



DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 21, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.
SCHOOL HOUSE, 1589 MILLSTREAM ROAD

PRESENT:

Mayor M Cardinal
Councillor K Brotherston
Councillor M Mahovlich
Councillor A Fall
Councillor J Kadar
Councillor Mendum (attended at 7:06 p.m.)
Councillor K Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chris Coates, CAO
9 members of the public were present

1. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: 139 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

a) Committee of the Whole – March 10, 2008

MOTION: 140 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

THAT the minutes of Committee of the Whole dated March 10, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

b) Committee of the Whole – April 14, 2008

MOTION: 141 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

THAT the minutes of Committee of the Whole dated April 14, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

c) Council - April 7, 2008

MOTION: 142 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

THAT the Council minutes of April 14, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

d) DRAFT Community Infrastructure and Services – April 9, 2008

MOTION: 143 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

THAT the DRAFT minutes of the Community Infrastructure and Services Select Committee dated April 9, 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) – Councillor Fall reported that the Art Committee is developing a matching grant program for the Commonwealth ames Legacy monies.
- iii) Emergency Planning Committee (Cllr. Fall) – Nothing to report.
- iv) Greater Victoria Family Court Committee (Cllr. Williams) – Councillor Williams reported the Committee had a presentation on the Restorative Justice Program and Youth Custody Services.
- v) Greater Victoria Public Library Board (Cllr. Kadar) – Libraries are now back in full swing. Information on Settlement costs will be forthcoming.

- vi) Inter-Municipal Committee on Disability Issues (Cllr. Kadar) – Councillor Kadar reported that meetings are finished now until after the summer annual picnic in Metchosin in June.
- vii) Solid Waste Advisory Committee (Cllr. Kadar) – Nothing to report.
- viii) Western Communities Policing Advisory Committee (Cllr. Mendum) – Councillor Mendum reported that vehicle thefts are up in this area. There was discussion about the homeless and the aim to establish an Intermunicipal group to discuss this issue ahead of next winter.
- ix) Groundwater Task Force (Cllr. Mahovich) – Nothing to report.
- x) CREST (Cllr. Fall) – AGM to be held in May, 2008. Councillor Fall will carry Proxy unless someone else wishes to do so. Even with the rural reduction formula for costs Highlands pays 5 times per capita of what other participant local governments do.
- xi) CRD Water (Cllr. Brotherston) – Nothing to report.
- xii) Juan de Fuca Water (Cllr. Brotherston) – Nothing to report

b) Mayor's Report

- xiv) CRD Board – Nothing to report.
- xv) CRD Committees
Parks – Chair Blackwell will be sending a letter to Minister Penner urging provincial funding for Bullfrog eradication. Stan Orchard's work resulted in the capture of 5000 frogs spanning 93 nights.

There will be an Open house held this week for the E & N Rail Trail. Construction beginning next year with anticipated completion in 2010.

Mt. Work Park addition consultation will be taking place in the next few weeks.

West Shore Parks and Recreation – Reviewing ice rates and subsidization, future of velodrome will be reported In Camera.

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONSa) COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – April 14, 20081) FINANCIAL PLAN - ROAD PRIORITIES

MOTION: 144 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MENDUM

THAT the District establish a Fire Hall Capital Reserve, and THAT staff proceed with four new Fire Hazard signs.

CARRIED

2) RE: REQUEST TO PAVE PORTION OF SOUTHWOOD ROAD

MOTION: 145 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT Council approve the paving of the remaining portion of Southwood Drive complete with the two driveway aprons.

CARRIED

3) Newsletter – Community Centre Task Force

MOTION: 146 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT the Community Centre Task Force Newsletter with changes be mailed out and the April Council Newsletter be withheld.

CARRIED

b) COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE – April 9, 20081) ROADSIDE CLEANUP

MOTION: 147 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FALL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT Council ask staff to confirm that roadside cleanup is part of the DoH Highway Maintenance Contract (at a minimum every six months on Millstream Road and annually on all other Highlands' roads) and to report on the frequency of litter pickup by the contractor in the last two years.

CARRIED

MOTION: 148 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MENDUM
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH

THAT Council request the municipal office to provide information on the possibility of posting signs to deter littering and dumping by noting the fines that could be levied.

CARRIED

MOTION: 149 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT the Committee receive information about what responsibility the Highway Maintenance Contractor has for cleaning up fallen branches and dead trees along the right right-of-way and is this being done.

CARRIED

2) VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

MOTION: 150 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR KADAR

THAT Council adopt a Recognition Awards Policy as attached.

CARRIED

MOTION: 151 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FALL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT Council hold a Community Recognition Day each year in the summer to honour all the many volunteers that work in the Highlands.

CARRIED

MOTION: 152 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FALL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR KADAR

THAT the Community Infrastructure and Services Select Committee be requested to provide further advice to Council on proceeding with the Recognition Day event.

CARRIED

3) ROSS-DURRANCE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

MOTION: 153 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FALL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT the Committee requests information as to what action has been taken regarding the decision to improve two corners on Ross-Durrance Road. A site meeting was held on October 5, 2005.

CARRIED

6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Memo – C. Coates, CAO – April 17, 2008
RE: 2008 FINANCIAL PLAN

MOTION: 154 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FALL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MENDUM

THAT the Financial Plan discussion be moved to New Business, item 4. c).

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence to Receive for Information

- a) UBCM – IN THE HOUSE – April 15, 2008
RE: NEW PUBLIC HEALTH ACT
- b) UBCM – IN THE HOUSE – April 16, 2008
RE: NEW GREEN LEGISLATION

MOTION: 155 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT correspondence a) and b) be received.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

10. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) REPORT – Laura Beckett, Planner – April 14, 2008
RE: RZ-02-08 – 1931 MILLSTREAM ROAD

MOTION: 156 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MENDUM

THAT rezoning application RZ-02-08 be referred to the APC, the Select Committees, Vancouver Island Health Authority and the Ministry of Environment for comment.

CARRIED

- 2) REPORT – Laura Beckett, Planner – April 16, 2008
RE: DISTRICT OF SAANICH DRAFT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REFERRAL

MOTION: 157/ 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

THAT the District of Highland has no objection to the DRAFT Saanich Official Community Plan.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR KADAR

- 3) IN CAMERA MEETING

MOTION: 158/ 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

That Council move In Camera to discuss items pursuant to Community Charter sections: 90(1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements

CARRIED

- 4) Memo – C. Coates, CAO – April 17, 2008
RE: 2008 FINANCIAL PLAN

MOTION: 159 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MENDUM
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR FALL\

THAT staff prepare tax comparison scenarios for no increase and for a 1.2% increase.

MOTION: 160 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR FALL

THAT the motion be amended to include a 3% increase scenario.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: MAYOR CARDINAL
COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON
COUNCILLOR MENDUM
COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

Mayor Cardinal then called the question on the main motion.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 161 / 2008
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MAHOVLICH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROTHERSTON

THAT the Council meeting of April 21, 2008 adjourn at 8:40 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(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer