

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Gold River held Monday, January 20, 2014 in Council Chambers of the Village Office located at 499 Muchalat Drive commencing at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor C. Anderson
Councillor D. Arcus
Councillor J. Frame
Councillor G. Waterman

ABSENT: Councillor K. Begon

STAFF: Mr. R. Begon, Fire Chief
Mr. M. Lott, Program Supervisor
Ms. M. McLean, Deputy Director of Finance
Ms. S. Rich, Deputy Corporate Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 6, 2014.

MOVED that the minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Administrator - 2014 Corporate Planning Report.

MOVED that the report be received.

CARRIED

MOVED that Council adopt the 2014 Corporate Planning Report as presented.

CARRIED

M. Lott, Program Manager - 2014 February Fitness Month.

MOVED that the report be received.

CARRIED

MOVED that Council approve February Fitness Month and that the following be provided free during the month of February to promote fitness and healthy living in the community:

Aquatic Centre:

- free public swimming on Sunday, February 9 and 23, 2014 between 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m.

Arena:

- free public skating with free skate rental if required on Friday, February 14 and 28, 2014 between 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Deputy Director of Finance - 2014 Community Cat Spay/Neuter Grant Application.

MOVED that the report be received.

CARRIED

MOVED that Council support the 2014 grant application for the BCSPCA Community Cat Spay/Neuter Program and commit to matching funds up to \$2500.00.

CARRIED

R. Begon, Fire Chief - 4th Quarter Report.

MOVED that the report be received.

CARRIED

Councillor Arcus - Nootka Sound Watershed Society Meeting held November 27, 2013.

MOVED that the report be received.

CARRIED

Councillor Arcus - Sister City Program Proposal.

MOVED that the report be received.

CARRIED

MOVED that the report be tabled and Councillor Arcus be requested to provide additional information to Council for consideration.

CARRIED

COUNCIL INFORMATION ITEMS

Councillor Arcus reported on the Telus cell service proposal and advised the initiative is moving forward.

Mayor Anderson reported that Telus representatives had met with the Mayor and Administrator and advised that other locations within the community had been reviewed but the best location for the cell tower remains to be at the Telus property on Trumpeter Drive. Telus is continuing with the cell service proposal.

Mayor Anderson reported on the recent Regional Hospital Board Meeting. Construction dates for the new regional hospitals have been pushed back but the 2017 opening date remains.

Mayor Anderson reported on the recent Comox Strathcona Solid Waste Management Meeting and advised Council that the 5 year plan proposes significant increases to the municipal requisitions, increasing by approximately 15% by 2018.

Councillor Frame advised Council that Sonoma Resources Inc., a Vancouver BC based company has signed a letter of intent to acquire 100% of the Century Limestone Property located in eastern Nootka Sound. A formal agreement is expected by late February 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Bill Dawson, Acting Assessor, BC Assessment, News Release regarding 2014 Assessments.
2. Wynne Powell, Board Chair, BC Emergency Health Services regarding local government interest in First Responder Services.
3. Jim Cleghorn, on behalf of the BC Ferry Coalition, Past President, Sechelt & District Chamber of Commerce regarding BC Ferry Coalition Launch.
4. Jim Cleghorn and Jef Keighley, BC Ferry Coalition regarding BC Coastal-Mainland Alliance Formed.

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5. Jack W. Davidson, President, BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association regarding potential risks and benefits of self-performing infrastructure construction and maintenance.

MOVED that the correspondence be received.

CARRIED

MOVED that a letter be sent to Premier Christy Clark regarding the proposed BC Ferries services cuts and increasing fares including information in the correspondence from the BC Ferry Coalition.

CARRIED

TERMINATION

MOVED that the meeting terminate.

Time: 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED

C. Anderson Mayor

S. Rich Deputy Corporate Administrator

Certified correct by the Corporate Administrator

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