



**MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 12, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL HALL
7360 COLUMBIA STREET**

PRESENT: Mayor Hank Bood and Councillors Councillor Pat Corbett-Labatt, Dennis Dugas, Rick Marcotte, Fred Robertson, and John Tidbury

ALSO PRESENT: Allison McCarrick, Chief Administrative Officer; Abbas Farahbakhsh, Director of Operational Services; Heather Nelson-Smith, Director of Corporate Services, Adrian Maas, Director of Financial Services, Leslie Driemel, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Councillor Jessie Hemphill

MEDIA: North Island Gazette **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Three

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bood called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. He acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Kwakiutl people.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the agenda for the Regular Council meeting of July 12, 2016 be accepted as presented.

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held June 28, 2016.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held June 28, 2016 be accepted as presented.

2. Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held June 28, 2016.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held June 28, 2016 be accepted as presented.

D. DELEGATIONS

No delegations.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Council action items were received for information.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Debbie Perkovich, Filomi Days Committee (July 4/16) re: Request for District support for Filomi Days events.

2016-133
AGENDA
ACCEPTED AS
PRESENTED

2016-134
C.O.W. MEETING
MINUTES JUNE
28/16 ACCEPTED

2016-135
REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING JUNE
14/16 ACCEPTED

ACTION ITEMS

2016-136
DISTRICT SUPPORT
FOR FILOMI DAYS

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council approve the requests for support from Debbie Perkovich, Filomi Days Committee namely;

- A road closure on Market St., from the corner of Hastings to the Corner of Douglas Street (Hwy 19) Friday, July 15 at 3:30 pm until Sunday night after the fireworks.
 - A road closure from Thunderbird Mall, Granville Street onto Market Street at Dave Landon Motors to the Tsulquate Park Parking Lot, on Saturday, July 16 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm – for the annual Lions Club Filomi Days Parade route.
 - A road closure on Main Street from Rupert to Market St. Sunday, July 17 from 9:30 to 1:00 pm – for the Soapbox Derby.
 - The use of Rotary – Carrot Park for the three days along with water and power connections.
 - Additional Porta Potties for the site – 4-6 Porta Potties .
 - The use of 2 Large Blue Garbage bins and pick up service.
 - The use of more garbage cans for the sidewalk and roadway.
 - Supply plastic gloves and garbage pickers.
 - Supply barricades for the parade route.
 - Post a notice on the recreation sign.
 - That the fireworks be allowed to be discharged .
2. Hon. Melanie Joly, P.C., M.P. Minister of Canadian Heritage (June 27/16) re: Notice of Award of Canada 150 Fund grant of \$38,650 for Local First Nations History Murals was received for information.

Councillor Corbett-Labatt advised Council the project coordinators will be meeting at the end of July to begin planning the project. Councillor Corbett-Labatt thanked Caitlyn Hartnett and Heather Nelson-Smith for their hard work and writing of the excellent grant proposal.

3. Debra Oakman, CPA, CMA, Chief Administrative Officer Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District (June 27/16) re: Parking at new Campbell River and Comox Valley hospital sites and District of Port Hardy support for a tax requisition to cover costs of operating a parking facility at the hospitals (full report with appendices previously circulated).

Council members expressed concern and dismay at contents and tone of the letter and the proposed option of north island regional taxation to pay for parking at the Campbell River and Comox Valley hospital sites.

Council discussion included:

- That it would be wrong to tax north island residents for free parking that would benefit all hospital visitors.
- The importance of ‘medical’ tourism and the dollars it brings to those communities.
- Concerns that the Provincial health care system relies on parking fees to help fund provincial healthcare facility maintenance and operation costs.
- Difficulty of getting through the process for citizens to get the exemptions. financial aid, emergency parking and parking permits at the hospitals.
- Development of a policy/program by the Ministry of Health that would enable non residents, with a doctor’s referral for an appointment / procedure at a provincial hospital, allow free parking for that patient at that facility.

2016-137
RESPONSE TO D.
OAKMAN LETTER
(JUNE 27/16) RE:
PARKING AT
HOSPITALS

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council send a letter to Debra Oakman, CPA, CMA, Chief Administrative Officer Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District expressing dissatisfaction with the response from the Hospital District and the options provided regarding provision of free parking at the new Campbell River and Comox Valley hospital sites.

