

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009 at 2:00 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 CENTRE ROAD, LIONS BAY**

Present: Mayor Broughton, Councillors Akerhielm, Ronsley, Simons & Taylor, Treasurer Anne-Marie Koiner, Project Manager Rick Beauchamp, Public Works Manager Joe Canning and Office Manager Anne Page, Norma Rodgers and Birgitta von Krosigk.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Broughton called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda of Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 22, 2009

Resolution

Moved by Councillor Akerhielm
Seconded by Councillor Ronsley

Resolved that: Council approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 22, 2009 with two additions:

1. Item 5D: Water quality at Lions Bay beaches
2. Item 5E: Towing of vehicles

Carried....

3. Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2009

Resolution

Moved by Councillor Akerhielm
Seconded by Councillor Ronsley

Resolved that: Council approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 15, 2009 with one change: Item 4A, bullet #8 add 'public' to bear proof public garbage cans.

Carried...

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

The following items were identified as Business Arising from the Minutes and Council confirmed that:

- A landscaping plan for Kelvin Grove parking lot will not coming forward,
- Councillor Akerhielm will advise area residents that the replacement of stairs between Tidewater Way and Sweetwater Place will be done in 2010,
- The electrical repair work in the Community Hall is underway,
- The file storage project in the Community Hall is almost finished, and
- The letter from Fire Chief dated June 24, 2009 will be circulated to Council.

5. New Business

A. Filming Policy

Councillor Simons presented a paper 'Council Discussion Regarding Draft #4 of the Revised Filming Policy' and Draft #4 of the 'Filming Policy for the Village of Lions Bay'.

Council discussed the Draft #4 Filming Policy and agreed that Draft #2 be considered for the Agenda of July 6, 2009.

Mayor Broughton thanked Councillors Simons and Ronsley for all their work regarding the development of the filming policy.

B. Green Waste Strategy

Joe Canning provided a report 'Composting Process' and advised Council that:

- There are two piles of green waste at the Harvey Pit site, one is a wood chipping pile and the other is the unchipped pile of green waste. The wood chip pile has been dispersed as of today,
- He will bring Fire Chief Andrew Oliver to the Harvey Pit site to inspect the two piles,
- The remaining pile is a cold composting pile which can take 1-2 years to compost and that dirt is not to be added to the pile as it slows down the composting process,
- He recommends that Smithrite Disposal take over the green waste collection for the remainder of this year and that the Public Works Department will research how to process green waste for future years,
- Clean chips could be used on the Centennial Trail and other trails in the Village,
- The Works Department would still take the green waste pickup material collected this fall up to the Harvey Pit area,

Mayor Broughton thanked Joe Canning for taking Fire Chief Andrew Oliver to the green waste site.

Anne-Marie Koiner advised Council that the Village still needs to sort out the contract with Smithrite Disposal.

Resolution

Moved by Councillor Akerhielm
Seconded by Councillor Ronsley

Resolved that: The Village request that Smithrite resume green waste collection in Lions Bay beginning the first week in July to the end of November, 2009 on Fridays for a fixed cost of \$16,000.

Carried...

C. Bear Smart Initiatives

Mayor Broughton thanked Norma Rodgers and Birgitta von Krosigk for their work on the Bear Smart Committee.

Councillor Simons advised Council that this meeting with members of the Bear Smart Committee was to provide an opportunity for Council to ask questions and to seek clarification that Works Department will put out and remove bear signs as appropriate.

Norma Rodgers, Chair of the Bear Smart Committee advised Council that:

- when bears were shot in 1990's the Conservation Officers only had that response for bear incidents, however under the Bear Smart initiatives which includes educating residents, the COs are trained with hazing and translocation. Unfortunately some people in the original group still feel the COs shoot bears, but the current Bear Smart Committee is building a relationship with the COs to save bears,
- Bear Smart is a provincial initiative that the Village has embraced,
- What are deliverables from today's meeting?
 1. discussions around posting of bear signs, (2 types of signs)
 2. discussions around office procedures with bear calls,
 3. input of the Bear Smart Committee is required,
 4. signs up and signs down, difference between calling the RAPP line and the Village Office, 2 levels of signs,
- The 'Bear Active' sign is a new sign that warns people that bears are there, just sightings with bears doing their natural thing,
- The 'Bear Alert' warning signs are put out in the community when there is a cluster of several sightings over several days or bears breaking into structures, or bears getting into garbage. Bear alert signs should not be left out for a long period of time otherwise it loses its effectiveness – not longer than a week or 10 days. The Village Office will request the Works Department where and when to put them up and when to take them down and will record information on a spreadsheet.
- Office procedures – staff and members of the Bear Smart Committee email back and forth regarding sightings, complaints or encounters,
- If there is an immediate problem then it is forwarded to COS through RAPP line,
- The Village Office will change the message on voice mail to include the RAPP line,
- when the new Village Manager starts we will meet for a seminar,
- The Bear Smart Committee would like Village staff to attend at least part of the monthly meetings,
- the media contact is the COS and the Mayor would refer the media to the COS,

D. Water quality at beaches

Rick Beauchamp joined the Committee of the Whole meeting at 3:10 pm

Mayor Broughton advised Council that she received an email from a resident enquiring about water quality at Kelvin Grove beach,

Councillor Akerhielm advised that the Village can request Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH - environmental health inspection) to sample all of our beaches for water quality. Councillor Akerhielm agreed to research this further.

Rick Beauchamp advised that Kelvin Grove beach is accessible to dog walking and some residents are concerned about water quality and health and that some jurisdictions restrict dogs to a certain area of the beach or restrict summer months, or restrict hours that dogs are welcome.

Councillor Akerhielm advised that the provincial ministry which governs VCH and Health Canada, advised there are no restrictions, legislation or recommendations regarding joint use of beach with dogs and humans, that it is purely a municipal matter. Health Canada website cited one reference regarding recreational water quality guidelines and listed various sources of pollution which is governed by the amount of rainfall and is therefore least troublesome in summer months during low rainfall periods and that the marina may be more of a concern with oil spillage, etc. The sewage outfall at Kelvin Grove is a concern and the Village should proceed on the basis of fact.

Joe Canning advised that the water at Kelvin Grove was randomly tested in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Council requested weekly water quality testing at Kelvin Grove beach through July and August and asked what the test results were from 2007. Council requested Joe Canning to contact Rod Schluter to do testing of our beaches and requested that testing be scheduled in next couple of weeks and asked how do we arrange for testing.

If not health department, then Village can possibly do the testing. Joe Canning advised that the Works Department conducts regular testing of both beaches and that in 2008 testing was done 3-4 times.

E. Towing

Councillor Akerhielm advised Council that:

- She has drafted a towing policy,
- Signage should be in this week and installed asap, then 15 days to advise residents and visitors before we start to tow,
- The Village needs to call towing companies for upcoming towing services this summer. In future years we might use Impark or possibly Commissionaires.

Rick Beauchamp advised that the traffic bylaw needs to allow towing, (staff will check the bylaw), and that it is important to have clear guidelines for towing, and there should be something in the budget regarding towing to cover call out charges to missed vehicles, etc. and that the bylaw officer should be present when tow company arrives to tow,

Staff was requested to contact Mitchell's Towing regarding their towing policy.

Staff were directed to recraft signage regarding permit parking.
The Treasurer will contact Mitchell's Towing and confirm policy with Payless Towing.

F. Tendering for Lower Lions Bay Water Main Replacement Project

Rick Beauchamp advised that the Village received five written submissions for the Lower Lions Bay Water Main Replacement Project and he expects the proposals will be fully evaluated within the next couple of days.

It was agreed that Council will meet on Monday, June 29 at 10 am to evaluate the tendering proposals and that a Special Meeting will be scheduled for June 29, 2009 at 11:00 am to award the tender.

G. Possible Boundary Expansion to include Strachan Point Estates

This item will be brought forward for In Camera discussion for July 6, 2009.

5. Adjournment of Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 22, 2009

Resolution

Moved by Councillor Akerhielm
Seconded by Councillor Ronsley

Resolved that: Council adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 22, 2009 at 5:03 pm.

Carried...

Mayor

Administrator