



MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL JANUARY 14, 2014

Mayor Parnham called in by telephone conference call prior to the start of the meeting and thanked everyone for their good wishes and the support she has received while in the hospital.

CALL TO ORDER: Deputy Mayor Jessie Hemphill

Time: 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Jessie Hemphill
Councillors: Janet Dorward (by telephone), Debbie Huddleston, Rick Marcotte,
Nikki Shaw, John Tidbury (by telephone)

Rick Davidge, Chief Administrative Officer
Jeff Long, Director of Corporate & Development Services
Allison McCarrick, Director of Financial Services
Patti Smedley, Economic Development & Community Coordinator
Leslie Driemel, Recording Secretary

Media: N.I. Gazette
Members of the Public: 5

REGRETS: Mayor Bev Parnham

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Hemphill advised of an addendum to the agenda under J. Staff Reports Item #2, P. Smedley, Economic & Community Development Coordinator (Jan.6/14) re: Canada Day Celebration – Celebrate Canada! grant program.

Moved/Seconded/Carried
THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held December 10, 2013.

Moved/Seconded/Carried
THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held December 10, 2013 be approved as presented.

2. The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 10, 2013.

Moved/Seconded/Carried
THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 10, 2013 be approved as presented.

2014-001
APPROVAL OF
AGENDA AS
AMENDED

2014-002
COMM OF WHOLE
MINUTES
DEC. 10/13
APPROVED

2014-003
REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
DEC. 10/13
APPROVED

2014-004
COMM OF WHOLE
MINUTES DEC. 11/13
APPROVED

MICHAEL WINTER,
COMMUNITY
MINISTRIES
SUPERVISOR,
SALVATION ARMY
LIGHTHOUSE
RESOURCE CTR

PAT ENGLISH, MGR
EC DEV, RDMW RE:
COME BACK HOME
PROJECT

3. The minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held December 11, 2013.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held December 11, 2013 be approved as presented.

DELEGATIONS

1. Michael Winter, Community Ministries Supervisor, Salvation Army Lighthouse Resource Centre re: Current Programming at Lighthouse Resource Centre.

Mr. Winter reviewed his background and his past five years working with the Salvation Army in the downtown Vancouver east side. His wife is from Port Hardy and they moved to the North Island approximately seven months ago. He advised Council that the people in Port Hardy who are homeless and those who are of low income have many needs and the numbers are increasing each year. He advised the purpose of coming to Council is to help get the information out to the public about the various programs and services the Salvation Army Lighthouse Resource Centre in Port Hardy has to offer. Mr. Winter provided a thorough overview of the various services the Centre provides as well as statistics on user ship of the services.

Mr. Winter gave a verbal overview of the current programming / services available at the Lighthouse Resource Centre including: hot meals, a clothing closet, legal aid, access to medical and mental health services, emergency assistance with basic clothing and household needs, help with accessing social service programs, healing circles, pre-employment help, and basic hygiene. Council was advised the Centre serves 100 hot meals every day and that in 2013, over 8,700 clients accessed resources and referrals and over 500 people accessed cold weather shelter during the five months it was open. The Centre works in partnership with other local organizations such as thrift stores, N.I. Crisis and Counselling Centre, Island Health, etc. He extended an invitation to everyone to visit the Centre.

Deputy Mayor Hemphill thanked Mr. Winter for his informative presentation and for all the good work done by the Salvation Army Lighthouse Resource Centre in the community.

2. Pat English, Manager of Economic Development, Regional District of Mt. Waddington re: Presentation on Come Back Home Project, Retaining Young Graduates

Mr. English used a PowerPoint presentation to review the Come Back Home project. He outlined the project background and funding and advised a questionnaire was circulated to senior high students. There were 56 respondents from North Island Secondary School (NISS) and 14 from Port Hardy Secondary School (PHSS). He reviewed the resulting data that identified issues of concern to the respondents including: social, cultural, economic, business development, affordable housing, and the sense of community in Port Hardy and Port McNeill. Mr. English advised job opportunities and socializing issues were identified as concerns of the respondents. The next step would be to hold a workshop in February 2014 for youth and program Come Back Home stakeholders.

Council members agreed with Mr. English that there is a need to identify the concerns and issues of young people in order to encourage them to remain on the North Island. Council also expressed concern regarding the low number of respondents from PHSS and Mr. English advised at the time he ran the questionnaire his connections at PHSS were not well established.

Council discussed with Mr. English the need for more student input and the best ways and means to encourage students and program supporters to participate in the project as well as the location and timing of the upcoming workshop. It was suggested to Mr. English by Council that the workshop be conducted during school hours and if possible, a workshop be conducted at each of the two high schools as higher attendance and levels of participation would result. Mr. English indicated he would look into this further and advise accordingly.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Council action items were received as information.

ACTION ITEMS RE:
CHANGE TP
CENOTAPH ACTION
ITEM WORDING

Councillor Marcotte requested that the wording in relation to the status of the Cenotaph project be changed from 'cancelled' to 'delayed'.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Hon. Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (Dec.12/13) re: Invitation to provide input on local government election reform was received as information.

