



MINUTES

Meeting Regular Council
Date Tuesday, January 6, 2015
Time 7:00 PM
Place Municipal Hall – Council Chambers

- Present** Mayor Jude Schooner
Councillor Louis VanSolkema
Councillor Randy Taylor
Councillor Kathy Bellanger
Councillor Brenda Overton
- Staff** Doug Chapman, Corporate Officer
April Roth, Finance Assistant
- Regrets** None
- 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** Under new business:
1. NSEDC
2. UBCM Community Wildfire Protection Plan Program – Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative
3. Committee of the Whole Meeting Dates
- C. Approval of Agenda** /2015
Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Overton that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as amended.
CARRIED
- D. Petitions and Delegations** None.
- E. Public Input #1** Mr. Dan Dahling wished everyone a Happy New Years and said he missed Councillor Overton at the Polar Bear swim.

Mr. Dan Dahling also spoke to an item under unfinished business – inquiring if there has been any progress on the infrastructure funding.

Mr. Dan Dahling also spoke to the NSEDC item on the agenda regarding their proposed budget which shows a loss for 2014 and inquired as to whether their overhead costs could be decreased.
- F. Adoption of the Minutes** 1. Minutes of the Inaugural and Regular Council Meeting

Regular Meeting –
Dec 2

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Van Solkema/Taylor that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 2, 2014 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

None.

H. Business Arising

I. Unfinished Business

1. Tourism Feasibility Study
2. Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development – infrastructure funding applications available (October 21, 2014 meeting)

J. Council and Administrative Reports

Mayor Schooner –
opening remarks
(written report)

I attended the inaugural Strathcona Regional Board meeting on December 11th where Jim Abram (Electoral Area ‘C’ Director” was acclaimed to the position of Chair for the coming year, with John MacDonald (Mayor of Sayward) elected to the position of Vice Chair.

At the SRD meeting the Board received a copy of a letter from Islands Trust. This letter addressed to the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport, is also on our agenda tonight. In the letter, Islands Trust is asking Transport Canada to abandon plans to amend regulations that would allow pleasure craft vessels to discharge sewage one nautical mile from shore, and that additional action be taken to reduce raw sewage dumping from vessels in the Salish Sea. The board agreed to support the Islands Trust efforts, and decided to submit its own letter of support to the Minister. This is FYI.

I was happy to read that Island Health is backing a project that will see a new residential care wing on the New Horizons existing facility and adding 40 new publicly-funded residential care beds to provide seniors with care. Also 28 new beds will be opened for individuals dealing with substance abuse and another 14 new mental health care beds throughout the region.

I have been doing some research on the possibility of council backing a resolution on increasing medical disability benefits in BC, as discussed previously with council. I have found a couple of resolutions regarding this, with one being written in 2011 which went directly to the UBCM executive, who directed it to UBCM Health Communities Committee. The provincial response was: “B.C. is not in a financial position to consider increases to income assistance and disability assistance. An increase is not part of the government’s current fiscal plan.” A better approach may be to address the Minister responsible at the UBCM. I would like to hear from council regarding any ideas regarding resolutions to go forward to the AVICC. The deadline for submission is February 24th.

It was a pleasure participating in the many holiday events in Tahsis. It is wonderful to have occasions that are positive. I would like to take this opportunity to wish council a Happy New Year.

Councillor Van Solkema
(verbal report)

Councillor Van Solkema wished everyone season’s greetings and stated that he is looking forward to what the New Year can bring.

Councillor Overton
(written report)

Happy New Year Council and Mayor,

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Although I will miss the Vancouver Island Regional Library board and their members, I am excited for Councillor Taylor to have this opportunity to meet such strong ethical people whose goal is enhancing their communities through the libraries.

I am looking forward to serving on the Nootka Sound Economic Development Committee, I have been spending my time familiarizing myself with Councillor Van Solkema's mountain of notes on the subject, learning all I can.

This term I will be pushing for items to get accomplished in a timely manner.

Excited to start working with all of you to get things done for Tahsis.

That is all I have to report for now.

Councillor Taylor – (verbal report) Councillor Taylor stated that he had no report and had not attended any meetings. He wished everyone all the best for the new year.

Councillor Bellanger (written report) Councillor Bellanger said that the first thing I would like to say is Happy New Year and good evening to everyone, Mayor and Council. I'm new to this whole process, so please bear with me. Last month was a crazy busy month for me, as I am sure for you all. December 3rd, Councillor Overton and I attended the tree lighting. In spite of the cold weather there was a great turn out. On December 10th, I was at the economic development meeting, even though we didn't have a large turn out as we did the last meeting. I know Wednesdays nights are busy with a lot of things going on, but I wasn't disappointed because I know there still is a lot of interest. I saw on facebook people were interested on what happened at the meeting, so we know there is an interest for the economic development. I'm not sure if it's true but I heard we have done this before, and if so, is there any more information in files somewhere we can give these three gentlemen. I also attended the Literacy meeting on January 3rd and am starting to realize I have a lot to learn.

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Overton that the Council reports be received for information.

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Administrative Reports

(provided at the 2nd meeting of the month)

Administrative reports are provided at the second meeting of the month.

CAO/CFO/CO
Public Works
Recreation
Fire Department
Daycare

K. Bylaws

None

L. Correspondence

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Overton that the correspondence items # 1 – 14 be received, excluding items #8, #12, and #13.

CARRIED

Local Government Leadership Academy – 2015 Elected Officials Seminar

Councillor Taylor inquired if Council would reconsider their original motion to send five members of Council to this seminar.

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Van Solkema to receive correspondence item #8.

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News Release –
Summer Jobs for
Youth

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that staff be directed to apply for this grant for summer jobs at the Info Centre.

CARRIED

News Release –
Students Invited to
submit design for
Canada 150 logo

Moved, seconded by Taylor/Van Solkema that this item be received.

CARRIED

M. New Business

1. NSEDC – projected
budget for 2015

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Overton that the following item be received.

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2. UBCM Wildfire
Planning Grant

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that staff be directed to bring this item forward to the strategic planning session.

CARRIED

3. Committee of the
Whole meeting
dates

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that a Committee of the Whole meeting be set for January 19th, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to meet with the RCMP to go over statistics and have them answer questions from Council.

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that a Committee of the Whole meeting be set for January 26th, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to meet with the Economic Development Consulting group.

CARRIED

N. Public Input #2

None.

O. Adjournment

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Moved by Councillor Taylor/Overton that the meeting adjourn at 7:45 P.M.

CARRIED

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Certified correct this
20th day of January, 2015

Corporate Officer