



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL
HELD AT DISTRICT OF SUMMERLAND
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
13211 HENRY AVENUE, SUMMERLAND, BC
ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Peter Waterman
Councillor Richard Barkwill
Councillor Toni Boot*
Councillor Erin Carlson
Councillor Doug Holmes
Councillor Janet Peake
Councillor Erin Trainer

Staff Present:

Tim Wood, CAO

Renee Belyk, Manager of Finance
Lorrie Coates, Director of Finance
Jeremy Denegar, Director of Corporate Services
Don Darling, Director of Works and Utilities
Maureen Fugeta, Corporate Officer
Brenda Ingram, Recreation Manager
Ian McIntosh, Director of Development Services
Glenn Noble, Fire Chief

(*denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Waterman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and Seconded,

THAT Council adopt the Special Meeting agenda dated February 17th, 2015.

Carried.

Councillor Boot arrived at the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

3. DELEGATION

Delegation: Summerland Trans Canada Trail Society - H. Sielmann,
President

Request to allocate funds to trail on Conkle Mountain

- Request for funding to improve access to the KVR trail on Mount Conkle
- Municipal road and trail
- Summerland Trans Canada Trail Society
- Summerland lies at the intersection of two major cycling corridors KVR/TC
- Cyclists and walkers enjoy the trail
- Request that trenches and culverts be installed to re-route surface run-off
- a more uniform grade be established
- parking area to be enlarged

Council questions/comments:

- rolling part of trail; rock face shale making difficult to walk
- mountain biking trail
- budget for project
- signage on trail
- trestle bridge (Provincial funds)
- safety to public
- refer to Works and Utilities to come up with some options

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Director of Finance asked if there was anyone who would like to comment on the discretionary items list prior to her presentation. There were none.

4.1 Budget 2015 - Discretionary Items

- housekeeping items and replacement sheets provided to Council for 'budget' binders relating to the water fund and core budget
- met with Transit – telephone meeting – good information about future year budget being developed; 2014 first year of operation of service; initial estimates not sufficient; refer to line item clarification (tab 13; page 86); suggested offer free ridership within Summerland
- infrastructure; discretionary funding needs
- general fund; projects; 5 year plan
- water, sewer and electric fund
- 2015 proposed increases
- Fortis increase to District 3.5%
- Metering system; interior health and mandated water testing
- Operational and maintenance costs to be met and maintained

Mayor Waterman called for recess at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 2015-2019 Financial Plan
Lorrie Coates, Director of Finance

- Council to consider increases; 4th budget presentation
- Highlights of proposed budget
- Preliminary 2015 discretionary spending list
- CAO added 3% proposed tax increase would go entirely into infrastructure
- Reduction in water uses; base fee amount
- Perception of increase
- Water rate, sewer and electrical proposed increases

Council questions/comments:

- Skateboard park design; proposal call; Penny Lane contribution; fund raising; participation of School Board; anticipated timeline
- Review of priorities
- Garnet Valley Water separation
- Grants - Upgrade flume, WWTP, grit removal, asset management plan
- Climate Action fund (carbon tax credits)
- Parks and trails; roads and sidewalks
- Lakeshore Pathway (March 9th Council meeting – Highways presentation)
- Cultural and recreation master plan
- Library furnishings (communities pay for the furnishings)
- Priorities for roads paving and improvement
- DCC's
- Property tax increase
- Explanation of water, sewer and electric rate increases

Moved and Seconded,

THAT Item 5.1 - 2015-2019 Financial Plan staff report and recommendation be moved to the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for Monday, February 23rd, 2015.

Carried.

Mayor and Council requested an update on the following issues:

5.2 Landfill Update

The Director of Works and Utilities advised that the Landfill contract expires April 30th and that staff are looking at various options regarding the renewal of the contract. An RFP is being prepared, which will include a section for facilities management and landfill operations. Staff will be preparing a report for Council for their consideration in the very near future.

5.3 Perpetual Slide Area

The Director of Works and Utilities stated that Interior Testing had been on site last Friday, had blocked Trout Creek to create a reservoir to monitor; there is a substantial amount of ground water that is coming out of the bank; nothing new and didn't appear to be any major concerns. The Works department will be attending the area at night to monitor water flow and will be able to tell if there is any kind of a leak. Staff will keep Council up to date with respect to this issue.

Mayor Peter Waterman recessed the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

5.4 2015 Grant-in-Aid to the Okanagan Regional Library

The Director of Finance introduced her staff report on the request from the Okanagan Regional Library for a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$115,000, to cover the cost of future underground wiring the Library is obligated to provide to meet the building permit requirements at the construction site on Main Street.

Members and staff discussed clarification of the request, requirements of building permit, actual cost wiring underground, future works on Wharton Street, development variance permit option, funding options, sidewalks and library budget and RDOS contribution.

Mayor Waterman added the library budget is tight at this point, the board has made adjustments in their budget in the cost of operations, salaries and building design. The Library will be an economic advantage to the District of Summerland, providing a social gathering place, reading programs, educational and youth programs. This is good value for our money and I support the motion.

Councillor Peake left the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

Moved and Seconded,

THAT Council approve and provide a Grant-in-Aid in the amount of \$115,000 to the Okanagan Regional Library (Library).

Carried.

6. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved and Seconded,

THAT Item 6 – Resolution to Close Meeting to the Public be deferred to the Regular Council Meeting (In Camera Session), taking place on Monday, February 23rd, 2015.

Carried.

7. ADJOURN

The Special Council meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

Corporate Officer

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