4. Laurel Ross, Acting Commission Secretary, British Columbia Utilities Commission (July 7/16) re: BC Hydro and Power Authority and FortisBC Inc – Residential Block Rate Report to the Government of British Columbia, request for support in communicating public notice to residents within Port Hardy.

Council discussion included:

- District of Port Hardy previous resolutions at the AVICC and UBCM Conventions regarding tiered BC Hydro residential rates.
- That the request for citizen input on Residential Inclining Block Electricity Rates shows that the process was successful so far.
- Timing of the request for comment and the short timeline for submissions by August 15, 2016.
- Providing a Council comment to the request for input on residential inclining block electricity rates.
- Regional District of Mount Waddington participation.
- That the District needs to help spread the word to consumers to provide input through the website and social media

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council approve posting the Request for Comments on Residential Inclining Block Electricity Rates to the District of Port Hardy website and the District's social media outlets.

Council directed staff to work with interested Councillors on preparing a Council submission to the Request for Comments on Residential Inclining Block Electricity Rates.

5. Email from J. Warshawsky, (July 7/16) re: UBCM Resolution – Maintaining Quality BC Highways was received for information.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Verbal Report: A. Maas, Director of Financial Services re: Appointment to Tourism Advisory Committee.

Adrian Maas, Director of Finance advised Council that there have been two responses to the advertisement for a Tourism Stakeholder Representative to the Tourism Advisory Committee. The Committee agreed by consensus that the best applicant for the position was Mike Kelly.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council appoint Mike Kelly to the Tourism Advisory Committee.

H. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillors Pat Corbett-Labatt, Dennis Dugas, Rick Marcotte, Fred Robertson and John Tidbury reported on their recent meetings and other activities they attended and/or undertook on behalf of the District.

2016-138
POST INFO ON
REQUEST FOR
COMMENTS ON
ELECTRICITY
RATES TO
DISTRICT MEDIA

2016-139
APPOINT MIKE
KELLY TO TOURISM
ADVISORY COMM

COUNCIL REPORTS

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Draft minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee meeting held June 30, 2016 was received for information
2. Operational Services Committee – Verbal report from the meeting held July 11, 2016 re: Letter from Greg Fletcher, Administrator, Regional District of Mount Waddington (July 4/16) re: Proposed Changes to Bus Stops in the District of Port Hardy.

Councillor Tidbury advised that the Operational Services Committee recommends that Council accepts the Regional District of Mount Waddington's proposed changes to bus stops in Port Hardy as presented in the letter dated July 4, 2016 from Greg Fletcher, Administrator, Regional District of Mount Waddington.

2016-140
RDMW CHANGE TO
BUS STOPS IN
PORT HARDY
APPROVED

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council accepts the Regional District of Mount Waddington's proposed changes to bus stops in Port Hardy as presented.

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. Accounts payable for June 2016 was received for information.
2. Adrian Maas, Director of Finance (June 29/16) re: Regional Forest Sector Attraction, Training and Retention Strategy.

2016-141
RECEIVE UPDATE
REPORT ON
REGIONAL FOREST
SECTOR PROJECT

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Finance namely; that the update report on Regional Forest Sector Attraction, Training and Retention be received.

Council further discussed the email reply by Mr. Pat English to the request by Adrian Maas, Director of Finance who asked, on behalf of Council, for funding information on the Regional Forest Sector Attraction, Training and Retention Strategy application to the Rural Dividend Fund. Discussion included:

- The need for Council to have detailed information on a regional project of this size.
- The need for a request for information from Port Hardy Council be properly responded to.
- The timeline provided for the project

2016-142
BRING FORWARD
P. ENGLISH
RESPONSE TO
EMAIL REQUEST TO
RDMW BOARD
MEETING

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the email request by Adrian Maas, Director of Finance and the reply by Mr. Pat English be brought forward to an upcoming Regional District of Mount Waddington Board meeting agenda AND THAT the District of Port Hardy receive answers to the questions asked by the Director of Finance.

