

R8/2006 – March 20, 2006

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Courtenay B.C., on Monday, March 20, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

Attending:

Mayor: S. L. Winchester
Councillors: L. V. Jangula
R-R. Leonard
D. S. McRae
G. T. Phelps
J. M. Presley
M. Theos

Staff:

Sandy T. Gray, Administrator (at 4:15 p.m.)
J. Ward, Manager of Corporate Administration
K. Lagan, Director of Operational Services
T. Manthey, Director of Financial Services
D. Slobodan, Director of Regulatory Services
P. Crawford, Director of Planning Services
R. Wiwchar, Director of Community Services
T. Towle, Fire Chief

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

1.00 MINUTES

.01 Moved by McRae and seconded by Jangula that the minutes of the regular Council meeting held March 13, 2006 be adopted.
Carried

2.00 INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Mayor Winchester approved the addition of two late items to the agenda.

3.00 DELEGATIONS

The Council of Canadians – Protection of Public Water

Ruby Berry, Chair of the Water Committee for the Comox Valley made a presentation regarding the protection and conservation of water and requested Council support the delivery, management and regulation of water and wastewater remaining in public hands. Ms. Berry also requested that Council pass a water declaration resolution drafted by the Council of Canadians.

4.00 COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS

.01
DVP NO. 0608
PROTECH
CONSTRUCTION
3090-20-0608

Moved by McRae and seconded by Phelps that notice be given to the adjacent property owners of the proposed development variance outlined below and that the application be returned to Council at a meeting on April 3, 2006; and

That subject to public input, Development Variance Permit No. 0608 be issued to Robert Girard to provide relief from the City of Courtenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1427, 1986 and amendments thereto, to reduce the front yard setback from 7.5m to 7.25m to allow for the construction of an 8 unit residential building, as detailed on Schedule No. 1, at the property legally described as Lot H, Section 17, Comox District, Plan VIP57048 at Alderwood Place.

Carried

.02
DVP NO. 0609
TUCHSCHERER
3090-20-0609

Moved by Theos and seconded by Leonard that notice be given to the adjacent property owners of the proposed development variance outlined below and that the application be returned to Council at a meeting on April 3, 2006; and

That subject to public input, Development Variance Permit No. 0609 be issued to Mr. and Mrs. Tuchscherer to provide relief from the City of Courtenay Zoning Bylaw No. 1427, 1986, and amendments thereto, to reduce the rear yard setback from 9.0m to 6.0m to allow for the extension of an existing deck, as detailed in Schedule No. 1, for the property legally described as Lot 27, Section 15, Comox District, Plan VIP56365 at 575 Hobson Place.

Carried

.03
2006 PROPOSED
FINANCIAL PLAN
1705-20

Moved by Presley and seconded by Jangula that Council approve the 2006 Provisional Financial Plan Schedules for inclusion in the Final 2006-2010 Financial Plan Bylaw; and

That Council approve the following increases in utility users rates:

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| 1. Water Utility User Rate | 10% |
| 2. Sewer Utility User Rate | 20% |
| 3. Garbage Utility Residential User Rate | Direct fee to add yard waste pickup |
| 4. Garbage Utility Commercial User Rate | 2% |

That Council approve the use of budget information and comment forms on the City of Courtenay website to meet the requirement for a process of public consultation prior to the adoption of the annual financial plan.

Carried

.04
USE OF BEAR SPRAY
3900-20

Moved by Presley and seconded by Phelps that the report regarding regulations on the possession of bear spray be received for information.

Carried

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.05 Moved by McRae and seconded by Leonard that Council approve
MTI BYLAW NO. 2435 Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 2435, 2006.
Carried

5.00 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATIONU

.01 Moved by Presley and seconded by Theos that the Fire Report for the
FIRE REPORT period January 1 to December 31, 2005 be received for information.
650-20 **Carried**

6.00 RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

WHEREAS March 22 is World Water Day;

AND WHEREAS one in six people in the world do not have access to clean drinking water;

AND WHEREAS the UN Conference on Water in 1977 in Mar del Plata affirmed the right of all persons to clean drinking water in order to satisfy their fundamental needs;

AND WHEREAS there is a global campaign to have all nations recognize water as a common good and access to drinking water as a basic human right;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Courtenay recognizes and affirms that

- Water supports and connects all life and access to clean water is essential to the health and sustainability of all life on this planet
- The value of earth's fresh water to the common good takes priority over any possible commercial value
- Fresh water is a legacy, a public trust, and a collective responsibility;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Courtenay will work with all levels of governments to develop water policies that protect and conserve natural sources of water, and will ensure that the delivery, management, and regulation of water services is a public responsibility, affordable and accountable to the citizens of this community.

Carried with Councillors Jangula, Presley and Theos opposed

RECESS Moved by Phelps and seconded by Jangula that the meeting now
recess at 5:05 p.m. to conduct the public hearing in relation to the Lewand
ALC exclusion application.
Carried

The meeting reconvened at 5:26 p.m.

9.00 NEW BUSINESS

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VISITOR CENTRE
LETTER OF SUPPORT
400-02

Moved by Leonard and seconded by Phelps that a letter be written supporting the Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce (on behalf of the Comox Valley Visitor Centre) application to Human Resources and Social Development Canada for funding to hire an additional staff member for the summer season.

Carried

.02
WOODWORKS AWARD

Mayor Winchester reviewed a press release regarding the City of Courtenay winning the “Community Leader” award from the Council of Forest Industries for the City’s support of the forest products industry.

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SKATEBOARD PARK

Randy Wiwchar provided an update to Council regarding the recent vandalism at the new skateboard park.

.04
NEW DEAL FOR BC
POWERPOINT
PRESENTATION

Councillor Leonard made a presentation regarding the ‘New Deal for BC’ funds for the development of an improved cycling infrastructure embedded in the transportation network, and an update of the 1995 cycling strategy.

10.00 BYLAWS

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MTI BYLAW NO. 2435

Moved by Presley and seconded by Jangula that “Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 2435, 2006” pass first, second and third reading.

Carried

12.00 COUNCIL MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

COUNCILLOR MCRAE Councillor McRae outlined his attendance at the Regional District Water and Sewer Committee meetings.

COUNCILLOR
LEONARD Councillor Leonard reviewed her attendance at the following events:

- Comox Valley Environmental Council meeting
- Fire Department Annual Banquet

MAYOR WINCHESTER Mayor Winchester outlined her attendance at the following events:

- Wheels in Motion meeting with Marlene Dopkins
- Lunch with a developer who complimented City Building Inspection Staff
- Regional District Water and Sewer meetings
- Annual Co-op Managers Luncheon at Crown Isle
- Meeting with MLA Stan Hagen
- North Island - Coast Development Initiative Trust meeting

12.00 ADJOURNMENT

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Moved by Phelps and seconded by Jangula that the meeting now adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Manager of Corporate Administration

Adopted this 3rd day of April, 2006

Mayor