

R8/2005 – April 4, 2005

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Courtenay B.C., on Monday, April 4, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

Attending:

Mayor: S. L. Winchester, Mayor

Councillors: N. A. Ahmed

D. S. McRae

G. T. Phelps

J. M. Presley

Staff:

S. T. Gray, Administrator

J. Ward, Manager of Corporate Administration

K. Lagan, Director of Operational Services

P. Crawford, Director of Planning Services

T. Manthey, Director of Financial Services

G. Garbutt, Planner (until 4: 30 p.m.)

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

The Mayor approved the addition of one delegation to the agenda.

1.00 MINUTES

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Moved by Presley and seconded by Phelps that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held March 14, 2005 and the minutes of a Special Council meeting held March 29, 2005 be adopted.

Carried

3.00 DELEGATIONS

Gail Eggiman – Fish and Game Protective Association

Gail Eggiman, Public Relations Office for the Courtenay and District Fish and Game Protection Association invited the Mayor and Council to an informal dinner to be held on May 27th, 2005.

Bill Jackson re: Hudson Road Subdivision

Bill Jackson outlined the proposed subdivision in the Regional District along Hudson Road. He stated that he was making a presentation to Council to correct some information printed in the Comox Valley Echo on March 15th, 2005. Mr. Jackson reviewed that the area proposed for subdivision is not an area of failing septic systems, and that it does not have a drainage problem. He also stated that there would be modern septic systems on the lots, and a building scheme in place for the subdivision. Mr. Jackson reviewed that the homes in this subdivision would be in the range of \$300,000 to \$500,000 plus the cost of the lot, and the Regional District should be allowed to create a subdivision like this.

Dan Russell, School District 71 Superintendent made a presentation regarding the School District 71 Configuration Discussion Paper. School Board Trustees Rick Grinham and Janice Proudfoot were also in attendance. Included in the presentation were the following topics:

- Enrollment decline and empty classrooms
- Demographics
- Possible solutions including boundary changes, facility sharing, moving programs

Mr. Russell reviewed that the School District will still be taking submissions from the public regarding the discussion paper, and before the end of June the School Board will be announcing plans for future decisions dealing with the issues.

4.00 COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS

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LIQUOR LICENCE
CHANGE – COAST
WESTERLY HOTEL &
WHISTLE STOP PUB
4320-20

Moved by Phelps and seconded by Ahmed that the following resolution be adopted by Council regarding the Coast Westerly Hotel and Whistle Stop Pub applications for extension of operating hours to remain open until 2:00 a.m. Monday through Sunday:

“Be it resolved that the Council of the City of Courtenay recommends the amendment of the Coast Westerly Hotel and Whistle Stop Pub Liquor Licences for a trial period ending November 13, 2005 for the following reason:

- (a) The amendment of hours of the Coast Westerly Hotel and Whistle Stop Pub on a trial basis would allow sufficient time to assess the impact on the community and policing services.*

Council’s comments on the prescribed considerations are as follows:

- (a) If the Coast Westerly Hotel and Whistle Stop Pub applications were approved, it could result in a slight increase of noise in the areas;*
- (b) The amendment of hours of the Coast Westerly Hotel and Whistle Stop Pub on a trial basis would allow sufficient time to assess the impact on the community and policing services; and*
- (c) In order to gather the views of residents, the City of Courtenay will publish a notice in 2 consecutive issues of a local newspaper prior to the November 13, 2005 deadline outlining the Coast Westerly Hotel and Whistle Stop Pub applications and accepting written submissions from the public.”*

Carried

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PUBLIC NOTICE
POLICY
1475-00

Moved by Presley and seconded by McRae that Council adopt the revised Advertising Policy No. 1475.00.01.

Carried

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BOUNDARY
EXTENSION – WEST
COURTENAY
3720-20

Moved by McRae and seconded by Phelps that Council receive for information the approval of boundary extensions for the West Courtenay area for properties on Powerhouse Road and the Comox Valley Parkway as contained within Order in Council #234 approved on March 17, 2005.

