

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY  
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010 at 7:00 PM  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 CENTRE ROAD, LIONS BAY**

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**Present:** Mayor Brenda Broughton  
Councillor Peach Akerhielm  
Councillor Joanne Ronsley  
Councillor Ruth Simons  
Councillor Gordon Taylor  
Village Manager Rory Mandryk  
Treasurer Anne-Marie Koiner  
Office Manager Anne Page (recording)

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Broughton called the Regular Council Meeting of March 1, 2010 to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Resolution**

Moved by Councillor Ronsley  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

**Resolved that:** Council approve the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of March 1, 2010 as presented.

**Carried...**

**3. Public Participation**

**A. Joe Ronsley regarding trees on private land**

Joe Ronsley asked if he could respond to the Delegations comments after they have made their presentations. Mayor Broughton advised that he could not respond to the Delegations Comments but he could speak for two minutes at the Public Participation portion of this meeting.

Joe Ronsley advised Council that:

- The neighbour who wishes a view now never had a view when he purchased his property,
- The trees on his property are safe and that the neighbours' concerns regarding safety are unfounded.

**4. Delegations**

**A. Brigitta Shore regarding Olympic Torch Relay Event**

**Brigitta Shore presented a report on the Olympic Torch Relay Event held on February 4, 2010 and advised Council that:**

- The report is a wrap up of the Torch Relay Event with a revised accounting of revenues and expenses and that expenditures were less than revenues,
- Over 1,000 people attended the event and there was good media coverage,
- A grant from Arts & Culture was received by the Village for this event, and
- She sent thank you cards to various groups including thanks to the phenomenal Village staff and she thanked the Village for letting her be a part of this event, and
- Revenues exceeded expenditures therefore no budget funds were used.

Brigitta Shore then presented the Village with a permanent photo collage of the event.

Mayor Broughton thanked Brigitta Shore for her involvement above and beyond with the hundreds of volunteers for putting on such a spectacular event.

Councillor Ronsley congratulated and thanked Brigitta Shore for a tremendous occasion and it was such a good time.

Brigitta Shore responded and said she had a wonderful team of volunteers to work on the event.

**Resolution**

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Simons

**Resolved that:** Council express their thanks to Brigitta Shore on behalf of all the Village of Lions Bay residents for chairing the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay Event.

**Carried...**

**B. Ray Kisser regarding Tree Safety on Private Property**

**Ray Kisser advised Council that:**

- Five years ago the wind patterns changed in Lions Bay which was the first in a series of serious wind storms causing trees to snap and a causing his family to fear these large trees,
- Started to talk about the potential damage these trees could cause after 30-40 feet of a tree fell on Kisser's deck in the storm,
- The Ronley's won't do anything to their trees and their trees are close to Kisser's house and the children's bedrooms are on the top floor,
- A specified tree is very large and is right beside Kisser's house,
- He has explained their concern to the Ronsley's about the potential danger of their trees, and
- He has asked the Ronsley's to top the trees now that the Kisser's have children but Joe Ronsley told him, "that is a risk you should be willing to take".

Mayor Broughton explained the concept of conflict of interest and said that any Council member should declare a conflict of interest if they have one.

**C. Marek Sredzki regarding Trees on Private Land Policy. Marek Sredzki asked if David Shore could share his delegation time and Council agreed.**

**Marek Sredzki referenced three letters that he had sent to Council and advised Council that:**

- He appreciates nature (trees and shrubs) and gardening but felt that the Village needs bylaws to address trees,
- The Ronsley's trees are 40-50 meters tall and close to buildings,
- It is unreasonable to grow trees that size in the Village as the Village is not a forest,
- Trees are at least twice as tall as they were 25 years ago, and
- Would like trees on private land policy converted to a bylaw

**D. David Shore regarding trees on private land**

**David Shore advised Council that:**

- supports the need for a tree bylaw,
- trees can create a lot of animosity,
- if the trees were left to grow we wouldn't have a very good neighbourhood and Council wouldn't be doing their job,
- the trees are endangering life and property,
- large trees can contribute to damage to homes from dry rot,
- we live in a community with street names with 'VIEW' but residents are losing their views,
- we need a balance between trees and view, need to work on a compromise,
- Council needs to exert authority to step in and deal with tree issues,
- a bylaw gives the Council teeth to deal with these issues,
- he would like an independent group chosen for expertise with trees, create a sub-committee that are transparent, unconflicted and knowledgeable.

Councillor Simons stated the Village had a policy regarding trees on private land and previous Councils have tried to resolve this issue and there had been a request for this policy.

Joe Ronsley advised that he had written most of the policy and the Tree Bylaw and that the policy does not regulate trees on private land but is an advisory policy.

Mayor Broughton stated that the power of a tree is more powerful than one can imagine and seeing the photos of the trees she cannot stand by and not comment. As Mayor of this community, we value our safety, life and property and each other and each other's values and she is willing to state clearly that we also value the protection of assets.

