

DISTRICT OF SECHELT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 5797 Cowrie Street, Sechelt, BC
Wednesday, September 19, 2018

PRESENT Mayor B. Milne; Councillors N. Muller; D. Wright; D. Inkster; D. Siegers; M. Shanks and A. Lutes

STAFF Chief Administrative Officer A. Yeates; Director of Corporate and Financial Services D. Stewart; Director of Planning and Development Services, T. Corbett; Corporate Officer J. Frank; Communications Manager J. Rogers; Arts, Culture and Communications Coordinator S. Smith and Recording Secretary J. Chamberlain

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

The Mayor called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00pm and asked for any Declarations of Conflict.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Res. No. 2018-09C-1 – Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

3. APPOINTMENTS AND DELEGATIONS

None.

4. PROCLAMATIONS

None.

5. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES OF COUNCIL

5.1 Minutes of the 3:00 pm Regular Council Meeting of September 5th, 2018

Res. No. 2018-09C-2 – Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 5th, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

5.2 Minutes of 7:00 pm Regular Council Meeting of September 5th, 2018

Res. No. 2018-09C-3 – Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 5th, 2018 be amended under Delegation Item 3.2 to correct the spelling of presenter to read, ‘Mr. Murray Peterson’; and;

That the Minutes be corrected under Reports from Councillors Item 11.1 for Councillor Siegers’ report to state, ‘Chamber luncheon’ and ‘Medical Assistance in Dying’; and

That the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 5th, 2018 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

7. COMMITTEE / COMMISSION MINUTES AND REPORTS

None.

8. BYLAWS

8.1 Bylaw No. 569, 2018 (Hightide Avenue Road Closure and Disposition)

Res. No. 2018-09C-4 – Moved/Seconded

That the report dated September 6, 2018 from the Municipal Planner, regarding the closure and disposition of a portion of Hightide Avenue be received.

CARRIED

Res. No. 2018-09C-5 – Moved/Seconded

That Council give First and Second Reading to Bylaw 569, 2018 (Hightide Avenue Road Closure and Disposition).

CARRIED

Res. No. 2018-09C-6 – Moved/Seconded

That Council direct staff to give notice of the Hightide Avenue proposed road closure and disposition bylaw by advertising in the local newspaper; and by notifying the following utility providers: BC Hydro, Fortis Gas and the SC Regional District (water).

CARRIED

Res. No. 2018-09C-7 – Moved/Seconded

That Bylaw 569, 2018 (Hightide Avenue Road Closure and Disposition) be read a first time this 19th day of September, 2018.

CARRIED

Res. No. 2018-09C-8 – Moved/Seconded

That Bylaw 569, 2018 (Hightide Avenue Road Closure and Disposition) be read a second time this 19th day of September, 2018.

CARRIED

8.2 2019 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 572, 2018

Res. No. 2018-09C-9 – Moved/Seconded

That the report from the Manager of Financial Services dated September 10, 2018 regarding 2018 Permissive Property Tax Exemptions be received.

CARRIED

Res. No. 2018-09C-10 – Moved/Seconded

That 2019 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No.572, 2018 be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

Res. No. 2018-09C-11 – Moved/Seconded

That 2019 Permissive Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No.572, 2018 be read a first time this 19th day of September, 2018.

CARRIED

Res. No. 2018-09C-12 – Moved/Seconded

That 2019 Permissive Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No.572, 2018 be read a second time this 19th day of September, 2018.

CARRIED

Res. No. 2018-09C-13 – Moved/Seconded

That 2019 Permissive Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No.572, 2018 be read a third time this 19th day of September, 2018.

CARRIED

8.3 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 25-295, 2018 (Microbrewery and Microdistillery)

Res. No. 2018-09C-14 – Moved/Seconded

That the report from the Municipal Planner dated September 10, 2018 regarding the Public Hearing for Zoning Bylaw Amendment 25-295, 2018 (Microbrewery and Microdistillery) be received; and,

That the minutes of the Public Hearing held September 5, 2018 for Zoning Bylaw Amendment 25-295, 2018 (Microbrewery and Microdistillery) be received.

CARRIED

Res. No. 2018-09C-15 – Moved/Seconded

That section 3(q)(ii) of Bylaw No. 25-295, 2018 (Microbrewery and Microdistillery) be amended to read: ‘the effluent from the Microbrewery and Microdistillery be reviewed against the provisions of Public Sewer Bylaw No. 112, 1990 prior to effluent entering the community sewage treatment system’; and

That Bylaw 25-295, 2018 be read a second time, as amended, this 19th day of September, 2018.

CARRIED

Res. No. 2018-09C-16 – Moved/Seconded

That Bylaw No. 25-295, 2018 (Microbrewery and Microdistillery) be read a third time this 19th day of September, 2018.

CARRIED

8.4 Council Procedure Bylaw No. 568, 2018

Res. No. 2018-09C-17 – Moved/Seconded

That the report from the Corporate Officer dated September 12, 2018 regarding proposed Council Procedure Bylaw No. 568, 2018, be received; and

That Council proceed with adoption of Council Procedure Bylaw No. 568, 2018.

CARRIED

Res. No. 2018-09C-18 – Moved/Seconded

That Council Procedure Bylaw No. 568, 2018 be adopted this 19th day of September, 2018.

CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. BUSINESS ITEMS

10.1 Sunshine Coast Community Forest (SCCF) Community Engagement

Res. No. 2018-09C-19 – Moved/Seconded

That the Sunshine Coast Community Forest (SCCF) community engagement report, dated September 10, 2018, from the Communications Manager, be received.

CARRIED

10.2 BC Hydro Beautification Fund – 2019 Grant Application

Res. No. 2018-09C-20 – Moved/Seconded

That the report from the Arts, Culture & Communications Coordinator dated September 4, 2018 regarding BC Hydro Beautification Grant be received.

CARRIED

Res. No. 2018-09C-21 – Moved/Seconded

That an amount of \$3,000 be included in the 2019 Budget to complete the Utility Box Art Wrap project; and that staff be directed to submit an application to the BC Hydro Beautification Fund for the purpose of obtaining a grant.

CARRIED

10.3 Grant Application to Vancouver Foundation

Res. No. 2018-09C-22 – Moved/Seconded

That the report from the Arts, Culture and Communications Coordinator dated September 11, 2018, regarding Vancouver Foundation Grant for the syiyaya Reconciliation Movement be received.

CARRIED

Res. No. 2018-09C-23 – Moved/Seconded

That Council direct staff to submit an application to the Vancouver Foundation for the purpose of obtaining a Vancouver Foundation Systems Change grant.

CARRIED

11. REPORT FROM NON-STANDING COMMITTEES, LIAISON APPOINTMENTS AND GENERAL REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

11.1 Reports from Councillors

Councillor Wright reported that he had attended a number of meetings in the last couple of weeks including Advisory Planning Commission, Wood Expo, a workshop on Local Government, candidate's information meeting and Finance Committee. He also attended Mayor Milne's kickoff campaign for re-election and is now canvassing for his own current candidacy.

Councillor Siegers reported her attendance at the Suncoast Racquet Club Tennis Tournament and Gala, 100 Women Who Care - where we donated to the syiyaya Reconciliation Movement, World Café for the Community Forest, Elder College – Councillor Siegers wished to take a moment to commend Staff for doing such an amazing job at presenting; after speaking with some attendees, they had felt that it was really informative and resulted in positive comments from the community. Councillor Siegers also reported her attendance at the AGM for Davis Bay Community Association, Evolve project, library board meeting, Local Government and Housing session, water discussions with community members, Wood Expo and Electric Vehicle event.

Councillor Muller took a moment to speak on recently reported news of Mr. Silas White's withdrawal as a Gibsons Mayor Candidate. Councillor Muller stated his appreciation and admiration for Mr. White as a transformational leader on the Sunshine Coast and around BC. He noted that Mr. White was the reason Councillor Muller was inspired to run and work as a Councillor. .. He also noted that Mr. White's community will miss him but will no doubt return as soon as he is able. Councillor Muller reported on the Oktoberfest arrangements that he is currently working on. He stated that at UBCM, the resolution for the Accountability Letter proposed to be sent to fossil fuel companies outlining the companies' responsibility for the impacts of climate change on local government, failed with a 52% voted against. Councillor Muller stated his disappointment in the decision for such a defining issue of our time. He advised that the Secretary General of the UN has stated we have 2 years to prevent run-away climate change. It needs to be clear that we have half of our Municipal leaders voting against holding those creating these issues accountable for their impacts and instead, saying it is the municipal property taxpayers that will pay for it. He felt that the decision was egregious and he is disappointed he was unable to attend the UBCM convention to speak on it.

Councillor Lutes also reported that she was in attendance at UBCM and that the vote on the Accountability Letter ended up being electronic because it was so close. A lot of meetings are going on during resolution time, so not everyone who could have voted was present. Councillor Lutes states that going forward, if there were a way for scheduling of resolutions, it would be beneficial in order to allow the strength of the convention, for a proper vote. She attended a couple of different workshops while at

UBCM. One was named Townhall on Building a Better BC, with the Transportation Minister and Municipal Affairs and Trade in attendance. In this workshop, Councillor Lutes brought up the topics of BC Ferry Service and Highway 101. The other workshop was about not ‘ticking the boxes’ when municipalities are dealing with First Nations. She stated that meetings should be held in person rather than sending forms, emails etc. She advised there was lots of talk about affordable housing at the convention. There were many good Government leader speakers, including Selina Robinson who made several announcements. She stated there were many receptions and social meetings with Ministers. Councillor Lutes noted it was a very good conference and thanked the District for sending her.

