

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010 at 1:00 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
Accounting Clerk Hayley Cook (recording)

1. Call to Order

Mayor Broughton called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 3, 2010 to order at 1:00 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 3, 2010

Resolution

Moved by Councillor Ronsley
Seconded by Councillor Akerhielm

Resolved that: Council approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole of April 19, 2010
Carried...

3. Adoption of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 19, 2010

Resolution

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Ronsley

Resolved that: Council approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 19, 2010 with the following changes:

Item 5A:

Page 2, 3rd bullet up from the bottom should read "Cooking facilities would be defined in the new amendment...A suite would be defined as a contained set of rooms..."

Page 3, 4th bullet down: Strike "Shifting the tax burden to all the residents"

Page 5, bullet 5 needs to clarify that no additional parking passes would be given for homes with suites

Page 5, bullet 8 should say that the maximum size of a suite is 968 sq feet or 40% of the gross floor area, whichever is less

Carried...

4. Unfinished Business

5. New Business

A. Catherine Kennedy regarding “Communities in Bloom”

Catherine Kennedy made a presentation regarding Communities in Bloom and the following comments were discussed:

- Clarification that the projects incorporate 80 % of public land within your boundaries including residential, business and municipal
- The evaluation form sent out to the communities looks at past events and projects
- Harrison Hot Springs was discussed as an example of a community in our population range that has seen great improvement over the years, due, in part, to the efforts made because of Communities in Bloom

B. Five Year Financial Plan (2010-2014) (presentation slides)

The Five Year Financial Plan was presented by Treasurer Anne-Marie Koiner on Wednesday April 28, 2010

- Councillor Simons asked that we add the Lower Lions Bay Water Replacement and Roads to the slide Local Factors, the Lower Lions Bay Water Replacement to the slide Major Costs Drivers for 2010 and the Lower Lions Bay Water and the Community Centre to the slide Initiatives for 2010.
- Councillor Simons also asked that we take Banners off the slide Initiatives for 2010.

C. Property Tax Rates

Treasurer Anne-Marie Koiner advised that based on 2010 Provisional Budget and the Five Year Financial Plan the tax rates have been set up part of bylaw 422

- Property class needs to be updated
- The Fire column remains the same
- General Municipal up 2.4%
- Other government taxes are as follows:
 - Tax requisitions have been received – they are up 3.9%
 - TransLink up by 6%
 - School & Police tax rates to be updated
 - BC Assessment up by 6%
 - Municipal Finance Authority is a negligible difference

D. Volunteer Recognition

- Council discussed Volunteer Recognition and whether or not it should be expanded at the Canada Day Event on July 1st.
- Mayor Broughton asked that this be added to the May 3rd Regular Meeting Agenda
- Mayor Broughton asked if Council are in consensus to drop the next Mayors Levee and leave it until the next incoming Council

Resolution

Moved by Councillor Akerhielm
Seconded by Councillor Ronsley

Resolved that: Council not go ahead with the levee in 2011 and shift Volunteer Recognition to the July 1 Canada Day Event.

Carried...

- Council discussed how extraordinary the year has been for Volunteers and that the Village did not have Volunteer Recognition Week. Discussed that perhaps all the Committees and heads of the Committees be invited to the July 1 Event and recognised in some way
- The idea of Volunteers being given some sort of visual to show which events and committees they volunteered for was discussed.
- The event should be as inclusive as possible as all the volunteers are important
- Council decided to have a meeting mid-month regarding this and to ask the Events Committee to give their thoughts and ideas. Village Manager Mandryk to contact the Events Committee and assure them they will not be required to take on more work but that their input would be welcomed.