Joe Ronsley said that was unacceptable and stated that if you have that kind of phobia you should move to Coal Harbour.

Mayor Broughton advised that each householder has a perspective on what their assets are and it is important to have neighbour talking with neighbour to create a process that helps them work things out.

Councillor Akerhielm stated that she has tall trees too which are healthy and that we should not legislate what happens on private land. She had written an article for [www.lionsbay.net](http://www.lionsbay.net) on Villagers' perspectives on bylaws, and Ms. Shore and Mr. Sredzki had responded discouraging attempts by the Village to solve disputes with bylaws and enforcement. Now they want legislation.

Mayor Broughton asked Councillor Taylor, Council liaison with the Tree Committee for some guidance on this.

Councillor Ronsley stated that the reality is that the trees that Ray Kissler refers to have been limbed twice already, some things being said are inaccurate and that they have responded to requests.

Councillor Taylor advised that the Tree Committee will have a look at the trees and make recommendations to Council.

**E. Fire Chief's Report (moved forward from Item 8 Reports)**

Fire Chief Andrew Oliver advised Council that:

- The Fire Department had one additional MVA call this past weekend which isn't on the list,
- Regarding training, there has been 10 people through the 'Train The Trainer' program which is being conducted In-House,
- Public Works Manager Chuck Partridge attended the Fire Practice last week and they reviewed with him how they do business. Chuck's membership in the Fire Department will increase coverage during the day,
- They have worked intensely during the Olympics for 17 days 24/7 where all the firefighters were working, and some members from West Vancouver came to Lions Bay and looked at our new fire truck,
- Vandalism on front door of Emergency Building being dealt with,
- Squamish Fire Department is doing some training and the Justice Institute wants to rent some of our equipment (projectors) so as an exchange Andrew will see if we can get a couple of members to Squamish for training in fire operations,
- Lions Bay Fire Department will hopefully be doing a lot more training with Squamish and Whistler,
- He hopes to bring in other fire departments to pay for the training in Lions Bay which would be additional revenue,

Mayor Broughton asked about bringing the number of firefighters down a bit from 32.

Andrew Oliver advised Council that:

- We have lost a couple of members and now are down to 29,
- There would be new forms for the firefighters to fill out,
- He spoke to Coquitlam and Vancouver Fire Departments and advised he would like to get funding from other municipalities and maybe from other departments in this Corridor.
- Someone left a fridge beside the dumpster at the Klatt Building,

- The old fire truck is for sale and there is an ad in 'Fire Trader' magazine, and
- He will continue working on the Fire Bylaw with Councillor Akerhielm.

Mayor thanked Fire Chief Andrew Oliver for his report.

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

**A. Regular Council Meeting of February 1, 2010**

**Resolution**

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Simons

**Resolved that:** Council adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 1, 2010 with the following changes:

Item 4A, fifth bullet, sentence should read, "A letter will be sent to them regarding restoring their egress which they have slowly taken over."

Item 4A, tenth bullet, sentence should read, "...including a tent which Works took down..."

Item 10A, Last sentences should read, "The Five Year Plan increase from 2009 was 2.4% in 2010. Council decided to increase our provisional budget to 2.4%."

**Carried...**

**B. Special Council Meeting of February 3, 2010**

**Resolution**

Moved by Councillor Akerhielm  
Seconded by Councillor Simons

**Resolved that:** Council adopt the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of February 3, 2010 as presented.

**Carried...**

**6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**7. Unfinished Business**

**A. Welcome Package**

Councillor Ronsley advised Council that information can be added to the Welcome Package as it is a work in progress and that she will write a piece in the next Village Update advising that new residents can pick up a Welcome Package in the Village Office.

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**Resolution**

Moved by Councillor Simons  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

**Resolved that:** Council support purchasing ten (10) Lions Bay Historical Society booklets to include in the Welcome Packages.

**Carried...**

**8. Reports**

**A. Fire Chief**

See Item 4E.

**B. Administration**

**i) Recommendations from Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 1, 2010**

None

**ii) Village Manager's Update Report**

Regarding ticketing for untidy premises, Councillor Akerhielm advised that if the Village tickets the property owner and if there is a dispute then the offender can find out who complained. She further advised that it might be preferable to order a cleanup and put the cost of cleanup put on the offender's taxes. Rory Mandryk would seek clarification of this issue.

Regarding the Lower Lions Bay Watermain Replacement Program, Rory advised that the quotes from AECOM are almost finished, that where water lines will be looping to connect Lions Bay Avenue to Seaview, CN is not willing to give up property so AECOM and the Village are looking at other options.

There is a meeting scheduled with John Jessop, BC Hydro on March 8 to prepare for the public consultation meeting on March 10.

Councillor Simons offered to phone residents as a reminder to attend the public consultation meeting.

