



July 24, 2009

Council Brief for July 21, 2009



Notice of Motion

Squamish uses significantly more water per capita than communities with either flat rate and metered per capita averages in Canada, and Canada's water consumption is 65% higher than 27 other developed countries including 4 times as much as Sweden and 8 times as much as Denmark's water consumption. Council approved for staff to investigate a "No New Water" commitment that would explore the potential of meeting all new water demands through efficient use of existing supplies and comprehensive water demand management and conservation strategies, and for staff to bring it back to Council so that if endorsed it can be initiated in the 2010 budget.

National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) Tour

The District is interested in bringing a Spring 2010 familiarization bus tour to Squamish. Staff will work with NAIOP and the Economic Development Committee to organize the tour.

Squamish Estuary Management Committee Resolution

Council agreed to write a letter to Minister of the Environment Barry Penner urging his Ministry not to vacate the Chair of the Squamish Estuary Management Committee and that the District considers it important that the Ministry continue in this role.

Dock Purchase and Subsequent Lease to the Harbour Authority of Squamish

The District of Squamish will purchase two 8' X 50' floats sourced from Whitewater Docks in Campbell River as per the 2009 Capital Budget, subject to a subsequent lease to own agreement with the Harbour Authority of Squamish.

Purchase of New Battery Powered Ice Resurfacing Machine

Council authorized the purchase of a 2009 Olympia Ice Bear battery powered ice resurfacing machine, from Vimar Equipment, for the purchase price of \$174,517.

Development Permit No. 287 - RONA - 39009 Discovery Way

Council authorized issuance of Development Permit No. 287 to 4246551 Canada Inc. at 39009 Discovery Way, Squamish, B.C. to allow for the realignment of the existing front parking lot, addition of parking stalls, re-facing of the existing fascia and pylon signage and revisions to the on-site landscaping.

BYLAWS

FIRST READING

District of Squamish Official Community Plan, Bylaw 2100, 2009

Council gave First Reading to Bylaw 2100, 2009; and directed staff to undertake the formal referral process outlined in Part 26, Section 879 of the Local Government Act and refer the Official Community Plan to the following for comment:

- a. Squamish-Lillooet Regional District;
 - b. Squamish Nation;
 - c. BC Ministry of Community and Rural Development;
 - d. School District 48 (Howe Sound);
 - e. Agricultural Land Commission;
- and for Council to undertake the formal review process as outlined in the Local Government Act.

[To view the Official Community Plan](#)

FIRST THREE READINGS

Wildlife Attractant Bylaw No. 2053, 2009

Council gave first three readings to District of Squamish Wildlife Attractant Bylaw No. 2053, 2009. A bylaw to store and secure refuse and food sources securely to discourage and prevent bears, cougars, coyotes and wolves from accessing and becoming conditioned to or dependent on food sources generated or controlled human activity.

[To view Wildlife Attractant Bylaw No. 2053,2009](#)

ADOPTION

District of Squamish Council authorized issuance of Development Permit No. 295, issued to Squamish Riverstones Developments Ltd. Inc. No. 835082, located at 39776 and 39780 Government Road, subject to provisions. The project plans for a 84 purpose-built rental units that will be managed by Sea-to-Sky Community Social services, and will provide low-to-moderate income housing for target populations in Squamish, including seniors housing units, accessibility units, and single-parent units.

District of Squamish Zoning Bylaw No. 1342, 1995,

District of Squamish Zoning Bylaw No. 1342, 1995, Amendment Bylaw (2645 Rhum & Eigg Drive) No. 2004, 2007 was adopted rezoning from Residential 1 Zone (RS-1) to Residential 2 Zone (RS-2)

Council adopted the Legacy Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 2101, 2009 that establishes a reserve fund for specified purpose and placed to the credit of a reserve fund.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The Garibaldi of Squamish project currently proposed impacts a much larger portion of land and has close to double the number of bed units than the project considered and supported by the District of Squamish community and Council nearly a decade ago; and, Mr. Negrin and Mr. Beasley acting as representatives for Garibaldi at Squamish presented an overview of the project to Council and that presentation by the admission of Mr. Beasley lacked depth and detail; and the public comment period ended prior to all pertinent information being available to the District and the public: information including but not limited to the socio-economic impact study, adequacy of water supply and sewage outfall; therefore the District of Squamish requests the Environmental Assessment Process be suspended until such time as more complete detail on those unresolved issues be forthcoming, further that another public comment period be enabled to ensure the public be enabled to make qualified comments and our Council a qualified decision.

