



**DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, November 16, 2009 @ 7:00pm
SCHOOL HOUSE, 1589 MILLSTREAM ROAD**

PRESENT:

Mayor
Councillors

Jane Mendum
Allen Dobb
Diane Gill
Sigurd Johannesen
Marcie McLean
Karel Roessingh
Ken Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Administrative Officer
A/ Corporate Officer
2 members of the public

Chris Coates
Tina Neurauter

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 409/ 2009
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GILL

That the agenda be approved with the addition of Pattie Whitehouse under Petitions and Delegations.

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Pattie Whitehouse, 635 Lost Lake Road, addressed Council in regard to item 8.a) Crisis Line Consolidation. Ms. Whitehouse expressed her concerns regarding this proposed consolidation of services including: consolidation of services would make it harder to intervene; response time may be longer; people providing service may not have knowledge of local community; volunteers may be replaced by paid employees, who may overtime lose some sensitivity where a volunteer who works only a few hours a week would not; total lack of consultation and loss of community capacity building. Ms. Whitehead encourages Council to forward a letter to BC Health Minister, Kevin Falcon and Vancouver Island Health authority expressing these concerns.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

a) Council - November 2, 2009

MOTION: 410 / 2009
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

That the Council minutes dated November 2, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

b) Committee of the Whole – November 9, 2009

MOTION: 411 / 2009
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

That the Committee of the Whole minutes of November 9, 2009 be received.

CARRIED

c) Community Infrastructure and Services Select Committee - October 28, 2009

MOTION: 412/ 2009
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR DOBB

That the Community Infrastructure and Services Select Committee minutes of October 28, 2009 be received.

CARRIED

d) Community Centre Task Force – November 5, 2009

MOTION: 413/ 2009
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

That the Community Centre Task Force minutes of November 5, 2009 be received.

CARRIED

e) West Shore Parks and Recreation – October 8, 2009

MOTION: 414/ 2009
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH

That the West Shore Parks and Recreation minutes of October 8, 2009 be received.

CARRIED

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

a) Committee Reports

- i) Advisory Planning Commission (Cllr. McLean) – have not met.
- ii) Community Infrastructure and Services Committee (Cllr. Gill) – nothing to report.
- iii) CRD Arts Committee (Cllr. Dobb) – meeting held on November 4, 2009 issues discussed were results of the strategic planning session which identified priorities. Staff will be bringing forward a report on implementation of priorities. 2010 budget reviewed.
- iv) CREST (Cllr. Roessingh) – Highlands will see a 13% increase in the 2010 budget; current system is working at 97% but is dealing with a software issue; City of Victoria is not proposing to pull out of system; future upgrades will be implemented gradually; system was fully functional for the Olympic Torch Relay (which was a large venue).
- v) Community Centre Task Force (Cllr. McLean) – meeting held on November 5, 2009 issues discussed were the proposed options for the Community Centre and discussion with the Architect.

Council would like to ensure that sustainability is incorporated into the design of the Community Centre.

MOTION: 415/ 2009
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR DOBB
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

That the Community Centre Task Force and the consultant use an ecological footprint tool to measure and evaluate the designs that are proposed.

CARRIED

- vi) Emergency Planning Committee (Cllr. Johannesen) – trying to arrange a meeting.
- vii) Fiscal and Environmental Select Committee (Cllr. McLean) – have not met.
- viii) Greater Victoria Family Court Committee (Cllr. Johannesen) – Annual General meeting will be held November 18, all invited to attend.
- ix) Greater Victoria Public Library Board (Cllr. Roessingh) – the draft budget is included in this evening's agenda.
- x) Groundwater Task Force (Cllr. Roessingh) – meeting to be held next week.
- xi) Inter-Municipal Committee on Disability Issues (Cllr. McLean) – the next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, November 19 at 7pm at the Colwood City Hall, discussion on new buses which will replace the original handy dart bus.
- xii) Solid Waste Advisory Committee (Cllr. Gill)- Mayor Mendum updated Council on the selling of surplus gravel from Heartland for the McTavish interchange, gravel will be exchange for clay which the landfill requires. Staff has been asked to bring forward a report on using certain funds to promote good neighbour relations with Prospect Lake, Willis Point, Highlands and Central Saanich.
- xiii) Sustainability Task Force (Cllr. Dobb) – attended the Climate Action Stirring Committee, hoping for quarterly meetings, meetings to hopefully be used to funnel information to Councils. A Regional Climate Action Reference Guide was distributed. Forum of Councils attended by Councillors Dobb, Williams and

McLean. Top priority identified was “Clean Air”, support to keep density in the down town area. Councillor Williams attended “Economics of Happiness” hosted by the City of Colwood – Mark Anielski presented information on ways local government, business and community organizations can begin to redefine progress by measuring happiness and using the knowledge gained to help them build more livable and sustainable cities.

