

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010 at 7:00 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 CENTRE ROAD, LIONS BAY**

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 15, 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 15, 2010 with the following additions:

Item 12B: Volunteer Recognition Week
Item 12C: Elections 2011
Item 12D: Secondary Suites

Carried...

3. Public Participation

A. Penny Nelson regarding Age Friendly Housing Workshop on March 13, 2010.

Penny Nelson advised Council that:

- She thought it was a good meeting with lot of open discussion however she has mixed reservations about the project because she felt most seniors and retired residents had already made up their minds what the project was going to look like,
- Raymond Penner, the consultant was good,

- She felt that this group cannot be an objective group and that the entire community should be involved in the decision about what the community will look like in the future,
- The small group should not be running the project because it will impact the entire community,

Councillor Akerhielm advised that the purpose of the Community Survey was to engage the whole community

Penny Nelson further advised that:

- The people who were at the Workshop agreed to go door to door and felt the workshop was not the right forum, that she would really like to see people have a chance to say what they really think through canvassing, and would like to see a referendum held for the entire Village,
- The Community Survey does not allow for people to say they don't want this kind of project,

Mayor Broughton advised that Council wants to hear from the whole community which is what this survey is about and that the Village will continue to put out calls to the community via the e-post and mail drops.

Councillor Akerhielm advised that the whole community can not get involved in a workshop environment and that it is Council's responsibility to choose the correct forum

Mayor Broughton advised that the invitation to be involved in the workshops was not just seniors but all ages were invited to come forward to participate.

Councillor Taylor advised that Age Friendly Housing is vetted in the OCP.

Penny Nelson further advised that:

- only a very small percentage of the community was involved,

Councillor Ronsley advised that the discussions regarding Age Friendly Housing are not closed off and this is just a beginning,

Councillor Akerhielm advised that a draft survey was circulated last Saturday and a second draft will be circulated next Saturday followed by a public meeting in May after the survey results have been analyzed. The final draft of the survey will be brought forward to the April 6 Council meeting before it goes out to the community. Councillor Akerhielm cautioned Council in suggesting changes to the final draft because it is then taking it out of the consultant's hands.

Penny Nelson further advised that there was a feeling of being rushed.

Mayor Broughton advised that the whole region is acknowledging the aging demographics and talking about 'aging in place', that the Village will be looking at all the possibilities for our older citizens and that our OCP is clear about multi-family housing but this particular assignment is about age-friendly housing.

Mayor Broughton thanked Penny Nelson for her presentation.

B. Lisa Turpin regarding communication.

Lisa Turpin advised Council that:

- she felt that the Village needs to improve the communication to include more details on the Agenda and other communications.

Mayor Broughton advised that the Village could try and do better and thanked Lisa Turpin for her presentation.

C. Marek Sredzki regarding trees on private land.

Marek Sredzki advised Council that:

- he appreciated Council looking at dangerous trees,
- the Village used to prune trees along the streets every two years but now that is abandoned and the streets are closing in,
- he wished to present the Village with a copy of the 'Fire Smart' manual.

Mayor Broughton advised that the Village has purchased a 'thrasher' machine to clear the boulevards and that this is the season to do the trimming on the boulevards. The Mayor thanked Marek Sredzki for his presentation.

4. Delegations

A. Louis Peterson regarding "The Greening of Lions Bay – The Native Plant Semi-Shade Garden Project".

Louis Peterson advised Council that:

- the term is should really be 're-greening',
- the idea originally was for the MoT to have a legacy to replace cultured species with indigenous plants along the highway right-of-ways,
- we should think in terms of native plants for shade, semi-shade and sunny areas,
- the area down Lions Bay Avenue just before Southview Place has been neglected over the years and requires a lot of clearing of brambles and other weeds,
- he is working on this landscaping initiative with a group of volunteers,
- the group is not seeking a lot of taxpayers dollars to do the project but are looking to the Village to assist with the removal of green waste and debris and some backhoe work,
- Mary Miles has done a lot of the site planning with Roy Forster,
- native soil might be accessed for transfer to this garden,
- might do some fundraising and investigate sources of money for a project like this (Van City, Garden Works, Fiskars, Home Depot, etc.)

