back to Council as soon as possible;

CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION NO. 155/07
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

CARRIED.

MAYOR

ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER