

Minutes of a Committee of the Whole meeting held February 2, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Attending:

Mayor: S. L. Winchester

**Councillors: N.A. Ahmed
J. L. Harder
M. D. Holland
L. V. Jangula
D. S. McRae
J. M. Presley**

Staff:

**S. T. Gray, Administrator
J. Ward, City Clerk
D. Slobodan, Director of Development Services
K. Lagan, Director of Operational Services
P. Crawford, Senior Planner
G. Garbutt, Planner**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

The Mayor approved the addition of one late item to the agenda.

DELEGATIONS

Dan Sebuliak, Community Action for Justice Coalition re: Ministry of Human Resources New Legislation

Dan Sebuliak outlined the proposed changes to the Income Assistance Program scheduled to take effect on April 1st, 2004. He reviewed that the changes will affect between 650 and 1000 people in the Comox Valley. Dan expressed concerns regarding the effect of welfare cuts on homelessness, food banks, soup kitchens, and mental health services.

Moved by Holland and seconded by Harder that the province be contacted to determine the number of people affected in the City of Courtenay by the proposed changes to the Income Assistance Program.

Carried

Moved by Holland and seconded by Harder that the provincial government be requested to delay the proposed changes to the Income Assistance Program until the potential effects on communities are determined.

Carried with Councillors Jangula and Presley, and Mayor Winchester opposed

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CW1 Skateboard Park Update (890-01)

Moved by McRae and seconded by Presley that the report from the Director of Community Services regarding the proposed Skateboard Park be received for information.

Carried

Councillor Presley declared a potential conflict of interest regarding the next item due to the fact that the applicant is a client of his firm, and vacated Council Chambers at 4:35 p.m.

CW2 Whistle Stop Pub Application to Change Liquor Licence (4320-20)

Moved by Harder and seconded by Jangula that the following resolution be adopted by Council regarding the Whistle Stop application for a permanent change to their liquor-primary licence:

1. “Be it resolved that the Council of the City of Courtenay recommends the amendment of the Whistle Stop Pub Liquor Licence for the following reasons:
 - (a) The amendment of hours of the Whistle Stop Pub would not have a negative impact on the community as it does not involve later operating hours, and is only designed to allow for expansion of a breakfast menu; and
 - (b) No submissions were received from the public regarding the application.
2. Council’s comments on the prescribed considerations are as follows:
 - (a) If the Whistle Stop Pub application were approved, it would not result in an increase of noise in the area;
 - (b) If the application were approved, it would not have a negative impact on the community; and
 - (c) In order to gather the views of residents, the City of Courtenay published a notice in 2 consecutive issues of a local newspaper outlining the Whistle Stop Pub application and accepting written submissions concerning the application up to January 23, 2004. No submissions were received.

Carried

Councillor Presley returned to Chambers and took his seat at 4:39 p.m.

CW3 DCBIA Board Meetings (250-20)

Moved by Presley and seconded by Harder that the Acting Mayors attend the monthly Downtown Courtenay Business Improvement Association meetings when available, with Mayor Winchester as the alternate.

Carried

CW4 Letter from Village of Cumberland re: Regional Hospital Board (4930)

Moved by Holland and seconded by Jangula that the letter from the Village of Cumberland regarding the Regional Hospital Board be received for information; and

That a letter be written to the Village of Cumberland expressing Courtenay Council’s willingness to cooperate with Cumberland regarding regional health care issues, and that Council looks forward to working together for the benefit of the entire Comox Valley.

Carried

CW5 Regional District Bylaw No. 2622 (470-20)

Moved by Holland and seconded by Presley that the Council of the City of Courtenay hereby consents to the adoption of Bylaw No. 2622 being “Comox Valley Recreation Complexes Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2004”.

Carried with Councillors Harder, Jangula, and Presley opposed

CW6 OCP Review Community Survey (6480-01)

Moved by Holland and seconded by Harder that the report from the Director of Development Services regarding the Official Community Plan Community Survey be received for information.

Carried

CW7 Application for Rezoning – Central Evangelical Free Church (3360-20-0216)

Moved by McRae and seconded by Jangula that Council consider an amendment to the City of Courtenay Bylaw No. 1427, 1986 to rezone Lot 4, Plan 1911 at 2450 Lerwick Road from Country Residential Three Zone (CR-3)(RDCS) to Residential One B Zone and Comprehensive Development Ten Zone (CD-10);

That the bylaw amendment limit the size of the church to 17,007 sq.ft. with a capacity of 450 persons and with a perimeter landscape buffer of 7.5 metres;

That “City of Courtenay Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2317, 2004” proceed to 1st and 2nd reading; and

That a Public Hearing be held on March 8, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in relation to Bylaw No. 2317.

Carried

CW8 Heritage Advisory Minutes

Moved by Holland and seconded by Presley that the Heritage Advisory Commission meeting minutes of January 28, 2004 be received for information.

Carried

CW9 E & N Railway North of 5th Street-Community Group Clean Up (8550-02)

Moved by Ahmed and seconded by Holland that staff meet with the proponents of the Community Clean Up initiative to determine the extent of the works that they propose and any involvement they consider the City should have; and

That the City provide this information to CP Rail and endeavor to obtain an agreement for the work to occur.

Carried

CW10 InCamera Meeting

Moved by Presley and seconded by Harder that under the provisions of Section 90(k) of the *Community Charter*, notice is hereby given that a Special InCamera meeting closed to the public will be held February 2, 2004 at the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Carried

CW11 Councillor Murray Presley re: Plastic Bags (5360-04)

Councillor Presley expressed his concerns regarding the use of plastic bags in the community, and provided examples of programs from around the world designed to reduce the amount of plastic bags entering the environment. He suggested that the City of Courtenay take the lead in reducing the use of plastic bags in the Comox Valley.

Moved by Harder and seconded by Holland that Council support Councillor Presley's efforts, and that Councillor Presley work with City staff towards the development of a plastic bag reduction program.

Carried

CW12 Snow Plowing and Winter Maintenance

Moved by Harder and seconded by Presley that the report from the Director of Operational Services regarding snow plowing and winter maintenance on Ryan Road be received for information;

That the Mayor write to the Ministry of Transportation regarding improving the response to winter maintenance on Ryan Road and also to express concerns regarding the maintenance levels on the Inland Island Highway and Strathcona Parkway (Mount Washington Road);

That a thank you letter be forwarded to Tayco Paving for their response to the City's request for equipment;

That the City contact other Emcon Services Inc. customers to determine their level of satisfaction with the company's service in their jurisdiction;

That a meeting be arranged with the Honourable Stan Hagen, Comox Valley MLA regarding winter highway maintenance; and

That copies of correspondence be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation and Emcon Services Inc.

Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Holland and seconded by Presley that the meeting now adjourn at 5:30 p.m.
Carried

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Clerk

Mayor