



DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 7, 2008 @ 7:04 p.m.
SCHOOL HOUSE, 1589 MILLSTREAM ROAD

PRESENT:

Mayor M Cardinal
Councillor K Brotherston
Councillor M Mahovlich
Councillor A Fall
Councillor Mendum
Councillor K Williams

ABSENT:

Councillor J Kadar

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chris Coates, CAO
Laura Beckett, Planner
Tina Neurauter, Deputy Corporate Officer
14 members of the public were present

1. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: 118 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR

THAT the agenda be approved as amended:

Under item No. 2 PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS add:

Bob McMinn
Colleen Robertson

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Bob McMinn, 499 Millstream Lake Road, addressed Council regarding the proposed bulletin boards by the Highlands District Community Association. He acknowledged and thanked the donation of the wood for these boards.

Colleen Robertson, 1835 Millstream Road, spoke to the mail box shelter donated by Jack Bell and his wife. She hoped that the additional shelters would still be installed, along with the bulletin boards from the Highlands District Community Association.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- a) Regular Meeting of Council – March 17, 2008

MOTION: 119 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council dated March 17, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

- b) Fiscal and Environmental – March 5, 2008

MOTION: 120 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT the minutes of the Fiscal and Environmental Select Committee dated March 5, 2008 be received.

CARRIED

- c) DRAFT Fiscal and Environmental – April 2, 2008

MOTION: 121 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT the DRAFT minutes of the Fiscal and Environmental Select Committee dated April 2, 2008 be received.

CARRIED

d) DRAFT Community Infrastructure and Services – February 27, 2008

MOTION: 122 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH

THAT the DRAFT minutes of the Community Infrastructure and Services Select Committee dated February 27, 2008 be received.

e) DRAFT Community Centre Task Force - April 1, 2008

MOTION: 123 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT the DRAFT minutes of the Community Centre Task Force dated April 1, 2008 be received.

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & COMMISSIONS**a) Committee Reports**

- i) Advisory Planning Commission (Cllr. Brotherston) – Nothing to report.
- ii) CRD Arts Committee (Cllr. Fall) – Nothing to report.
- iii) Emergency Planning Committee (Cllr. Fall) – Nothing to report.
- iv) Greater Victoria Family Court Committee (Cllr. Williams) – Nothing to report.
- v) Greater Victoria Public Library Board (Cllr. Kadar) – Nothing to report.
- vi) Inter-Municipal Committee on Disability Issues (Cllr. Kadar) – Nothing to report.
- vii) Solid Waste Advisory Committee (Cllr. Kadar) – Nothing to report.
- viii) Western Communities Policing Advisory Committee (Cllr. Mendum) – The committee meets next Wednesday. Councillor Mendum mentioned 2 items; one regarding the 2010 Olympics and the other respecting the Integrated Police Force. This unit will deal with many southern Island issues and starting this summer will deal specifically with motorcycle use.
- ix) Groundwater Task Force (Cllr. Mahovich) – Nothing to report.
- x) CREST (Cllr. Fall) – Nothing to report.
- xi) CRD Water (Cllr. Brotherston) – Nothing to report.

xii) Juan de Fuca Water (Cllr. Brotherston) – Last meeting had a lengthy discussion regarding Climate Change.

b) Mayor's Report

xiv) CRD Board – Nothing to report.

xv) CRD Committees

Parks – Councillor Mahovlich mentioned the Rail Trail tour.

Environment – Councillor Mahovlich spoke briefly about the CRD/Provincial Government remediation for the Millstream Meadows site.

West Shore Parks and Recreation – The need for a facility upgrade was discussed, The Field Analysis Report showed the need for an all weather sports court. The Velodrome is in dire need of an upgrade. It is proposed to perhaps replace the velodrome with an all weather field. The Junior B Sooke Stringers will be permitted to use the upper skating arena for Monday night practice.

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

a) FISCAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL – April 2, 2008

1. Letter – Minister Barry Penner – March 4, 2008
RE: AMERICAN BULL-FROG

MOTION: 124 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MENDUM

THAT a strongly worded letter be sent to Minister Penner reiterating this is a provincial and municipal responsibility that has regional implications, and that the Municipality request provincial and municipal funding of CRD's work toward eradicating and preventing the spread of the American Bullfrog into Highlands waterways as these efforts are currently being done by local volunteers whose efforts are futile if the waterways surrounding the municipality continue to be a source of bullfrogs.