POST INFO ON
INVITATION TO
PROVIDE LOCAL
GOV'T ELECTION
REFORM TO
DISTRICT WEBSITE

Deputy Mayor Hemphill requested that, as public input is encouraged, the information provided on the invitation to provide input on local government election reform be made available on the District website.

2. Copies of correspondence regarding BC Ferries cuts to coastal ferry service were received as information.
 - a. Mayor Jan Allen, Village of Port Alice (Dec.17/13)
 - b. Mayor Jack Mussallem, City of Prince Rupert (Dec.6/13)
 - c. Mayor Mary Sjostrom, City of Quesnel (Dec.20/13)

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

COUNCIL REPORTS

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Deputy Mayor Hemphill and Councillors Dorward, Huddlestan, Marcotte, Shaw and Tidbury gave verbal reports on recent meetings and other activities they attended on behalf of the District of Port Hardy, as well information on a variety of community interest matters..

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Operational Services Committee, draft minutes of the meeting held December 17, 2013 was received as information.

Recommendation to Council

The Operational Services Committee recommends to Council that the District of Port Hardy selects the District owned property located at the south-west corner of Trustee Road and Douglas Street for the new Public Works facility, AND THAT detailed design work be undertaken as per the 2014 Capital Plan.

Rick Davidge, Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the background and process associated with site selection for the new Public Works facility that was undertaken by Trevor Kushner, Director of Operational Services.

Council was advised that the Trustee Road / Douglas Street site was the best choice based on a number of favourable criteria such as being removed from residential neighbourhoods, it does not include sensitive ecosystems, has access to utility services, is central in location, is not in a flood and tsunami zones, has good access to the road network, etc.

Councillor Tidbury provided a summary of the discussion at the Operational Services Committee meeting and noted that it may be possible to sell the trees on the property.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the District of Port Hardy selects the District owned property located at the south-west corner of Trustee Road and Douglas Street for the new Public Works facility, AND THAT detailed design work be undertaken as per the 2014 Capital Plan.

2014-005
RELOCATION OF
PUBLIC WORKS
YARD

STAFF REPORTS

1. Accounts Payable for December 2013 was received as information.

Addendum:

2. P. Smedley, Economic Development & Community Coordinator (Jan.6/14) re: Canada Day Celebration – Celebrate Canada! grant program.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the District of Port Hardy submits a grant proposal to the Celebrate Canada! Program for \$2,485.50 to hold a Canada Day Celebration at Carrot Park on July 1, 2014.

2014-006
SUBMIT CANADA
DAY GRANT TO
CELEBRATE
CANADA! PROGRAM

BYLAWS

1. Staff Report: A. McCarrick, Director of Financial Services re: Bylaw 1016-2013 User Rates and Fees for 2014 was received as information.

Bylaw 1016-2013 User Rates and Fees for 2014 for Second Reading as amended

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Bylaw 1016-2013 User Rates and Fees for 2014 receive Second Reading as amended

2014-007
BYLAW 1016-2013
2ND READING AS
AMENDED

Bylaw 1016-2013 User Rates and Fees for 2014 for Third Reading

2014-008
BYLAW 1016-2013
3rd READING

Moved/Seconded/Carried
THAT Bylaw 1016-2013 User Rates and Fees for 2014 receive Third Reading.

2. Staff Report: J. Long, Director of Corporate & Development Services re: Bylaw 1020-2014 a Bylaw to Amend Open Burning and Smoke Control Bylaw No. 15-2012 was received as information.

Councillor Tidbury advised Council that changes to the bylaw had been discussed at the last Operational Services Committee meeting.

Jeff Long, Director of Corporate & Development Services summarized the proposed changes to the bylaw.

- 1) Eliminated the single large scale map in favour of five maps that show in much more detail, the areas in which Category B Open Fires can occur;
- 2) Added areas in which Category B Open Fires can occur. This largely relates to the Jensen Cove Road industrial area and larger properties in the vicinity of the airport;
- 3) Expanded the Category A and B Open Fire burning period by 30 days from October 1st through April 30th;
- 4) Provided clarity to certain regulations and terms;
- 5) Changes to address consistency issues; and,
- 6) Deleted ceremonial fires as being permitted anywhere in the District as these were not clearly defined and recreational, beach and Category A Open Fires are permitted throughout the District in any event.

Bylaw 1020-2014 a Bylaw to Amend Open Burning and Smoke Control Bylaw No. 15-2012 for First, Second and Third Reading.

2014-009
BYLAW 1020-2014
1ST, 2ND AND 3RD
READING.

Moved/Seconded/Carried
THAT Bylaw 1020-2014 a Bylaw to Amend Open Burning and Smoke Control Bylaw No. 15-2012 receive First, Second and Third Reading.

ADJOURNMENT

2014-010
ADJOURNMENT

Moved
THAT the meeting be adjourned. Time: 7:57 pm

Original signed by:

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE
& DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

DEPUTY MAYOR