



DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 27, 2014 @ 7:00pm
SCHOOL HOUSE, 1589 MILLSTREAM ROAD

PRESENT:

Mayor
Councillors

Jane Mendum
Diane Gill
Marcie McLean
Sigurd Johannesen
Roessingh

ABSENT:

Councillors

Allen Dobb
Ken Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Administrative Officer
Planner
Corporate Officer
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Chris Coates
Laura Beckett
Tina Neurauter
members of the public

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 010 / 2014
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MCLEAN

That the agenda be approved with the addition of Dave Mackas, Eric Bonham and Bob McMinn under Petitions and Delegations.

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Dave Mackas, Caleb Pike Road addressed Council to discuss item 8b) on the agenda regarding Minister Polak's letter regarding the Esquimalt Graving Dock Project and the Tervita Landfill site. Mr. Mackas discussed various issues discussed in the letter including: the Minister acknowledging the serious concerns of the residents of Highlands which is why there has been a request of an independent assessment of the risks associated with this project; the actions offered by the Minister do not provide the residents of the Highlands the same confidence that an independent assessment would; and the short comings of the current Design and Operations Plan for the Tervita site. He supports a cost sharing agreement between federal, provincial and the district for an independent review.

Eric Bonham addressed Council and thanked Council for their decision to support the grant in aid request from the Goldstream Neighbourhood House.

Mr. Bonham also addressed Council regarding item 8b) on the agenda regarding Minister Polak's letter regarding the Esquimalt Graving Dock Project and the Tervita Landfill site. He thanked Council for meeting with the Minister and expressing the concerns of Highlands's residents. Mr. Bonham feels that the ministry is falling short regarding an independent review of the Tervita site and feels that the current process excludes the interests and concerns of the people most affected should contamination occur.

He supports a cost sharing agreement between federal, provincial and the district for the independent review.

Bob McMinn, Millstream Lake Road, addressed Council regarding a meeting that took place on Monday, January 20, 2014 with the local MP, Randall Garrison and MLA, John Horgan and the Highlands Residents' for Clean Water Group. The question was asked to both the MP and MLA whether they would undertake actions to determine whether depositing contaminated waste at the Tervita site is putting Highlands's ground water at risk over the long term. The Highland Residents' for Clean Water Group is seeking funding from the local, provincial and federal government to obtain an independent review of the Tervita site. This group believes it is the only way to determine if the current method does or does not protect the quality of Highlands's groundwater over the long term. They are asking Council to recognize that a financial commitment is necessary.

Val Fletcher addressed Council regarding item 8b) on the agenda regarding Minister Polak's letter regarding the Esquimalt Graving Dock Project and the Tervita Landfill site. He encouraged Council to require an independent assessment of the Tervita site. Mr. Fletcher referred to a discussion paper produced by G. Fred Lee which discusses possible and/ or probable failures in landfill liners. Mr. Fletcher had personally discussed landfill liner failure with Mr. Lee and the following three points were advised:

1. Have a site specific hydrogeological study done that would show a pathway (via fractured rock) of contaminants into the aquifer once the liner fails
2. Document the (probable) failure of landfill liners over time. (e.g. "Flawed Technology of Subtitle D Landfilling of Municipal Solid Waste" G. Fred Lee and Associates)
3. Document all the potentially leachable components of the contaminated waste being landfilled at the site.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Council Minutes – January 13, 2014

MOTION: 011 / 2014
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MCLEAN

That the Council minutes of January 13, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

b) Capital Regional District Board – January 8, 2014

MOTION: 012 / 2014
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MCLEAN

That the Capital Regional District Board minutes of January 8, 2014 be received.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