- xiv) Western Communities Policing Advisory Committee (Cllr. Johannesen) – Community policing is having to turn down requests due to a shortage in staffing, Langford Bylaw Department is launching an anti graffiti campaign , looking for support of municipalities to produce an anti-graffiti kit.
- xv) West Shore Parks and Recreation (Cllr. Williams) – WildPlay launched in early November, Audit Services will be tendered, impacts of HST discussed, increase will be proposed for field use, third quarter results on budget, Board is looking at performance review, regional pass now available for \$420, sewer update discussed and the 2010 budget was approved.

b) Mayor’s Report

- xvi) CRD Board – the next meeting will be held on November 18, 2009.
- xvii) CRD Environment Committee – the next meeting will be held on November 25, 2009.
- xviii) CRD Planning and Transportation – the next meeting will be held on November 25, 2009.
- xix) CRD Regional Water Commission – next meeting November 18.
- xx) JDF Water – Councillor Williams reported that the 2010 budget was reviewed, certain fines will be increased, water usage is down so user fees will increase and agreement signed with Langford regarding the West Hill development.

Mayor Mendum also reported on the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Langford.

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) *COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SELECT SERVICES – October 28, 2009*
 - a) **Community Recognition**

MOTION: 416/ 2009
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GILL

That Council present recognition awards at a Council meeting until such time as a large venue is available for a more formal recognition event.

CARRIED

MOTION: 417/ 2009
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR JOHANNESSEN
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GILL

That staff compile a list of all volunteers in the Highlands by contacting the volunteer organizations annually for their lists of volunteers. As well, those organizing the Highlands' Market, the Coffee House, the Teen Drop-in Centre, the Highland Fling and other event organizers should be contacted.

CARRIED

MOTION: 418/ 2009
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

That a recognition event for all volunteers be a catered afternoon event. Volunteers should be invited by mailed invitations. The event would be an outdoors event until a large enough venue is available to hold an indoor event.

CARRIED

6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS
nil

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
nil

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter – Helen Jones, November 7, 2009
RE: CRISIS LINE CONSOLIDATION

MOTION: 419/ 2009
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR DOBB

That a letter be forwarded to BC Heath Minister, Kevin Falcon and Alan Campbell of Vancouver Island Health Authority supporting consultation with the six Vancouver Island crisis lines take place prior to the consolidation of these services.

CARRIED

- b) Letter – Greater Victoria Public Library, October 30, 2009
RE: LIBRARY PROVISIONAL 2010 OPERATING BUDGET

MOTION: 420/ 2009
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

That the Greater Victoria Public Library Provisional 2010 Operating Budget be received.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS
nil

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Memo – J. Mendum, Mayor, November 13, 2009
RE: CRD REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND

MOTION: 421 / 2009
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR DOBB

That the CRD Regional Housing Trust Fund requisition request be forwarded to the 2010 budget discussions.

CARRIED

MOTION: 422 / 2009
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR DOBB

That staff report back with recommendations for public input and clarification on the “Basis of Apportionment” spreadsheet supplied by the CRD.

CARRIED

- b) Memo – T. Neurauter, A/Corporate Officer, November 12, 2009
RE: 2010 MEETING SCHEDULE AND COUNCIL CALENDAR

MOTION: 423 / 2009
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR DOBB

That the 2010 meeting schedule be approved.

CARRIED

- c) Motion to move In Camera

MOTION: 424 / 2009
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR DOBB
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH

That Council move In Camera at 9:03 pm to discuss items pursuant to the Community Charter, specifically section 90(1) (c) labour relations.

CARRIED

The regular meeting of Council reconvened from In Camera at 9:47 pm.

11. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN CAMERA

The public was advised the following November 16, 2009 In Camera Council motion was released from its In Camera status:

RE: RECOGNITION PROGRAM

That Brian and Zhinoos Armstrong; Eric Bonham; John Dlugos; Elaine Limbrick; and Sheila Taylor each receive recognition for their volunteer work in the Highlands in the form of a certificate and service pin.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 425 / 2009
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR JOHANNESSEN
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH

That the meeting adjourn at 9:48 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

A/ Corporate Officer