3. Schell Nickerson, Fire Chief (July 8/16) re: Replacement of Fire Hall #1 Front Line Fire Engine.

Council discussion on the purchase options provided in the request by Schell Nickerson, Fire Chief for replacement of Fire Hall #1 Front Line Fire Engine included;

- Differences in the details of the Quint engine demonstrated in Port Hardy and of those in Options 1, 2 and 3.
- Cost of adding items to a stock fire engine to bring it up to transportation regulations and District requirements.
- Cost of a custom fire engine.
- Specific requirements needed for a fire engine to operate in this region.
- Financial savings in option 2 being offset by cost of having to add features needed in a front line fire engine (safety features, chain system, etc)
- Staff bringing back a report to Council on the cost of the differences between Options 1, 2 and 3.

Allison McCarrick, CAO advised that Council has given budget approval for the purchase of a fire engine and that the request for proposal process is underway and it will specify the District requirements.

Mayor Bood commented that the best way to proceed is to allow staff to move forward with the request for proposals and to bring back a report to Council after the submissions are accepted and reviewed.

2016-143
OPTION 1 – QUINT
FIRE ENGINE
APPROVED

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council proceed with Option #1, replacement of frontline fire engine #10 with a new Quint engine as outlined in the Fire Chief report of July 8, 2016 .

4. Adrian Maas, Director of Finance (June 30/16) re: Alternative Approval Process – Fire Truck.

2016-144
APPROVAL TO
PROCEED WITH
ALTERNATIVE
APPROVAL
PROCESS RE FIRE
TRUCK PURCHASE

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council approve proceeding with an Alternative Approval Process under section 175 of the *Community Charter* for the purchase of a Fire Truck as outlined in the Director of Finance report of June 30, 2016.

5. Heather Nelson-Smith, Director of Corporate Services (July 6/16) re: Application for Development Variance Permit – 5835 Hardy Bay Road DVP-05-2016.

Councillor Marcotte cited a possible conflict of interest as he has a personal friendship with the applicant. Time: 7:48pm

Heather Nelson-Smith, Director of Finance reviewed the request by Martin Demuth to vary the provisions of Zoning Bylaw No. 1010-2013 for the purposes of increasing the allowable height of the principle dwelling 7.6 metres (24.93 feet) to 9.45 metres (31 feet) and advised that no negative comments have been received from adjacent property owners.

2016-145
DVP-05-2016
APPROVED

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council approves Development Variance Permit DVP-05-2016 to vary the provisions of section 6.3 (d) of Port Hardy Zoning Bylaw No. 1010-2013, to: allow for the increase of the maximum height for a principal dwelling from 7.6 metres (24.93 feet) to 9.45 metres (31 feet), with respect to the property legally described as Lot A, Plan VIP85962, Section 30, Township 6 PID 027-728-226 AND FURTHER THAT the Director of Corporate Services be authorized to execute the permit accordingly.

Councillor Marcotte rejoined the meeting.

Time: 7:51pm

K. CURRENT BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Bylaw 1051-2016, Port Hardy Multiplex Loan Authorization Bylaw. For First, Second and Third Reading.

Heather Nelson-Smith reviewed the background and process for a loan authorization bylaw and advised the process is needed to proceed to the multiplex referendum process. The loan amount of \$6,000,000 in the bylaw to partially fund the construction of the Port Hardy Multiplex is more than should be needed but if a lower figure is requested and the District funding requirement is larger, then the whole referendum process would need to be repeated.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT District of Port Hardy Bylaw 1051-2016, Port Hardy Multiplex Loan Authorization Bylaw receive First, Second and Third Reading.

2016-146
BYL 1051-2016 FOR
1ST, 2ND AND 3RD
READING

L. PENDING BYLAWS

No pending bylaws.

M. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information and announcements in the agenda package were received for information.

N. NOTICE OF IN CAMERA MEETING

No In Camera meeting scheduled at this time.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Moved

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Time: 7:56pm

2016-147
ADJOURNMENT

CORRECT

APPROVED

Original signed by:

DIRECTOR
OF CORPORATE SERVICES

MAYOR