Utility (water and solid waste) billings information will be posted on the Village's website.

**iii) Lions Bay Activity Report from RCMP – January 2010**

Council inquired how wide our jurisdiction is in and around Lions Bay. Rory Mandryk will speak with Sgt. Bracewell to get clarity on the statistics presented.

**iv) Lions Bay False Alarm Report from RCMP – January 2010**

**C. Mayor & Council**

**i) Mayor Broughton – Portfolio Report**

Mayor Broughton advised that the next Highway Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for March 16 at 7 pm and that the HAG is still an active group in dealing with the soundwall construction and that the contract with MoT ends June 30, 2010.

Regarding the Community Garden an application through Jesse Morwood is necessary to obtain a permit. Rory Mandryk will be applying for the permit.

Mayor Broughton acknowledged that she has been appointed the Metro Vancouver Water Committee.

Councillor Simons advised that there is a need for public washrooms to be installed on the Sea to Sky Highway.

Mayor Broughton thanked Councillor Akerhielm for assuming the Acting Mayor position while the Mayor was absent and thanked Council members for attending the Mayor's Levee. Council discussed the event and suggested that next year it might be changed.

**ii) Councillor Ronsley – Portfolio Report**

Mayor Broughton requested that a line be removed from Councillor Ronsley's Portfolio Report in the Tree Committee section.

Councillor Ronsley advised that regarding Secondary Suites, she would like to see the Village start this process and move this issue forward. Dates for public consultation meetings will be brought back for Council's consideration.

**iii) Councillor Simons – Portfolio Report**

Regarding the GHG Reduction Targets, Councillor Simons advised that changes have been made to the original draft and incorporated in this version.

Councillor Simons attended the reception for Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson and she was the only Councillor in the Metro Vancouver area that attended.

**D. Committees & Task Forces**

**i) Highway Advisory Group Minutes of January 13, 2010**

**9. Resolutions**

**A. Canada Day Grant**

**Resolution**

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Ronsley

**Resolved that:** Council support the submission of the Canada Day Grant application.  
**Carried...**

**B. Rescue Associates Contract**

**Resolution**

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Simons

**Resolved that:** Council authorize the signing of the Rescue Associates Contract.  
**Carried...**

**C. Appointment of Public Works Manager as Bylaw Enforcement Officer**

**Resolution**

Moved by Councillor Akerhielm  
Seconded by Councillor Ronsley

**Resolved that:** Council appoint Public Works Manager, Chuck Partridge as a Lions Bay Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

**Carried...**

**10. Bylaws**

**11. Correspondence**

**A. List of Correspondence to February 25, 2010**

Item #2 Village Manager will respond.

Item #10 – Councillor Akerhielm requested that Rory Mandryk write to ask about watershed monitoring.

Item #17 Fire Wise Consulting - seminars offered, Rory Mandryk to respond and let them know Lions Bay would be interested in attending in March.

Item #21 – Councillor Akerhielm advised that the person could be ticketed and suggested that the Bylaw Enforcement Office drop by under Traffic & Parking Bylaw, also in Tree Bylaw and Rory Mandryk will respond to the letter.

Item #34 – respond after Councillor Taylor and the Tree Committee have made recommendations and Village will respond to all stakeholders that were at Council meeting. This item will be brought back to the March 15 Agenda for fact finding and followup.

Item #36  
**Resolution**

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Ronsley

**Resolved that:** Council proclaim March to be Easter Seals Month.

**Carried...**

Item #63 – Mayor Broughton would like to attend the LGMA Conference.

**12. New Business**

**A. Appointments to Tree Committee**

This item was removed from the Agenda as it was put on the Agenda in error.

**B. Daytime Firefighters**

Referring to the Report from Fire Chief Andrew Oliver, the hiring of the temporary Public Works Manager who has joined the Fire Department will help to resolve this issue.

**C. Permanent hydro connection at underpass**

Council agreed that the Village should request that the hydro connection at the underpass not be disconnected.

**D. Date for LMTAC presentation to Council**

Council requested that staff advise LMTAC that they would like to postpone the presentation to Council for now.

**E. Sea to Sky Air Quality Coordinating Committee Funding Request**

Council requested confirmation that there was \$300 in the 2010 budget for the Sea to Sky Air Quality Coordinating Committee pursuant to their funding request.

**13. In Camera**

**Resolution**

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Akerhielm

**Resolved that:** Council move to an In Camera Session to discuss matters.

**Carried...**

**Resolution**

Moved by Councillor Akerhielm  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

**Resolved that:** Council revert back to the Open Session of the Regular Council Meeting of March 1, 2010.

**Carried...**

**14. Adjournment**

**Resolution**

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Akerhielm

**Resolved that:** Council adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of March 1, 2010 at 9:05 pm.

**Carried...**

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**Mayor**

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**Village Manager**