Mayor Broughton thanked Louis Peterson for his presentation and advised here is a water standpipe installed in the area and regarding removal of debris the Mayor thanked Louis Peterson and his team for clearing this area.

Louis Peterson further advised there are a lot of brambles to be cleared and the group would need the backhoe for one day. The piles of green waste and debris to be cleared out are huge. He invited anyone who would like to come and visit the area.

Treasurer Anne-Marie Koiner advised that there were funds in the budget for the Public Works Department to assist in taking away the debris.

Councillor Ronsley thanked Louis Peterson and the team for clearing this area.

Louis Peterson advised that the team would like to know about how much lead time they have to bring the piles from the back of the area to the front so that the Works Department can take them away.

Councillor Simons suggested that the term 're-greening' is interesting as another resident was talking about taking green away from the boulevards.

Mayor Broughton noted that in this area of Lions Bay Avenue the vegetation was growing over the asphalt and visibility has been greatly improved.

Councillor Simons suggested that the budget details be passed along to Louis Peterson and Mary Miles.

Councillor Akerhilem offered to work with the group regarding the applications for funding this project.

5. Adoption of Minutes

A. Regular Council Meeting of March 1, 2010

Resolution

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Ronsley

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

Item 4A: add an additional bullet "revenues exceeded expenditures therefore no budget funds were used"

Item 4B: second bullet should read "...after 30-40 feet of a tree"...

Item 4D: first paragraph: Sentence should read, "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."

Item 4D: sixth paragraph: Sentence should read, "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 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."

Item 8Cii) Move last paragraph in Councillor Ronsley's Portfolio Report to last paragraph in Mayor Broughton's Portfolio report.

Carried...

B. Special Council Meeting of March 4, 2010

Resolution

Moved by Councillor Akerhielm
Seconded by Councillor Simons

Resolved that: Council adopt the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of March 4, 2010 with the following changes:
Heading should read, "Thursday, March 4, 2010"
Treasurer Anne-Marie was not present at the meeting.

Carried...

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

A. Tree Committee Recommendations regarding trees on private land

Councillor Taylor presented a report which has been circulated to the Tree Committee. He will review the report with the Tree Committee and bring their recommendations back to Council on April 6 regarding a mechanism to deal with these sorts of issues.

Councillor Simons expressed concern that Council was making an exception to the Tree Bylaw and advised that under the Tree Policy on private land the Village could hire an arborist.

7. Unfinished Business

8. Reports

A. Administration

i) Recommendations from Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 15, 2010

ii) Village Manager's Update Report

Rory Mandryk advised Council that:

- Kathy Chan will be invited to the April 19 Council Meeting and that his report will be amended,
- Some trees near the tennis court could damage new surface if not removed. Rory Mandryk will meet with John Dudley regarding a plan as to which trees should be removed.

Mayor Broughton advised that the tennis court was being refurbished costing \$48,000 including the grant and there is a huge drainage problem in the area.

Councillor Ronsley suggested that we hire a certified tree arborist to advise on which trees should come down and make an assessment as to what needs to be done and that anyone who makes a living cutting trees should not be advising the Village. Councillor Simons asked if the Village was going to use a private

citizen's recommendations to give us advice on all trees on municipal land. Rory Mandryk advised that he would ask the Public Works Manager to provide a full report and bring it back to Council.

Rory Mandryk advised there are some derelict vehicles on the highway right-of-way land and he would seek clarification that we can tow on MoT land.

Rory Mandryk provided a Public Works Safety Meeting Report on behalf of the Public Works Manager.

Rory Mandryk advised that the BDO Auditors would be auditing the Village from March 16-19, 2010 and then would return on March 29 to complete the audit.

iii) RCMP Activity Report – February 2010

Resolution

Moved by Councillor Akerhilem
Seconded by Councillor Ronsley

Resolved that: Council receive all reports.