Council Meeting Schedule Change

Council cancelled the Regular Business meeting September 1, 2009 and scheduled a Special Business Meeting for September 8, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

No Council meetings between July 22 and Sept 7.

Affordable Housing Development Ground Breaking Ceremony



The District of Squamish Council and MLA Joan McIntyre helped break ground for the Riverstones Project, an affordable housing development in Squamish.

Working with the Provincial and Federal government, and Bethel Land Corporation, the ground breaking marks the beginning of construction of the 84-unit housing development for seniors, single-parent families, and people with accessibility challenges.

"Extreme" Fire Hazard Rating

“Extreme” Fire Hazard Rating Results in District-wide Open Fire Ban



Squamish, BC – Effective July 23, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. all open fires, including those for cooking, warmth, and ceremonial purposes, are prohibited. The continuation of the hot, dry weather has raised the fire hazard to “Extreme” prompting local fire authorities to place a complete open fire ban throughout the District of Squamish.

The fire ban applies to all open fires, campfires, wood-burning pits, and backyard fireplaces on public and private lands, including residences within the District of Squamish boundaries. This ban does not restrict the use of gas or propane-fuelled stoves that are manufactured for heating or cooking.

[Click here to for the full news release](#)

Summer Camp

Wake Sports Week is a new summer camp for 9-13 year-olds.

Learn about water safety from the adventure smart team and then head to Whistler for three days where campers will learn to wakeboard, wakeskate and wakesurf with Wake Life - BC's largest wakeboard school. Wake Life offers top quality instruction from fully certified coaches and they provide everything campers need to have an unforgettable experience!



What: 5 days of fun activities
When July 27-31 - Mon-Fri

Where: Brennan Park (includes transportation to and from Whistler)

How: Register online or at Brennan Park Front Desk

For more information contact Brennan Park at 604-898-3604

Upcoming Events

TRAIL SENSE DAY @ THE CHIEF

Sunday, August 9
8 am-4 pm
at the base of The Chief

A team of experts will be at the base of The Chief offering a wealth of information about hiking and outdoor safety for individuals and families.

Get Informed + Go outdoors

Squamish Game Plan Summer 2009



Join the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC) and its partners for an update on 2010 Winter Games planning. The evening will include venue operating dates, live sites, security and transportation information, and a look ahead to the daily operations of the Games.

Brennan Park Recreation Centre
1009 Centennial Way
July 28, 2009
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

One-hour presentation begins at 7:00 pm sharp, followed by open house displays until 9:00 pm. For more information, visit vancouver2010.com.

For obtenir plus de renseignements, visitez le site vancouver2010.com.



FireSmart - Contest for Paradise Valley Residents

FireSmart Community Contest

Applying FireSmart preventative measures can help reduce the risk of fire damage to your property. To help showcase these standards, the Squamish Emergency Program (SEP) and community partners will 'FireSmart' one property in Paradise Valley.

The Paradise Valley property will be chosen by random draw. To enter the contest, [please click here](#).

The crew will come in advance and FireSmart one half of the property. On September 6, all Squamish residents will be invited to the property to see the 'before and after' and discuss FireSmart with SEP and community partners from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. During the event, SEP will hold a barbecue and provide burgers, hot dogs and beverages for everyone who attends. The crew will return to complete the work.

The winner will be announced August 13, 2009.

SEP would also like to take this opportunity to update the Paradise Valley Emergency Communications Plan and the emergency phone fan-out list.

For more information, call the Squamish Emergency Program office at 604.815.5060.



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