

MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MAY 26, 2015 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL HALL 7360 COLUMBIA STREET

PRESENT:

Mayor Hank Bood and Councillors Pat Corbett-Labatt, Dennis Dugas, Jessie

Hemphill, Rick Marcotte, Fred Robertson and John Tidbury (via telephone)

ALSO PRESENT:

Jeff Long, Director of Corporate & Development Services Councillor

Allison McCarrick, Director of Financial Services

Leslie Driemel, Recording Secretary

REGRETS:

Rick Davidge, Chief Administrative Officer

MEDIA: 1 (N.I. Gazette)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 4

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

2015-085 APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held May 12, 2015.

2015-086 SPECIAL MTG MINUTES MAY 12/15 APPROVED Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held May 12, 2015 be approved as presented.

2. The minutes of the Regular Council meeting held May 12, 2015.

2015-087 REG COUNCIL MINUTES MAY 12/15 APPROVED Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held May 12, 2015 be approved as presented.

D. DELEGATIONS

 Eddy Lagrosse, Donna Ley, Dorothy Smith, and Tom Williams re: Update on accessibility issues for people with disabilities and users of bicycles, tricycles, strollers and unique wheel chairs.

DELEGATION EDDY LAGROSSE, RE: UPDATE ON ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES Mr. Lagrosse reviewed the need for better accessibility in Port Hardy. He advised that not only people with disabilities need accessibility, but also people using bicycles, strollers, tricycles and specialty wheelchairs for transportation purposes. He advised that people experience a loss of independence and self-esteem when they are presented with challenges related to accessibility. Mr. Lagrosse reviewed areas of concern including: the Health Unit, sidewalks to Fisheries and Oceans

building and both sides of Shipley Street from Market Street to Shorncliffe Road. Mr. Lagrosse advised that the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Nations has purchased thirty-five scooters for band members and plans to purchase six more. He indicated that some of the people using scooters have never had a driver's license and there is a need for the District and the RCMP to work together to educate scooter operators on safety and rules of the road. Mr. Lagrosse offered to help with such an initiative.

Mr. Lagrosse reviewed accessibility issues along Granville Street from Highway 19 to Park Drive and advised that it was his understanding that, through the 2010 Accessibility Committee recommendations, a paved bike lane was to be included in street improvement plans. After the 2010 flooding and consequent reconstruction there was no bike lane included along that portion of the roadway. Mr. Lagrosse commented he did not understand why grass was planted there and advised that a safe pathway for scooters, bicycles, etc is still needed.

Donna Lee-Ley discussed the need for sidewalks in some areas of the community: in front of the apartment buildings along Granville Street; across from Port Hardy Secondary School to Douglas Street (old Highway 19); and, both sides of Shipley Street from Market Street to the Post Office. She advised that she has to travel on the roadway in her wheelchair in those locations.

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Dorothy Smith advised Council that some curbing angles in the community are dangerous, the ramp at the Civic Center has too sharp a corner and cannot be easily maneuvered, and that if using sidewalks as a pathway, the sidewalk breaks cause continual bumping and physical stress. Ms Smith discussed the need for older buildings to be brought to new standards from an accessibility perspective.

Tom Williams indicated he was recently using a scooter for eleven months and that during that time traffic and inattentive drivers were a continual concern. He suggested that a sidewalk be installed on the roadway across from Stink Creek Park, from Rupert Street to Market Street as that is the more direct route from the Thunderbird Mall to the Port Hardy Shopping Center area.

Jeff Long, Director of Corporate and Development Services, advised that the Building Code was updated in 2012 and its rules including regulations pertaining to accessibility issues would be implemented. He indicated there has been little in the way of new development or redevelopment in Port Hardy over the last few years that would provide the opportunity to implement newer requirements and updates.

Mayor Bood thanked Mr. Lagrosse, Ms. Lee, Ms. Smith and Mr. Williams for taking the time to come to Council to share their concerns. Mayor Bood requested Mr. Lagrosse provide a prioritized list of accessibility projects / improvements for the Operational Services Committee to review.

Mr. Lagrosse advised he had one more item he wished to bring up and that was that people living on the North Island should have access to the northern resident's deductions from the federal government. Mayor Bood commented that Council is in agreement and that past Councils have lobbied for inclusion in the prescribed zones and that it may be revisited again in the future.

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Council action items were received for information.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Filomi Days Committee (May 5/15) re: Requests for approvals for Filomi Days 2015 and invitation to Mayor and Council to participate in weekend festivities.

Request for \$10,000

2015-088 FILOMI DAYS SOCIETY REQUEST FOR \$10.000 FUNDING

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the Council approves the Filomi Days Committee request for a \$10,000 donation AND THAT the \$10,000 be applied to the purchase of fireworks directly by the District upon receipt of invoice for same.

Temporary Road closures

2015-089
FILOMI DAYS
SOCIETY
REQUEST FOR
TEMPORARY
ROAD CLOSURES

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council approves the Filomi Days Committee request for temporary road closures as outlined in its letter of May 5, 2015 for the Filomi Days events being held on July 18 to 20 2015 as follows:

- a) Thunderbird Mall to Rupert Street to Gray St. to Market Street to Tsulquate Park on Saturday, July 18th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm for the Annual Lions Club Filomi Days Parade route;
- b) partial closure of that portion of Hastings Street in front of Sporty's and the Bus Depot from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday, July 18th for the Brian Burns Memorial Street Hockey Tournament;
- c) partial closure of that portion of Main Street in front of C&N Backpackers on Sunday, July 19th from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm for the Soapbox Derby; and,
- d) partial closure of that portion of Market Street from the corner of Hastings Street to the Corner of Douglas Street (old Island Highway 19) from 1:00pm on Saturday, July 18th until after the after the fireworks on the evening of Sunday, July 19th for the purposes of accommodating vendors and the event stage.

Additional Requests

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council approves the Filomi Day Committee additional requests as outlined in their letter dated May 5, 2015 as follows:

- a) Use of Carrot Park for three days along with the water and electrical power connections;
- b) Additional Porta Potties for the site
- c) Use of garbage containers and pick up service;
- d) Use of barricades for the parade route;
- e) Notice to be posted on the recreation sign; and.
- f) Allow fireworks to be discharged on the evening of Sunday, July 19th.

A. McCarrick, Director of Financial Services advised Council that the fees for rentals and cleaning of porta potties is expensive and estimated a possible cost of \$500 per day.

Councillor Hemphill requested the motion be amended to delete item b) porta potties from the motion until costs for rental and cleaning services is available.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council approves the Filomi Day Committee additional requests as outlined in their letter dated May 5, 2015 as follows:

a) Use of Carrot Park for three days along with the water and electrical power connections:

2015-090 FILOMI DAYS SOCIETY RE: ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

- b) Use of garbage containers and pick up service;
- c) Use of barricades for the parade route;
- d) Notice to be posted on the recreation sign; and,
- e) Allow fireworks to be discharged on the evening of Sunday, July 19th.

2015-091 FILOMI DAYS SOCIETY RE PORTA POTTY COSTS

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council directs staff to obtain information as to the cost of porta potty rental and cleaning services for the Filomi Days event AND FURTHER THAT staff report to Council with this information.

2. Lynette Tanaka, Visitor Services & Marketing Manager, Port Hardy and District Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Centre (May 13/15) re: Request the use of portion of Carrot Park on Thursday, June 11th, to facilitate Van Isle 360 International Yacht Race gathering and barbeque.

2015-092 CH OF COMM RE REQUEST FOR SUPPORT VAN ISLE 360

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council approves the request by Lynette Tanaka, Visitor Services & Marketing Manager, Port Hardy and District Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Information Centre, regarding the use of a portion of Carrot Park on Thursday, June 11th, to facilitate a gathering and barbeque associated with the Van Isle 360 International Yacht Race.

3. Hon. John Duncan, PC, and MP, (May 6 /15) re: Launch of Canada 150 Fund, a funding initiative for the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation was received for information.

Allison McCarrick, Director of Financial Services advised that there is also a Canada 150 grant available for infrastructure works and that the deadline for submission is June 17, 2015.

Councillor Hemphill suggested this would be a good opportunity to work with local First Nations in celebrating the 150 anniversary of Confederation and requested that this matter be referred to the First Nations Relations Committee for review and Councillor Counci

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2015-093 CANADA 150 FUND INFO TO FIRST NATIONS RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the information regarding the Canada 150 Fund to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation be forwarded to the First Nations Relations Committee.

4. Lorraine Copas, Executive Director, Social Planning & Research Council of British Columbia (May 8/15) re: Request to Proclaim June 6, 2015 Access Awareness Day. (Request brought forward by Mayor Bood, as per Council policy CP1.2)

2015-094 PROCLAIM JUNE 6, 2015 ACCESS AWARENESS DAY

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council declares June 6, 2015 Access Awareness Day in the District of Port Hardy.

