



MINUTES

Meeting Regular Council
Date Tuesday, March 17, 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
- Regrets** None
- Staff** Doug Chapman, CAO, CFO, Corporate Officer
Amit Sharma, Deputy CFO
April Roth, Finance Assistant
- Public** 2 members of the public
- A. Call to Order** Mayor Schooner called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and acknowledged and respected that we are upon Mowachaht / Muchalaht Traditional Territory.
- B. Introduction of Late Items** None
- C. Approval of Agenda** /2015
Moved, seconded by Councillors Overton/Taylor that the Agenda for the March 3, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.
- CARRIED
- D. Petitions and Delegations** None.
- E. Public Input #1** None
- F. Adoption of the Minutes**
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- /2015
Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Overton that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 3, 2015 be adopted as amended.
- CARRIED
- G. Rise and Report** None.
- H. Business Arising** None.

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**J. Unfinished
Business**

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

**J. Council
Reports**

Mayor Schooner

Good evening,

I attended the Strathcona Regional Board meeting last Wednesday and the opportunity to reconsider the budget amendment for additional funding to the Strathcona Emergency Program, known as SEP, was brought forward. As a director, I had brought up the possibility of increasing the SEP budget, as the amounts have been flat-lining for the last few years and actually have gone down when the provincial government ended the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) in 2012. The new funding request would have created a process for more community outreach, as well as, implemented a program for the recovery process after significant disasters. Four directors from Campbell River, excluding Director Ron Kerr, in a weighed vote, defeated the motion. Another motion was presented that the SEP budget be amended by \$10,000 for 2015 only, rather than increasing funding over the 5 years, as proposed in the earlier motion of reconsideration. The \$10,000 budget amendment was also defeated by Campbell River. Director Andy Adams, Mayor of Campbell River, spoke to the “spirit of collaboration” when Campbell River scuttled the regional tourism service deferring to the electoral area directors who did not want the function and now in the name of what, I am unsure; Campbell River scuttled any increase to the emergency preparedness program. It has come to my attention that this decision was based on politics and what I consider the bad side of politics. I believe that council will agree that there is no room for politics when it comes to emergency preparedness. Please keep in mind that this emergency preparedness program is 1 of the 2 services that this municipality shares with the SRD other than our functions with the hospital and waste management boards. Later in the SRD agenda, the motion was made: THAT the Regional District approve a funding request of \$10,000 for the Tidemark Theatre. This motion was supported by the CR Directors, but defeated by other directors, as this was not a weighed vote, but a majority vote. In a nutshell, CR would not support funding for SEP, but were willing to give \$10,000 to the Tidemark Theatre in Campbell River which already receives grant-in-aid funds from the some of the electoral areas and the city, itself.

The following day at the Comox Strathcona Waste Management board meeting there was definite push-back at not approving the budget. I voted with respect to our legal responsibility in approving budgets, the fact that the Board had approved all expenditures in the past year’s process and voted and approved the Solid Waste Management Plan. I also considered the ramifications of not approving the budget which would include the Ministry stepping in with a dictated budget and the possibility that all Solid Waste functions would be halted. I voted for the budget, as I did not have Council’s decision on what my vote should have been. I recognize that I should have brought this to council pre budget approval, but I did not realize that passing the budget would be in contention. In retrospect, a nay vote may have been a stronger statement. The Board’s voice was clear that other options to gain revenue other than user fees and escalating taxation will have to be the focus over this year. A report from AECOM has been distributed to you that looks at the modeling of the Solid Waste financial plan over the next 5 years.

FYI, I was appointed, as an alternate director to Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) special committee on solid waste management. Director Larry Samson was appointed as director for the committee. This will enable us with a “hands-on” approach to the workings of this AVICC Committee.

And finally, I spent the day at the Meet & Greet held at the Rec Center. I am sure council joins me in thanking all the organizers and the many participants. I certainly had a lot of fun bowling and playing pickle ball and touching base with new members in our community. Thank you to all involved.

Councillor Overton No report

Councillor Van Solkema No report

Councillor Bellanger Good evening Mayor and Council.

I do not have much to report tonight. I'm sorry to say I did not attend the meet & greet on March 8th, as I had appointments out of town. I hope it was a success, as I have not heard too much about it.

Councillor Taylor No report

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

CARRIED

Administrative Reports

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

CAO/CFO/CO - provided
Public Works - provided
Recreation - provided
Fire Department – not provided
Daycare – not provided

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Overton that the staff reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws None

L. Correspondence **/2015**

Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Overton that the correspondence items #2 through #11 and item #13 be received, excluding items #1, #12, #14.

CARRIED

Allison Stiglitz – cost sharing motivational speaker

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Bellanger that the Village of Tahsis fund one half the cost (\$225.00) of the motivational speaker, Amber Zirnhelt, of the Esteem Team, to come to Tahsis to speak to the whole community.

CARRIED

Child Find British Columbia – request for proclamation

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Van Solkema that the Village of Tahsis proclaim May as Missing Children's Month and May 25th as missing Children's Day.

CARRIED

Hon. John Duncan – grants for New Horizons for Seniors Program

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Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Overton that a letter be written to Hon. John Duncan requesting that he cease and desist using the Harper Government name instead of using the Canadian Government name on communications.

CARRIED

Councillor Van Solkema recorded as opposed

N. Public Input #2 None

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Mayor Schooner thanked Staff for assisting the seniors with their grant application.

Councillor Van Solkema thanked staff for their assistance with the application process to nominate a local teacher for the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence.

O. Adjournment **/2015**
Moved by Taylor/Overton that the meeting adjourn at 7:30.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct this
7th day of April, 2015

Corporate Officer

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