Councillor Shanks reported that he heard about the Elder College workshop that took place earlier in the month and he has heard nothing but compliments and that the presentations were exceptionally well received. He was pleasantly surprised at the result of the community forest engagement project and is glad that this took place. He enjoyed a weekend before preparing himself for campaigning for elections and he wishes all incumbents and new candidates the best in the upcoming election.

Councillor Inkster reported on his attendance at UBCM. He noted the importance of having the ability to speak with Government contacts and other Municipal leaders at the convention. He noted that BC communities are dealing with water issues, wildfires and snow packs, which are all a result of climate change. Andrew Weaver, leader of the Green Party, spoke at UBCM about these facts and noted that we are ignoring a lot of measurables and factors leading us to a point of no return. Councillor Inkster advised that Mr. Weaver provided a good speech and a lot of information regarding current clean energy discussions. Councillor Inkster also had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Weaver personally about green issues and noted that he felt that it is important that Sechelt Council consider these factors for the future of Sechelt and the Sunshine Coast. At one point in the conference, Councillor Inkster spoke with the Premier who asked what he felt was a high priority for the BC Government to be working on, and Councillor Inkster’s response was, ‘The environment’. John Phare Lake renaming was also discussed and the fact that the process was taking so long to complete and he was referred to the Forestry Minister. While speaking with the Premier regarding housing, he was directed to Selina Robinson and then directed to another Ministry about childcare funding. He hopes Sechelt can work with the Provincial Government to access funding for those in need.

Mayor Milne reported on his attendance at the UBCM convention and noted that there were 5248 in attendance, which is a smaller attendance than usual. He stated that the UBCM convention is important, and that it is equally important for Sechelt to be in attendance and represented. He was pleasantly surprised and glad to find Mr. Alton Toth in attendance at one of the most important workshops on housing affordability. He appreciated that one of our candidates is making an extra effort to find out about the issue and the issues Council is involved in. He noted that the workshop on affordability included interesting discussions on affordability and density and how those link together. He also noted the accessibility of this particular Provincial Government as well

as the deep connections some Council members have with members of that Government. He stated that he and Councillor Lutes spoke with Andrew Wilkinson, leader of the Liberal Party, and had an amenable conversation. He advised that UBCM topics were primarily about environmental issues and housing affordability. He reported on his attendance at a session about engagement of millennials, which was led by millennials active in UBCM. He noted that there is a dilemma in the way that the world is changing and how to get a full spectrum of the community involved with community issues. He stated that the session provided some ideas on this subject. He commented that, overall, UBCM well worth attending and a very good conference.

Mayor Milne took a moment to speak on the recent news of Mr. Silas White stepping down as a Mayoral candidate for the Town of Gibsons. He noted that this will be a big loss to Gibsons, as well as to the Sunshine Coast. He stated that Mr. White has led in a lot of positive ways. He stated that the recent news was a surprise and that Council's hearts go out to Mr. White and his family.

11.2 SCRD Board – Council Representative Report

Councillor Wright reported that the SCR D Board did not meet in August. He stated that he attended one Planning Committee meeting, which included rural planning issues that Sechelt could not vote on. He noted that there were two reports that could be voted on, one being the Police Commission minutes and the other the Natural Resources Advisory Committee minutes. He advised that a Board meeting followed with zoning bylaw amendments and recommendations from the Committees. He noted that he will be attending an Infrastructure Committee meeting on September 20th, and that water and meters will be on that agenda. He hopes it will be well attended.

Mayor Milne reported that the Regional Hospital District, led by the Chair of the Hospital District, Frank Morrow, had a formal meeting with Adrian Dix at UBCM to press the case for moving more quickly on seniors' long-term care on the Sunshine Coast, which was well received. When approached about a timeline, the Minister indicated it would be as soon as possible.

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING ITEMS

None

12.1 Council Correspondence

Res. No. 2018-09C-24 – Moved/Seconded

That Council Correspondence included on the September 19th, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be received.

CARRIED

Mayor Milne displayed a sample sign that the District received from the BC Soccer Association to represent the Association's 'Respect All' program and stated the importance of respect on and off the field.

12.2 Sechelt Visitor Services Statistics August, 2018

Res. No. 2018-09C-25 – Moved/Seconded

That the Sechelt Visitor Services Statistics included on the September 19th, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be received.

CARRIED

12.3 RCMP Monthly Statistics August, 2018

Res. No. 2018-09C-26 – Moved/Seconded

That the RCMP Monthly Statistics included on the September 19th, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be received.

CARRIED

13. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were no emergency items brought forward.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Res. No. 2018-09C-27 – Moved/Seconded

That the Regular Council meeting of September 19th, 2018 be adjourned at 8:20 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:



Bruce Milne, Mayor



Jo-Anne Frank, Corporate Officer