

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Minutes of Meeting
March 15, 2010

1. A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held in the Shannon Studio on Monday, March 15, 2010 at the hour of 5.45 P.M.
2. Present were Mayor W.J. MacLean; Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall; Cl'rs J.King, M.MacIver, K. Anderson; Town Solicitor, L. Evans; Director of Public Works, J. MacNeil; Director of Parks Recreation and Tourism, J. Pyke; Marketing Manager, P. Davis ;Facility Maintenance Manager, G. Snook and J. Davis, C.A.O.
3. Mayor MacLean called the meeting to order and asked Peter Chafe to present his comments as a follow up to a letter received by Council.

CHAFE'S FLOORING & FURNITURE

4. Peter Chafe of Chafe's Flooring and Furniture Limited made a presentation to Council voicing his concern regarding a public furniture auction held at the Civic Centre by a party having no ties to the community such as paying taxes, purchasing products and services from other local businesses on a continuous basis.
5. All Council spoke in favour of Mr. Chafe's letter. Council agreed with the points made.

NORTH GRANVILLE STREET PARK

6. Amanda Mombourquette and Diane Snook on behalf of the North Granville Street Park Committee presented a plan and report which was prepared by the committee in conjunction with community group meetings and Ekistics research.
7. A twenty year proposed budget was submitted indicating expenditures in years 1 - 5 of \$274,500, years 6 - 10 \$963,200 and years 11 - 20 of \$654,808.
8. Council encouraged the committee and recommended as part of proposals to other levels of government that applications include value of land as part of proposal.
9. **MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY DEPUTY MAYOR H. MAC DOUGALL TO SUPPORT THE N. GRANVILLE STREET PARK PROJECT IN PRINCIPLE. MOTION CARRIED.**
10. **MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R J. KING THAT A PRESENTATION FROM HENRY STEIGS BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.**
11. Henry Steigs presentation to Council on Civic Centre Landscaping recommended:
 - remove, dead wood and trees
 - the establishment of a wind break
 - small annual budget
 - plan year by year
 - use of town equipment
 - planning and supervision by Gordon Snook and Paula Davis
 - white spruce still have to have good soil
 - Austrian Pine may also be a choice
 - how to prepare soil
 - mark out planting area/get backhoe
 - to loosen up soil/ compost/topsoil create berms that are a foot to 2 feet tall.
 - Henry Steig's role would be as an advisor
 - volunteer and in staff take step by step process. Patience is a key.

12. Mayor recommends to Council a 3 - 4 year plan & asked Gordie Snook and Paula Davis to draw up an implementation plan in conjunction with Mr. Steigs.

13. Town Council suggested approaching a local wood product producer for assistance in the implementation. The mayor agreed to approach on Council's behalf. Henry Steigs agreed to make a presentation to the Company.

COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

14. MOVED BY CL'R J.KING, SEC'D BY DEPUTY MAYOR H. MACDOUGALL TO PROCEED WITH SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON PINERIDGE DRIVE FROM ARTIE REYNOLDS ROAD TO SPRUCE STREET. MOTION CARRIED.

15. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R M. MACIVER TO HIRE A LOCAL ENGINEER FIRM TO DESIGN A CUL DE SAC INDICATING THE LAND REQUIREMENTS AND SURVEY NEEDS. MOTION CARRIED.

16. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY DEPUTY MAYOR H. MAC DOUGALL THAT WE DO A TRAFFIC COUNT AS OFFERED BY THE DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION. MOTION CARRIED.

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

17. MOVED BY CL'R J. KING, SEC'D BY CL'R K. ANDERSON THAT THE AQUATICS REPORT AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AS RECEIVED. MOTION CARRIED.

18. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY M. MACIVER THAT THE AQUATICS DIRECTOR BE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE THE COST PORTION OF AQUATICS PROGRAM WHEN SUBMITTING REVENUE REPORTS TO COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED.

HIGHLAND RIDING CLUB- ADDITION

19. MOVED BY CL'R M. MACIVER, SEC'D BY CL'R K. ANDERSON THAT THE HIGHLAND RIDING CLUB BE AN ADDITION TO THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.

20. MOVED BY CL'R J. KING, SEC'D BY CL'R M. MACIVER THAT WE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THE APPROVAL OF THE PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION POLICY. MOTION CARRIED.

21. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY DEPUTY MAYOR H. MACDOUGALL THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER CLEAR UP THE PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO EXPEDITE DIRECT DEPOSIT PAYROLL. MOTION CARRIED.

22. The Chief Administrative Officer noted that due to the timing of hourly pays and the inability to export files directly to bank files it is difficult to have direct deposit for hourly staff without incurring a significant amount of duplicate keypunching and tracking therefore direct deposit will be done in a phased approach starting with salaried employees.

23. MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR H. MACDOUGALL, SEC'D BY CL'R J. KING THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 AS A COMMITMENT TOWARDS THE FESTIVAL OF THE STRAIT. MOTION CARRIED.

24. Homelessness Awareness request was tabled.

HIGHLAND RIDING CLUB

25. Town Council agreed to request Jim Pyke to meet with Michelle Tabensky to consider the options presented in her letter to Town Council.

N.S.C.C. - SPECIAL CONSTABLES

26. The Town Solicitor noted that the NSCC Special Constable request could be dovetailed into the summary offense ticket policy that is being prepared. Council requested that there be a limited jurisdiction stipulation in any approval for the limited Community College Special Constables.

27. MOVED BY CL'R M.MACIVER, SEC'D BY CL'R J.KING THAT THE SOLICITOR INCLUDE PROVISION FOR SPECIAL CONSTABLES ATTACHED TO THE NSCC IN HIS PREPARATION OF THE ENFORCEMENT POLICY. MOTION CARRIED.

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28. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY DEPUTY MAYOR H. MAC DOUGALL THAT TOWN COUNCIL PROCEED WITH EVERY AVENUE AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT THE INSTALLATION OF A CLOSED CIRCUIT COOLING TOWER. MOTION CARRIED.

CIVIC CENTRE OPERATIONS CIVIC CENTRE FACILITY USAGE

29. It was recommended by the Committee of the Whole to adopt the policy and to approve in principle the facility usage Civic Centre policy as presented .
30. Marketing Manager and Maintenance Manager were asked to submit any suggested change to the CAO for consideration for incorporation into the presented policy.

FLEA MARKET REQUEST

31. This item is to be included in facility usage policy.
32. MOVED BY CL'R J.KING, SEC'D BY DEPUTY MAYOR H.MACDOUGALL THAT WE RECESS INTO "IN CAMERA".
33. Council reconvened to a Committee of the Whole at 9:15 P.M.
34. On Motion the committee adjourned.

DATE

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:
JAMES DAVIS, CAO