E. Beach Access Hours, Lions Bay Beach Park - signage & alternatives for a peaceful summer in the parks

- Councillor Akerhielm advised that the beach access hours are stated in the bylaw as 6:00am to 10:00pm
- Discussion took place about the hours of beach access. The hours of the Lions Bay beach are in line with other Municipalities and reflect the daylight hours of summer.
- Councillor Akerhielm suggested there be a review of the dog signs
- Public Works Manager Chuck Partridge advised that there are currently two dog signs up at the Kelvin Grove Beach
- Mayor Broughton suggested that Councillor Akerhielm and the Public Works Manager meet and review all Bylaw signs at the Beaches before the end of May
- Councillor Simons advised that she has the no fires signs and will drop them off at the Public Works Yard
- Council discussed the need for any additional signage at the entrance to the Lions Bay Beach Park and the general consensus was that what is there is sufficient
- Public Works Manager Partridge advised that 4 logs with white writing on them had been found at the Works Yard
- Council expressed interest in seeing the logs
- Councillor Simons suggested that Bylaw Enforcement will be the way to implement a peaceful summer
- Councillor Akerhielm asked that towing from Kelvin Grove Beach be added to the next regular meeting

- Village Manager Mandryk advised that we need to find a place to put up the Water Treatment Plant signs
- In the parking lot beside the metal box or across the street were discussed as options
- Councillor Simons advised that we check top make sure we have enough signs for fires
- Mayor Broughton advised that Open Burning is seen as one of the worst pollutants and that discussion should follow up in the regular meeting

F. Customer Service Requests Policy

- Village Manager Mandryk suggested implementing a policy regarding complaints. He suggested that all complaints should be in writing with there being no anonymous complaints.
- Mayor Broughton advised that this is her own personal policy
- Discussion took place between council members and the Village Manager as to whether or not this policy should be implemented
- Council discussed what might constitute a report to the Village Office as opposed to a complaint
- Discussion regarding whether or not requiring a person to give their name would discourage frivolous complaints or discourage people with valid complaints
- Support for Rory was offered agreeing that having to put a name to a complaint will validate the complaint and that the person making the complain has to take an onus of the report
- Mayor Broughton suggested we ask West Vancouver what their policy is and how they differentiate between a complaint and a report

G. Rock Scaling Project

- Village Manager Mandryk advised that we have been able to ascertain that additional work needs to be done
- There is a large rock at Magnesia Creek that will fall at some point and we have obtained quotes to fix it.
- The roadway is failing; by an inch in the last 3 weeks and has to be taken care of. Currently we are unable to drive all the way up
- There is a cave up the road that needs to be mitigated. People are going in there so we need to blast the cave an repurpose the rock
- Public Works Manager Partridge suggested using the rock at the embankment of the creek

H. Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw

- Councillor Akerhielm advised that a question had arisen from the BC Assessment Authority statement that having a secondary suite in a house can add \$40-60,000 to the value of the house. Some people are disputing this and also the report from West Vancouver
- It was suggested that the BC Assessment Authority has a list of who has a suite and that we should call to see if they have a list for Lions Bay as it would be a good starting point
- Councillor Akerhielm advised that all the Municipalities in the Metro area have legalized Secondary Suites except for Lions Bay and Delta. Burnaby has not legalised Secondary Suites as such but they have in-law suites and have defined what a suite is

- Councillor Akerhielm advised that the Fire Chief has mentioned his concerns regarding secondary suites
- Councillor Akerhielm advised that there is interest in the bylaw draft and that residents had asked for the document before the meeting
- Mayor Broughton suggested that Basic life safety be a constant phrase used throughout the bylaw
- Councillor Akerhielm advised that there may be legal challenges if we require the owner of the house to live in one part of the house if they are renting out the Secondary Suite
- Mayor Broughton asked for clarity on the parking issue
- Councillor Simons suggested that input from the Board of Variance will enlighten this issue and that we need to address whether more parking will change the character of the Village
- Mayor Broughton suggested that consultation is needed and said we need to talk to the community and talk to the village before anything is passed
- Councillor Akerhielm advised that she will make changes to the draft and send it out by email to see what people think

6. In Camera

Resolution

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Akerhielm

Resolved that: Council to move In Camera to discuss matters.

Carried...

7. Adjournment of Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 3, 2010

Resolution

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Ronsley

Resolved that: Council adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 3, 2010

Carried...

Mayor

Village Manager