- i) **Councillor Allen Dobb**
- ii) **Councillor Diane Gill** – nothing to report
- iii) **Councillor Sigurd Johannesen**
On January 17 attended “Better at Home” an aging in place seminar for residents living in the West Shore.
- iv) **Councillor Marcie McLean** – nothing to report
- v) **Councillor Karel Roessingh** – Greater Victoria Public Library
Informed Council of a technical failure due to water leak.
- vi) **Councillor Ken Williams**
- vii) **Mayor’s Report**
 - Attending an Amalgamation Yes meeting on Tuesday, January 28
 - Reminded all of the provincial `Family Day` holiday of February 10, 2014
 - Reminded all that there is another Council meeting scheduled next Monday

5. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**6. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS****7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) Memo – C.D. Coates, CAO - January 23, 2014 (0470-65)
RE: SEATERRA PROJECT – HARTLAND RESOURCE AND RECOVERY CENTRE

MOTION: 013 / 2014
 MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
 SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GILL

That Council request the Seaterra Project commit to ongoing consultation with Highlands, Willis Point and Saanich Fire Departments to ensure appropriate interface fire considerations are provided

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) West Shore RCMP – November AND December 2013 (7500-24)
RE: MONTHLY REPORTS
- b) Letter – P. Sandmark, E. Director, ProArt Alliance, November 14, 2013 (0400-08)
RE: SUPPORT OF CRD ARTS PROGRAMS
- c) Letter – T. Bleackley, RLC Services, December, 2013 (1850-02)
RE: SUPPORT OF GOLDSTREAM NATURE HOUSE

MOTION: 014 / 2014
 MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
 SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GILL

That the above correspondence labeled a) through c) be received.

CARRIED

- d) Letter – G. Logan, CREST Chair, December 19, 2014 (0470-48)
RE: TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Several Council member asked questions regarding the proposed technology plan. The Chief Administrative Officer responded to a question regarding financial implications that there are no additional unforeseen financial implications with this plan.

Councillor Roessingh left the meeting at 7:27pm due to a conflict of interest as he represents the District on CREST.

MOTION: 015 / 2014
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GILL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR JOHANNESSEN

That the above correspondence regarding the proposed technology plan for CREST be received.

CARRIED

Councillor Roessingh returned to the meeting at 7:29pm.

- e) Letter – J. Cleghorn, BC Ferry Coalition, January 6, 2014 (0110-20)
RE: BC FERRY COALITION – SEEKING SUPPORT
- f) Letter – S. Stoness, V. President, January 15, 2014 (5280-01)
RE: TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE
- g) Letter – Selina Robinson, MLA, January 16, 2014 (4200-22)
RE: CAMPAIGN FINANCING
- h) Letter – Minister Mary Polak, January 8, 2014 (5280-21)
RE: ESQUIMALT GRAVING DOCK PROJECT

MOTION: 016 / 2014
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GILL
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR JOHANNESSEN

That the above correspondence labeled e) through h) be received.

CARRIED

MOTION: 017 / 2014
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR JOHANNESSEN

That a letter of support be written to the BC Ferry Coalition.

CARRIED

9 **BYLAWS**

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Letter – Chris Elliott, Durwest Construction (0760-27)
RE: PROGRESS REPORT #4

MOTION: 018 / 2014
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GILL

That the progress report #4 on the community hall project be received.

CARRIED

- b) Letter – S. McGrath, Director, Ryder Hesjedal’s Tour de Victoria – Jan. 20, 2014
RE: TOUR DE VICTORIA PERMISSION REQUEST (8100-20)

MOTION: 019 / 2014
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MCLEAN

That the Tour de Victoria request be approved.

CARRIED

- c) Memo – L. Beckett, Planner, January 23, 2014
RE: SUBDIVISION SERVICING AGREEMENT – SECTION 74 – PLA-04-12

MOTION: 020 / 2014
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR MCLEAN
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH

That Council authorized the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the subdivision servicing agreement dated January 27, 2014 between Highlands 3 Holdings and the District.

CARRIED

11. IN CAMERA

12. RELEASE OF IN CAMERA RESOLUTIONS

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 021 / 2013
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GILL

That the Council meeting of January 27, 2014 adjourn at 7:55pm.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER