



Inaugural Meeting of Council

MINUTES OF

Tuesday, December 6th, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion – 747 Gibsons Way

PRESENT: Mayor–Elect Wayne Rowe
Councillor–Elect Dan Bouman
Councillor–Elect LeeAnn Johnson
Councillor–Elect Charlene SanJenko
Councillor–Elect Gerry Tretick

STAFF: Warren Waycheshen, Chief Administrative Officer
Michelle Jansson, Corporate Officer
Ian Poole, Director of Finance
Michael Epp, Municipal Planner
Dave Newman, Director of Engineering
Greg Foss, Director of Public Works
Wendy Gilbertson, Director of Parks and Cultural Service
Lee Larsen, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS: Judge Steven Merrick
Chief Bill Williams – Squamish Nation
Bob Baker – Squamish Nation “Eagle Dong Dances”
Constable Mark Wiebe
Hammy McClymont

1. DRUMMING IN OF COUNCIL-ELECT

Chief Bill Williams and Bob Baker of the Squamish Nation drummed in the Council Elect.

2. O CANADA

The Chief Administrative Officer invited Hammy McClymont to lead the singing of O Canada.

3. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

Judge Steven Merrick administered the Oath of Office for:

- Mayor-Elect Wayne Rowe

- Councillor-Elect Dan Bouman
- Councillor-Elect LeeAnn Johnson
- Councillor-Elect Charlene SanJenko
- Councillor-Elect Gerry Tretick

4. SQUAMISH NATION BLESSING

The Chief Administrative Officer called upon Chief Bill Williams and Bob Baker to provide the blessing song.

5. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

6. MAYOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

A copy of the address is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

7. 2011 – 2012 COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

MOVED by Councillor Johnson
SECONDED by Councillor Bouman

THAT Councillor Tretick be appointed as the Town of Gibsons' representative to the Sunshine Coast Regional District Board.

CARRIED
R2011-497

MOVED by Councillor Tretick
SECONDED by Councillor SanJenko

THAT Councillor Johnson be appointed as the Town of Gibsons' alternate representative to the Sunshine Coast Regional District Board.

CARRIED
R2011-498

MOVED by Councillor Tretick
SECONDED by Councillor SanJenko

THAT Councillor Johnson be appointed as the Deputy Mayor for the period December 6th, 2011 to June 30th, 2012.

CARRIED
R2011-499

MOVED by Councillor Bouman
SECONDED by Councillor Johnson

THAT Councillor Tretick be appointed as the Deputy Mayor for the period July 1st, 2012 to December 31st, 2012.

CARRIED
R2011-500

It was the consensus of Council that the Council Liaison appointments be dealt with under Item 9.

MOVED by Councillor Johnson
SECONDED by Councillor SanJenko

THAT a Committee of the Whole meeting be scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on December 12th, 2011, which will include a discussion on the Province of British Columbia's Community Recreation Grant Program.

CARRIED
R2011-501

8. APPOINTMENT OF SIGNING AUTHORITIES

MOVED by Councillor Tretick
SECONDED by Councillor Bouman

THAT the authorized signatures for the Town of Gibsons be as follows:

Disbursements: (Cheques, Payroll, Electronic Fund Transfers, Pre-authorized Payments MFA Programs (except pooled Investments).

Requires **two** signatures, one from Group A (Council) and one from Group B (Administration)

Group A: Mayor Wayne Rowe and all Councillors

Group B: The Chief Administrative Officer, the Director of Finance, the Assistant Treasurer

Municipal Finance Authority Pooled Funds: **Two** signatures from Group B (Administration).

CARRIED
R2011-502

9. COUNCIL LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

MOVED by Councillor Tretick
SECONDED by Councillor Johnson

THAT the following Council Liaisons be approved:

- Mayor Wayne Rowe
 - Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (observer only)
 - Sunshine Coast Policing Committee
- Councillor Dan Bouman
 - Gibsons and District Fire Protection Commission
 - Gibsons and District Public Library
 - Sunshine Coast Museum and Archives Society
- Councillor LeeAnn Johnson
 - Community Youth Awareness Group
 - Extreme Weather Emergency Shelter Advisory Committee
 - Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee
- Councillor Charlene SanJenko
 - Best Coast Initiatives
 - Gibsons and District Chamber of Commerce
 - VOICE
- Councillor Gerry Tretick
 - Gibsons Landing Harbour Authority
 - Gibsons and District Fire protection Commission

CARRIED
R2011-503

10. 2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

MOVED by Councillor Johnson
SECONDED by Councillor Bouman

THAT the proposed 2012 Council Meeting Schedule be approved.

CARRIED
R2011-504

11. CLOSING REMARKS

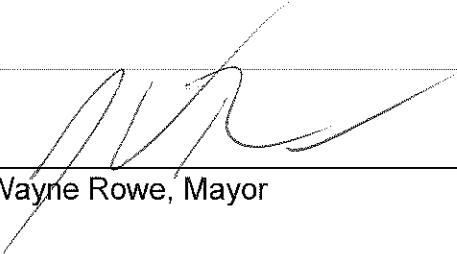
Mayor Rowe thanked everyone for attending the Inaugural Meeting of Council, and for the outstanding community support.

12. ADJOURNMENT

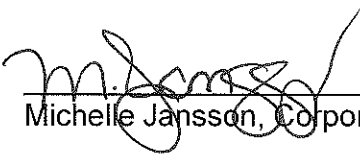
MOVED by Councillor Johnson
SECONDED by Councillor Sanjenko

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CARRIED
R2011-505



Wayne Rowe, Mayor



Michelle Jansson, Corporate Officer

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

I would firstly like to acknowledge the Squamish Nation upon whose traditional territory we are holding this Inaugural Meeting of the new Council of the Town of Gibsons, and I extend our thanks to them for welcoming us into their traditional territories.

I would specifically like to thank the Squamish members who came here today to help us celebrate the commencement of our new term. Please convey our respects to your Council and let them know that the Town of Gibsons looks forward to collaborating with them in the re-development of your neighbouring lands.

I would also like to thank the Honourable Judge Merrick for presiding over the formal swearing in of the new Council.

At a time when many communities in British Columbia are experiencing a shortage of judicial resources we are fortunate to have a Provincial court judge based on the Sunshine Coast. This in part was accomplished by the 4 governments on the Sunshine Coast working together with a unified voice to lobby the Attorney General for this appointment. This is but one small example of what can be achieved when we combine our efforts.

I also want to acknowledge the representative of the RCMP who has taken the time to join us this evening. While the RCMP have experience some difficult media coverage in the past few months, I have no doubt that the vast majority of the members of the RCMP are dedicated officers whose primary goal is to ensure the safety of our community. The Federal and Provincial governments have now reached an 'Agreement in Principle' to continue the service of the RCMP for the next 20 years.

We here in Gibsons will, by this time next year, have completed a new RCMP facility on Sunnycrest Road which will enable the RCMP to provide better service to our community.

At the present time the policing costs for our area are paid by the province, partly funded through property taxes. Once our population surpasses 5,000 we will be responsible for most of our policing costs. By proceeding with the new facility at this time it is our

expectation that we will recover a significant portion of our building costs through the Lease Agreements with the RCMP prior to reaching the population threshold of 5,000. This collaboration with the RCMP will result in better facilities for them now and reduce costs to the Town in the long term.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the two outgoing members of our Council, namely Bob Curry and Barry Janyk. Both of these men have devoted much time and effort on behalf of our community and I would like to formally extend our thanks and appreciation to them for their contributions.

Our Council has a number of tasks ahead, such as completing the work on the Harbour Area Plan, the Gospel Rock Neighbourhood Plan, and updating the Official Community Plan to incorporate these plans, as well as the business area, added to the Town, in the Pratt Road intersection area.

We will also be looking for ways to maximize our harbor potential, re-invigorate the business area in Lower Gibsons and, in consultation with the SCRCD, address the matter of recycling services for the Town.

With the assistance of our staff we will be reviewing our structure and processes to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our residents efficiently and effectually. As an interim step I will be proposing the use of frequent Committee of the Whole meetings with focused agendas. I will also propose that these meetings be held at times that make them more accessible to commuters and other working residents.

As community input is vital to an effective Council, I will be encouraging the use of 'Advisory Committees' with specific objectives and with a clear beginning and ending. The first committee of this nature will have as its focus a plan for ensuring effective communication between the Town and residents and achieving meaningful public participation to guide Council in its deliberations.

In conclusion, I want to thank you again, the residents, for the faith that you have placed in the members of this Council. It is on your behalf that we assume the responsibility of

guiding our Town during this next term. Undoubtedly we will make mistakes. Undoubtedly you will tell us when we do.

I have no doubt, however, that the members of this Council, with your guidance, will devote their efforts to making our Town better and stronger and a place that we will all be proud to call home.

Mayor Wayne Rowe
December 6th, 2011