CARRIED

b) COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES – February 27, 2008

1. Council Recommendation 49/2008 – February 4, 2008
RE: WEST SHORE TRAM LINE ASSESSMENT

MOTION: 125 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MENDUM
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT any initiative to assess feasibility of a rail service between Victoria and Langford, that the Committee point out that vehicle parking at terminals is a key component and that Multi-Mode Transportation be included in the assessment.

CARRIED

6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS8. CORRESPONDENCECorrespondence to Receive for Information

- a) LETTER – Laura Taylor, CRD - April 1, 2008
RE: MILLSTREAM MEADOWS

MOTION: 126 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

THAT this letter be received.

CARRIED

MOTION: 127 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MENDUM

THAT a letter be sent to Laurie Taylor of the Capital Regional District thanking the Capital Regional District for their efforts in working cooperatively with the Provincial Government to find funding and a solution to this issue.

CARRIED

- b) NEWSLETTER – April 2, 2008
RE: CREST

Councillor Fall briefly updated Council regarding the information contained in the CREST Newsletter.

MOTION: 128 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR FALL

THAT the CREST Newsletter be received.

CARRIED

- c) LETTER – Don Brown, CRD – March 11, 2008
RE: SPAY/ NEUTER ACTION COMMITTEE

MOTION: 129 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT this letter be received and forwarded to the Fiscal and Environment and the Community Infrastructure and Services Select Committees for information and comment.

CARRIED

- d) UBCM – Notice – March 19, 2008
RE: EXTENSION OF GAS TAX AGREEMENT

MOTION: 130 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FALL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH

THAT this UBCM Notice be received.

CARRIED

- e) UBCM – Notice – March 17, 2008
RE: 2008 RESOLUTION PROCESS

Councillor Mendum noted she is working on a draft resolution with the Chief Administrative Officer.

MOTION: 131 /2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MENDUM
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

THAT this UBCM Notice be received.

CARRIED

Correspondence for Action

- f) LETTER - HDCA – March 31, 2008
 RE: COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARDS

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed community bulletin boards by the HDCA and the donation made by the Bell’s for mail box shelters. It is hopeful that both will coexist.

The HDCA and specifically Sheila Taylor were thanked for their efforts regarding the community bulletin boards.

MOTION: 132 /2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR

THAT Council approved the “Community Bulletin Board Construction and Installation – at Council approved locations” and that these activities be endorsed activities by the HDCA, AND FURTHER THAT the \$800 proposed cost for these bulletin boards be included in the 2008 budget.

CARRIED

- g) LETTER – Sherri Bourne, JDF Lacross – March 23, 2008
 RE: REQUEST FO LETTER OF SUPPORT

MOTION: 133 /2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT Council send a letter of support to the Juan de Fuca Lacrosse Association supporting their Direct Access Gaming Grant to assist the association in further development and expansion of amateur lacrosse for youth in the Western Communities.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

10. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Memo – C. Coates, CAO – April 2, 2008
 RE: 2008 STRATEGIC PLAN

MOTION: 134 /2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR FALL

THAT Council approve the Strategic Action Plan for 2008.

CARRIED

- 2) MEMO – C. D. Coates, CAO – April 3, 2008
RE: RGS FACILITATION PROCESS

MOTION: 135 /2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH

THAT this item be deferred to after the In Camera meeting scheduled to follow this Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

- 3) MEMO – Laura Beckett, Planner – March 20, 2008
RE: REZONING APPLICATION RZ-01-08 – 889 FINLAYSON ARM ROAD

There was a lengthy discussion regarding this application and the proposed referral of it. Items discussed included the relationship between this application and the proposed Ground Water Study, the Net benefit of this application, the sensitive ecosystem on this site and how this application applies to the Official Community Plan policies.

MOTION: 136 /2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH

THAT Council direct staff to refer the application to the Advisory Planning Commission, the Select Committees, Highlands Fire Department, BC Parks, City of Langford and the Vancouver Island Health Authority for comment.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR MENDUM

- 4) IN CAMERA MEETING

MOTION: 137 /2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

That Council move In Camera to discuss items pursuant to Community Charter sections: 90(1) (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 138 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT the Council meeting of April 7, 2008 adjourn at 8:20 p.m. and that the meeting be closed to the public and convene In-Camera under the authority of the *Community Charter* Section 90 (1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality.

CARRIED

Mayor

Deputy Corporate Officer