Carried

.04
MARKET DAY 2005
5460-08

Moved by McRae and seconded by Phelps that Council approve the temporary closure of 5th Street between Cliffe Avenue and Fitzgerald Avenue, England Avenue from 5th to 6th Street and Duncan Avenue from the lanes on the north and south sides of 5th Street from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 22, 2005;

That four parking spaces in the civic parking lot at 4th Street and Duncan are set aside for portable toilets;

That power access be provided on 5th Street; and

That the necessary insurance be provided and the emergency services are advised of the event at least five working days in advance.

Carried

.05
PITCH-IN CANADA
WEEK
5360-02

Moved by Presley and seconded by Ahmed that Council support the April 18th to 24th, 2005 Pitch-In B.C. Program; and

That the Director of Operational Services and the Director of Community Services facilitate and coordinate the clean up throughout the City.

Carried

5.00 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

.01
PARKING LOT MAPS

Moved by Phelps and seconded by Presley that the letter from the Downtown Courtenay Business Improvement Association thanking the City of Courtenay for their partnership in the parking lot maps signs be received for information.

Carried

.02
HERITAGE ADVISORY
MINUTES
550-20

Moved by McRae and seconded by Presley that the Heritage Advisory Commission meeting minutes of March 23, 2005 be received for information.

Carried

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TOWN OF COMOX
RDCS REFERRAL
550-20

Moved by Ahmed and seconded by Phelps that the letter from the Town of Comox regarding their position on the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona rezoning referral be received for information.

Carried

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POLICE REPORT
7550-20

Moved by McRae and seconded by Ahmed that the police report for January and February 2005 be received for information.

Carried

9.00 NEW BUSINESS

SCHOOL DISTRICT 71
CONFIGURATION

Councillor Ahmed suggested that staff provide a report to Council regarding a recommended submission to the School Board regarding the Configuration Discussion Paper.

10.00 BYLAWS

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BYLAW NO. 2407

Moved by Presley and seconded by McRae that “City of Courtenay Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No.2407, 2005” be finally passed and adopted.

Carried

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BYLAW NO. 2408

Moved by McRae and seconded by Presley that “Water Frontage Rate Amendment Bylaw No. 2408, 2005” be finally passed and adopted.

Carried

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BYLAW NO. 2409

Moved by Ahmed and seconded by Phelps that “Sanitary Sewer Frontage Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 2409, 2005” be finally passed and adopted.

Carried

11.00 COUNCIL MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

MAYOR WINCHESTER

Mayor Winchester outlined her attendance at the following events:

- B.C. Ferries presentation with president David Hahn
- Meeting with RCMP regarding the OCC
- Meeting with Sean Wilson from the Salvation Army and Minister Hagen regarding a Women’s Shelter

Mayor Winchester reviewed the AVICC Convention. She thanked Susie Karvalics for all her work, John Ward for driving the bus for the fossil tour, and the Filberg staff for the excellent service provided to the delegates.

Mayor Winchester mentioned the Courtenay Recreation Spring Meltdown, and also read a letter from Barbara Messer expressing her appreciation of the Courtenay Fire Department.

COUNCILLOR PHELPS

Councillor Phelps reviewed his attendance at the Comox Valley RCMP Mountie Camp graduation, and commended Randy Wiwchar for his work.

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COUNCILLOR AHMED Councillor Ahmed reviewed his attendance at a meeting of the Fraser Road Residents Association.

COUNCILLOR PRESLEY Councillor Presley reviewed his attendance at a meeting of the Sandwich Transitional Advisory Committee.

13.00 ADJOURNMENT

.01 Moved by Phelps and seconded by Presley that the meeting now adjourn at 5:07 p.m.
Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Manager of Corporate Administration

Adopted this 11th day of April, 2005

Mayor