

Minutes of the 3:30 pm Wednesday, March 11, 2020, Town of Qualicum Beach Regular Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Office, 660 Primrose Street, Qualicum Beach, BC

PRESENT: Council: Mayor Brian Wiese
Councillor Robert Filmer
Councillor Scott Harrison
Councillor Adam Walker
Councillor Teunis Westbroek

ALSO PRESENT: Staff: Daniel Sailland, CAO
Bob Weir, Director of Engineering and Operations
Luke Sales, Director of Planning
Dennis Trudeau, Director of Special Projects
Heather Svensen, Corporate Administrator
Haylee Gould, Deputy Corporate Administrator
Rebecca Augustyn, Planner

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm and acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish people.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Council adopted, by unanimous consent, the March 11, 2020 Regular Council meeting agenda.
CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Council approved, by unanimous consent, the following meeting minutes:

- February 5, 2020 special Council (with School District 69), as amended by changing the words "The RDN ha provided \$500,000" to "The RDN has been approached to provide \$500,000";
- February 10, 2020 special Council (for the purposes of going into a Closed meeting);
- February 20, 2020 special Council (for the purposes of going into a Closed meeting); and
- February 26, 2020 regular Council.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) **Correspondence Log** - February 26, 2020 - For Information
- (2) **Correspondence Log** - March 11, 2020 - For Information

COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

- (1) **General Government** (Mayor Brian Wiese)

Mayor Wiese commented on the following:

- Attending the March 3 update on bus garage
- Meeting with MP Gord Johns, discussing regional issues and projects, sharing tax, affordable housing, economic development
- Bringing forward a notice of motion relating to coastal communities and fisheries
- Oceanside Service Committee, Ballenas Track was not supported with a tie vote

- Promoting Navy Days
- Regional District of Nanaimo hospital board meeting
- Committee of the Whole for the Regional District of Nanaimo

(2) **Parks & Recreation** (Councillor Robert Filmer)

Councillor Filmer offered clarification on reading emails.

(3) **Community Development** (Councillor Scott Harrison)

Councillor Harrison commented on the following:

- January 30, attending a public meeting for Island Health board, discussing outlying data, including suicide rates, and trying to increase primary care locally
- Expressing appreciation to Kim Burden helping out with the Qualicum Beach Chamber
- February 22, Coldest Night of the Year
- February 24, awareness for suicide event held at St. Stephens, noting individuals can contact BC 811 for help
- Track at Ballenas Secondary, has begun actively fundraising
- Tourism Association, discussion about TimberFest and the hotel tax
- February 27, attending the Wounded Warriors event at the Legion
- March 4, attending the Young Professionals of Oceanside Annual General Meeting

(4) **Arts & Culture** (Councillor Adam Walker)

Councillor Walker commented on the heron nests on Hoylake Road and asked the public to keep a safe distance from the herons on their nests.

(5) **Protective Services** (Councillor Teunis Westbroek)

Councillor Westbroek commented on the following:

- Oceanside Task Force on Homelessness, looking to have a Town Hall type meeting presenting the new strategic plan at the Community Hall on April 28 from 3 to 5 pm
- Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere, looking to attract an international event where different biosphere regions across the world come to attend
- Select Committee on Public Safety meeting was deferred to March 25 to consider the Age-Friendly Transportation Plan

Councillor Westbroek left the meeting at 3:55 pm

Councillor Westbroek returned to the meeting at 3:57 pm

STAFF REPORTS

(1) **Chief Administrative Officer** (Daniel Sailland)

(a) **Strategic Plan Update**

Daniel Sailland, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an overview of the strategic initiatives completed and underway.

Council discussed the strategic plan, including:

- Adding items to the plan (e.g. communications initiatives)
- Creating a work plan vs. updating the strategic plan quarterly
- Timeline for completing the plan
- Software options to increase access for the public to updates on the strategic plan as it progresses.

(2) **Corporate Administrator (Heather Svensen)**

(a) **Announcement of Council Meeting Motions**

The following motions were released from the February 20, 2020 closed meeting of Council:

THAT Council lay the motion on the table and instruct staff to provide a one-time sealed bid option for both parties for the Yew Street Right of Way.

THAT Council directs staff to proceed with a residential subdivision of land northwest of the intersection of Andreef Road and Laburbum Road, subject to consideration of a road closure bylaw and zoning amendment bylaw in a Regular Council meeting, as described in the February 20, 2020 Planning memo to Council.

THAT Council authorizes the purchase of 721 Beach Road for the purpose of a future public parking lot for \$475,000, to be funded from general reserves; AND FURTHER THAT the 721 Beach Road residence be available for rent until such time as the land is required for public parking.

THAT Council authorizes staff to enter into a lease agreement with Berwick Retirement for a parking space for their Berwick bus, as described in the February 20, 2020 memo.

THAT Council appoints Lynda Parakin and Anne Skipsey to the Select Committee on Family Day for a one-year term ending December 31, 2020; AND FURTHER THAT Council instructs staff to re-advertise requesting further volunteers to sit on the 2020 Family Day Committee.

(b) **Motions Index Update - 2019 and 2020 - For Information**
Council reviewed the index motions from 2019 and 2020.

Councillor Filmer MOVED and Councillor Harrison SECONDED, THAT Council amend Motion 2019-204 by striking: "in the 2019/2020 school year" and replace it with "in 2021" and adding the words "AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to work with Kwalikum Senior Secondary to host a Council meeting at the school before the end of the 2020 school year".

CARRIED

- (3) **Financial Administration (John Marsh)**
(a) **Monthly Finance Report - January 2020 - For Information**
Councillor Westbroek MOVED and Councillor Filmer SECONDED, THAT Council receive the Monthly Finance Report as presented at the March 11, 2020 Regular Council meeting.
CARRIED
- (4) **Fire Department (Marc Norris, Fire Chief)**
(a) **Fire Department Monthly Report - January 2020 - For Information**
Councillor Westbroek MOVED and Councillor Harrison SECONDED, THAT Council receive the Monthly Fire Department Report as presented at the March 11, 2020 Regular Council meeting.
CARRIED
- (5) **Planning (Luke Sales, Director of Planning)**
(a) **Monthly Building Permit Report -- January 2020 - For Information**
(b) **Monthly Bylaw Report - January 2020 - For Information**
Councillor Westbroek MOVED and Councillor Harrison SECONDED, THAT Council receive the January 2020 Monthly Building Permit Report and the January 2020 Monthly Bylaw Report as presented at the March 11, 2020 Regular Council meeting.
CARRIED
- (c) **Development Variance Permit: 333 Judges Row**
Councillor Harrison MOVED and Councillor Walker SECONDED, THAT Council directs staff to fulfill statutory notification requirements so that Council can consider issuance of a Development Variance Permit for 333 Judges Row at the Council Meeting on April 1, 2020.
CARRIED
- (d) **Development Variance Permit: 217 Higson Crescent**
Councillor Harrison MOVED and Councillor Westbroek SECONDED, THAT Council directs staff to fulfill statutory notification requirements so that Council can consider issuance of a Development Permit and a Development Variance Permit for 217 Higson Crescent at the Council Meeting on April 1, 2020.
CARRIED

(6) **Engineering & Operations (Bob Weir, P.Eng., Director)**

(a) **Age Friendly Transportation Plan - 2019 Update**

Councillor Westbroek MOVED and Councillor Walker SECONDED, THAT the Age-Friendly Transportation Plan be accepted as amended and presented in the March 11, 2020 regular Council agenda; AND FURTHER THAT the Age-Friendly Transportation Plan be forwarded to the Public Safety Committee for their review and comment.

CARRIED

BYLAWS

(1) **Zoning Amendment: 595 Spruce Street**

Councillor Westbroek MOVED and Councillor Harrison SECONDED, THAT the bylaw entitled "Town of Qualicum Beach Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 580, 1999 Amendment (595 Spruce Street) Bylaw No. 580.113, 2019" be given third reading as amended.

CARRIED

Recorded vote requested

IN FAVOUR: Mayor Wiese; Councillor Harrison; Councillor Westbroek

OPPOSED: Councillor Filmer; Councillor Walker

Councillor Walker MOVED and Councillor Filmer SECONDED, THAT the motion be laid on the table to allow Council to consider a deferral for a revised plan, to take into consideration some of the larger old growth trees on site.

