



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council
<u>Date</u>	17-Jan-17
<u>Time</u>	7:00 PM
<u>Place</u>	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers

Present Mayor Jude Schooner - Chair
Councillor Kathy Bellanger
Councillor Louis Van Solkema
Councillor Randy Taylor

Regrets Councillor Brenda Overton

Staff Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer
Janet St-Denis, Finance Assistant

Public 4 members of the public

A. Call to Order

Mayor Schooner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and acknowledged and respected that we are upon Mowachaht/ Muchalaht Traditional Territory.

B. Introduction of Late Items

- * Additional correspondence for L1 (George Gibson)
- * Additional correspondence for M2 (Visitors Choice Advertisement)
- * Royal Canadian Legion 12th Annual Military Service Recognition Book (M3)
- * 2017 Canada Students Jobs Application (M4)

C. Approval of the Agenda

Bellanger/ Taylor: VOT 22/2017

THAT the Agenda for the January 3, 2017 Regular Council meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

None.

E. Public Input # 1

2 members of the public commented on Council's 2017 Strategic Priorities. A member of the public commented on the Village's new website.

A member of the public noted that Council did not rise and report on the selling of the old fire hall.

1 F. Adoption of the Minutes

Taylor/ Bellanger VOT 23/2017

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from January 3, 2017 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

2 Bellanger/Taylor VOT 24/2017

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes from January 5, 2017 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

1 Synex Energy Resources Ltd.

At its January 3, 2017 closed meeting, Council received and considered correspondence from Synex Energy Resources Ltd. regarding the company's desire to seek a shared use agreement with the Village. Consistent with previous resolutions of Council, Council's position is that Synex must reach an agreement with the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation regarding the project before Council would be prepared to engage in any discussions with Synex regarding a shared use agreement.

H. Business Arising

None.

J. Council Reports

Taylor/ Bellanger VOT 25/2017

THAT the Council reports be received.

CARRIED

Mayor Schooner (written report)

Good Evening,

At the Strathcona Regional District board meeting staff was directed to bring back a report outlining various alternatives and funding for improving emergency preparedness within the region for the board's consideration.

The Board also received an VIRL update from Trustee/Director Noba Anderson. Due to Trustee/Councillor Taylor's council report in December, I was able to speak to the appreciation in seeing the implementation of Director Anderson's recommendations at the VIRL Board as reported by Councillor Taylor.

Another note of possible interest is the federal government recently made two key announcements that include significant funding opportunities aimed at improving broadband access for rural and remote communities. This has prompted a need to accelerate work on broadband connectivity in the regional district. A telecommunications consultant has been engaged to assist regional district staff in working towards submissions for federal funding and to develop a high-level regional broadband strategy document.

I attended a Community to Community meeting with the SRD and Tlowitsis Frist Nation and was pleased to see some solid relationship building take place.

On our agenda tonight are council's strategic priorities. I would like council to entertain adding another strategic priority to the list and that being doing an inventory of village policies which would identify any policies lacking or any policies needed. One of my responsibilities as mayor according to the Community Charter in Section 116 (2) (d) "is to provide, on behalf of the council, general direction to municipal officers respecting implementation of municipal policies, programs and other directions of the council." I am realizing that where I thought issues were covered by bylaw or policy – none exists. For an example, there may be signage stating certain caveats, yet no supporting policy for staff

to implement such provisos. An example of this would be our municipal and airline dock, the parking area, and the boat launch has signage, but no policy backing what is written. Policy is a fundamental duty of councils as also stated in the Community Charter i115 (b) under responsibilities of councils: "to contribute to the development and evaluation of the policies and programs of the municipality respecting its services and other activities." I encourage us to add this to our list of strategic priorities so that a foundation can be built for all of council to be guided by and for staff to refer to. This would not need immediate attention as we are currently operating with a lower capacity then normal, but could be addressed in this year's term.

Thank you and that is my report.

Councillor Overton (absent)

Councillor VanSolkema (verbal report)

Other than having attended Council meeting and the Committee of the Whole meeting Councillor VanSolkema had nothing additional to report.

Councillor Bellanger (no report)

Councillor Taylor (no report)

Bylaws

K. VanSolkema/Bellanger VOT 26/2017

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 589, 2017 (456 Cardiac Climb) receive a third reading.

CARRIED

L. Correspondence

1 Report to Council: Re George Gibson

Mayor Schooner declared herself in conflict of interest stating that she has a business relationship with Mr. George Gibson and recused herself from the meeting. Deputy Mayor Taylor assumed the Chair.

Bellanger/VanSolkema VOT 27/2017

THAT this report be received.

CARRIED

Bellanger/VanSolkema VOT 28/2017

THAT the Report to Council and related emails be received and confirm the Village's current position regarding the property tax payment deadline.

CARRIED

Staff was directed to develop a policy and ensure payment deadline advice is included on the 2017 tax notices.

Mayor Schooner resumed as Chair.

New Business

M. Council Strategic Priorities

1 Vansolkema/Bellanger: VOT 29/2017

THAT this report be received.

CARRIED

Taylor/Vansolkema VOT 30/2017

THAT the Council's 2017 Strategic Priorities be amended to include a policy review and the development of new policies to address existing gaps.

CARRIED

2 2017 Visitors Choice Advertisement

Taylor/Vansolkema: VOT 31/2017

THAT this email be received.

CARRIED

Taylor/Bellanger: VOT 32/2017

THAT staff be directed to arrange for the development of a 1/2 page size advertisement in this publication reflecting the design from the Village website.

CARRIED

3

Royal Canadian Legion 12th Annual Military Service Recognition Book

Taylor/Bellanger: VOT 33/2017

THAT this email and additional information be received.

CARRIED

Vansolkema/Taylor: VOT 34/2017

THAT the Village purchase a 1/10 page advertisement (business card size in black and white) for this publication.

CARRIED

4 2017 Canada Summer Jobs Application

VanSolkema/Taylor: VOT 35/2017

THAT this Report to Council is received and staff be directed to apply for federal funding for (3) summer students (2 for the Village Tourist Information Center/Museum and 1 for the Village Office) for a maximum of \$7000.00 Village contribution.

CARRIED

N. Public Input #2

In reference to the 2017 Visitors Choice advertisement a member of the public expressed his interest in seeing a separate "Tahsis page" in the publication.

Public Exclusion

Vansolkema/Taylor: VOT 36/2017

THAT the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with section 90 (1)(a) of the Community Charter- Personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality.

CARRIED

Recess

Taylor/Bellanger: VOT 37/2017

THAT the Regular Council meeting recess at 8:07p.m. to go into the in camera meeting.

CARRIED

Reconvene

Overton/Taylor: VOT 43 /2017

THAT the Regular Council meeting reconvene.

CARRIED

Rise and Report

At its January 5, 2017 Closed Council Meeting, staff was directed to offer the property (112 S. Maquinna) for sale to the public by posting for 2 weeks and handling the sale process internally.

At its January 3, 2017 closed meeting, Council received and considered correspondence from Synex Energy Resources Ltd. regarding the company's desire to seek a shared use agreement with the Village. Consistent with previous resolutions of Council, Council's position is that Synex must reach an agreement with the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation regarding the project before Council would be prepared to engage in any discussions with Synex regarding a shared use agreement.

O. Adjournment

VanSolkema/ Bellanger: VOT 44/2017

THAT the Regular Council meeting adjourn at 8:25 PM.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

7th Day of February 2017



Chief Administrative Officer