5. Deputy Sturko, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture (May 7/15) re: Regulatory Amendments Affecting the Production of Medical Marijuana on Agricultural Land Reserve was received for information.

Robin Hunt, Kwakiutl Band (May 20/15) re: Aboriginal Day of Wellness 2015 and request to use Carrot Park, electricity and bathroom facilities.

2015-095 ROBIN HUNT REQUEST FOR USE OF CARROT PARK, AND FACILITIES FOR ABORIGINAL DAY

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council approves the request by Robin Hunt, Kwakiutl Band, regarding the use Carrot Park, electricity and bathroom facilities for Aboriginal Day of Wellness June 14, 2015 activities.

7. Candy Nomeland, (May 8/15) re: Request for use of Carrot Park for Go Fly A Kite Day June 13, 2015.

2015-096 C. NOMELAND RE: USE OF CARROT PARK FOR GO FLY A KITE DAY

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council approves the request by Candy Nomeland for use of Carrot Park for the Go Fly A Kite Day event on June 13, 2015.

G. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

H. COUNCIL REPORTS

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

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Draft minutes of the First Nations Relations Committee meeting held May 12, 2015 were received for information.

The First Nations Relations Committee recommends to Council:

a) "THAT Council directs staff to apply to UBCM / First Nations Summit for a Community to Community Forum with the Kwakiutl First Nation AND THAT the application be completed and submitted before the application intake deadline of June 10, 2015."

Councillor Hemphill advised that the previous Community to Community Forum with the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Nations was a success and the Committee would like to have a similar event to build on the relationship with the Kwakiutl First Nation. Possible agenda items could include education, history and the Douglas Treaty.

APPLICATION
COMMUNITY TO
COMMUNITY
FORUM:

Move

KWAKIUTL FIRST NATION

2015-097

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council directs staff to apply to the UBCM / First Nations Summit for a Community to Community Forum with the Kwakiutl First Nation before the deadline of June 10, 2015.

Jeff Long requested clarification regarding the application process. Councillor Hemphill advised she will prepare the application and will also facilitate a letter of support from the Kwakiutl First Nation to include in the application package.

b) "THAT Council requests the Regional District of Mount Waddington apply for a regional Community to Community Forum, for the next application intake deadline in the fall of 2015."

2015-098 REQUEST RDMW APPLY FOR REGIONAL COMMUNITY TO COMMUNITY FORUM Councillor Hemphill advised the Committee agreed that a regional Community to Community Forum, to include all North Island First Nation communities and local governments, should be undertaken as a follow up to the 2010 Regional Community Forum and resultant protocol. The Committee further agreed that the Regional District of Mount Waddington would be the best applicant for a regional Community to Community Forum. It was suggested that, with Council approval, the Council representatives to the Regional District of Mount Waddington Board make this request of the Board of Directors.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council requests that Mayor Bood and Councilor Dugas, as the District of Port Hardy representatives on the Regional District of Mount Waddington Board of Directors, request that the Regional District apply for a regional Community to Community Forum for the next application intake deadline in the fall of 2015.

2. Draft minutes of the Parks and Recreation Review Committee meeting held April 28, 2015 were received for information.

J. STAFF REPORTS

No staff reports.

K. CURRENT BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. District of Port Hardy Bylaw No. 1041-2015, A Bylaw to Amend Fire Department Establishment and Procedures Bylaw No. 16-2011. For Adoption

2015-099 BYL 1041-2015 AMEND BYL 16-2011 ADOPTED

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT District of Port Hardy Bylaw No. 1041-2015, A Bylaw to Amend Fire Department Establishment and Procedures Bylaw No. 16-2011, is hereby adopted.

2. District of Port Hardy Bylaw No 1042-2015, A Bylaw to Amend Zoning Bylaw No.1010-2013. For First and Second Readings.

2015-100 BYL 1042-2015 AMEND BYL 1010-2013 1ST & 2ND READINGS

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT District of Port Hardy Bylaw No 1042-2015, A Bylaw to Amend Zoning Bylaw No.1010-2013 receives First and Second Readings.

2015-101 STAFF TO PREPARE & ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING RE BYL1042-2015

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council directs staff to undertake preparations for advertising and conducting a public hearing with respect to District of Port Hardy Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1042-2015 at 6:30pm on June 23, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall at 7063 Columbia Street, Port Hardy, BC, in accordance with Section 890 of the Local Government Act.

L. PENDING BYLAWS

No pending bylaws.

M. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCMENTS

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

2015-102 ADJOURNMENT Moved

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CORRECT

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE
AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Time: 8:00pm

APPROVED

MAYOR