MOTION FAILED

Councillor Westbroek MOVED and Councillor Harrison SECONDED, THAT, prior to adoption of the zoning amendment bylaw, the 595 Spruce Street applicant pay a \$5,000 landscaping charge to cover the costs of replacing all trees removed from the subject property in a different location.

CARRIED

(2) **Zoning Amendment: 191 Fourth Avenue West**

Councillor Westbroek MOVED and Councillor Walker SECONDED, THAT the bylaw entitled "Town of Qualicum Beach Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 580, 1999 Amendment (191 Fourth Avenue W) Bylaw No. 580.115, 2019" be given third reading.

CARRIED

(3) **Railway Street and Village Way Affordable Housing Zoning Amendment**

Councillor Westbroek MOVED and Councillor Harrison SECONDED, THAT the bylaw entitled "Town of Qualicum Beach Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 580, 1999 Amendment (Part of Village Way and Railway Street) Bylaw No. 580.117, 2020" be given third reading.

CARRIED

RECORDED VOTE:

IN FAVOUR: Mayor Wiese; Councillor Harrison; Councillor Westbroek

OPPOSED: Councilor Filmer; Councillor Walker

Councillor Westbroek MOVED and Councillor Harrison SECONDED, THAT the bylaw entitled "Town of Qualicum Beach Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 580, 1999 Amendment (Part of Village Way and Railway Street) Bylaw No. 580.117, 2020" be adopted.

CARRIED

RECORDED VOTE:

IN FAVOUR: Mayor Wiese; Councillor Harrison; Councillor Westbroek

OPPOSED: Councilor Filmer; Councillor Walker

Council discussed the development, with topics including:

- Public consultation process;
- Plans for the community garden;
- Site coverage.

(4) Town of Qualicum Beach Financial Plan (2020-2024) Bylaw No. 738, 2019

Councillor Walker MOVED and Councillor Harrison SECONDED, THAT the bylaw entitled "Town of Qualicum Beach Financial Plan (2020-2024) Bylaw No. 738, 2019" be adopted.

CARRIED

Councillor Westbroek MOVED and Councillor Walker SECONDED, THAT the Council meeting be extended past 6:30 pm.

CARRIED

COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

- Kim Burden, on behalf of the Perfect Storm Group, thanked Council for promoting health care in the community.
- Deborah McKinley, 340 Nenzel Road, commented on environmental initiatives and the removal of trees in the Town.
- Lance Nater, 996 Royal Dornoch Drive, spoke on proposal at Railway Street and Village Way Affordable Housing Zoning and the Tree and Vegetation Management Plan.
- Bill Adkins, Primrose Street, clarified that the zoning amendment for the Railway Street and Village Way Affordable Housing development was adopted.
- Bertrand Girard, 546 Nootka Road, spoke on the conifers to be removed at the Railway Street and replacing them with deciduous species, and options for the community garden with the new development.

- Walter Hoogland, 789 Canyon Crescent, discussed the importance of the Town and the community working together, specifically in regard to the affordable housing development on Railway Street.
- John Wood, 466 Troon Close, spoke on the Railway Street and Village Way Affordable Housing development.
- Lynn Brooks, Errington, commented on the Railway Street and Village Way Affordable Housing project, suggesting as many trees as possible be retained.
- Doug MacKay-Dunn, 2617 Island Highway West, commented on the dialogue between Council and noted he is not in support of the community garden being moved or altered.
- Fox McKinley, 346 Nenzel Road, commented on public consultation.
- Pat Jacobson, 606 Sumac Drive, commented on the Tree and Vegetation Management Plan and the viability of TimberFest with the recent coronavirus pandemic.
- Lois Eaton, 591 Tamarack Drive, expressed appreciation for the crosswalk being installed at Qualicum Road and the Dollymount Trail. Ms. Eaton commented on climate initiatives, the true cost of replacing trees, and looking at Town policies and decisions through a climate change lens.
- Judy Kemp, Dashwood, expressed concern that the Town was not hearing the concerns of the residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Westbroek MOVED and Councillor Harrison SECONDED, THAT Council adjourns the meeting.

CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:51 pm

Certified Correct:

Heather Svensen
Corporate Administrator

Brian Wiese
Mayor