Carried...

Mayor Broughton advised that she would like the RCMP to issue tickets to drivers on the Sea to Sky Highway within the Village's jurisdiction and we may be eligible for some of the revenue from the issued tickets.

Mayor Broughton advised that the Speed Reader Board is on the Highway Advisory Group Agenda for March 16, 2010.

B. Mayor & Council

i) Mayor Broughton – Portfolio Report

Mayor Broughton advised that she met with both Louis Peterson and Mary Miles regarding the 're-greening' project and also with Kathy Chan and the Village Manager.

The Public Consultation Meeting regarding Underground Wiring Notes will be finalized and emailed to Council and presented at the April 6 Council Meeting.

ii) Councillor Ronsley – Portfolio Report

Councillor Ronsley will be meeting with Lions Bay Library volunteers to receive their input on the idea of joining the West Vancouver Library and she will also be hearing back from the West Vancouver Library Board.

C. Committees & Task Forces

Treasurer Anne-Marie Koiner provided a report on Bylaw Enforcement statistics including the number of tickets issued and cancelled including revenues received from paid tickets.

9. Resolutions

A. Contribution Agreement for Centennial Trail

Resolution

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Akerhielm

Resolved that: Council authorize the Village Manager to sign the Contribution Agreement between the Village of Lions Bay and the Ministry of Transportation regarding the Centennial Trail.

Carried...

B. Discussion of a resolution to apply for a grant from MIA with regards to risk deterrents

Resolution

Moved by Councillor Akerhielm
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

Resolved that: Council approve the submission of an application to the Municipal Insurance Association (MIA) for a grant to be used to mitigate the Village's liability and risk.

Carried...

10. Bylaws

11. Correspondence

A. List of Correspondence to March 11, 2010

Resolution

Moved by Councillor Simons
Seconded by Councillor Akerhielm

Resolved that: Council authorize the Village to sign up for the Earth Hour event.

Carried...

It was agreed that communication would be sent out to encourage residents to register for Earth Hour. Councillor Simons suggested that some members of the Climate Action Task Force may help with this.

Item #19. Sounds walls will be done.

Item #21 will be emailed to all Council members and will be brought forward to April 6 Council Meeting.

Resolution

Moved by Councillor Akerhielm
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

Resolved that: Council receive the List of Correspondence to March 11, 2010.

Carried...

12. New Business

A. BC Communities in Bloom

Mayor Broughton suggested that the Village consider the BC Communities in Bloom this fall to do fundraising and then enter the event in the Spring of 2011 when the Village celebrates our 40th Anniversary of Incorporation.

B. Volunteer Recognition

It was agreed that the Village might plan something to celebrate Volunteer Recognition Week in April of next year. It was suggested that the Village invite all volunteers and groups to take part in the Village's July 1 Canada Day celebrations.

C. Elections 2011

Councillor Simons advised that she would like to see more interest in people running for Council and that the Village needs to do some Public Relations in that regard, There is an organization called National Volunteer Week which gives a lot of information about what volunteers need including praise, affiliation, accomplishment as well as power and influence. Councillor Simons advised that the Village was considering implementing a proxy vote system. Councillor Akerhielm agreed to research details of a proxy vote system.

D. Secondary Suites

Councillors Akerhielm and Ronsley have amendment their original document. Council agreed that it should be circulated to Council and then posted on the Village's website.

13. In Camera

Resolution

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Ronsley

Resolved that: Council move In Camera to discuss matters.

Carried..

Revert back to Open Meeting

Resolution

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Akerhielm

Resolved that: Council revert back to the Open Meeting of the Regular Council Meeting of March 15, 2010.

Carried...

14. Adjournment

Resolution

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Ronsley

Resolved that: Council adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of March 15, 2010 at 9:22 pm.

Carried...

Mayor

Village Manager