

COUNCIL MEETING BRIEF

Meeting held Tuesday, September 16, 2008



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Next Meeting Dates

Regular Business

October 7

October 21

November 4

November 18

Inaugural Meeting

Tuesday, December 2



GREEN BUILDINGS INDUSTRY FAIR

Dave Thomson, Business Development Lead updated Council on the Green Buildings Industry Trade Fair being held September 27 at the Squamish Adventure Centre and challenged all green businesses to attend and be part of the list being compiled for residents and other businesses interested.

PUBLIC HEARING – WATERFRONT LANDING (FORMER INTERFOR MILLS LANDS)

After hearing from interested members of the public Council approved third reading on the District of Squamish Zoning Bylaw No. 1342, 1995, Amendment Bylaw Comprehensive Development Zone No. 40 – Squamish Ocean Point Holdings Inc. No. 1926, 2006.

The purpose of Bylaw 1926, 2006 was to amend a technical definition in the bylaw to ensure the size and scope of the building through floor area ratio/amount of building to amount of land.

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW 1536,1998

District of Squamish Official Community Plan Bylaw 1536, 1998, Amendment Bylaw (Watercourse Regulations) 2062, 2008 received third reading.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 269 – 38116 LOGGERS LAND (MIREAU PROJECT)

Council authorized the issuance of Development Permit No. 269, issued to Westmana Developments for the lands located at 38116 Loggers Lane. Subject to landscape work and final registration of the lot consolidation plan and additional detailing and inclusion of art doors to the satisfaction of the District.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 275 – 39887 GOVERNMENT ROAD

Council authorized issuance of Development Permit No. 275, issued to Squamish Elements II Developments Ltd. Inc. No. 760784 located at 39887 Government Road. The Development Permit application is to allow for the construction of fifteen townhouse units in the second phase of the Elements development application.

EXTREME WEATHER SHELTER

Information was received and discussed about the location of the Extreme Weather Shelter and the development of the site with new facilities and cost for upgrades of the existing building. (building between the Library and the Homeless Drop-in Centre). Council moved to talk with Squamish Helping Hands Society to determine residency needs.

FUNDS FOR DOWNTOWN SQUAMISH BIA

Council approved to designate the \$25,000 funds from Wal-Mart to the BIA to be utilized for projects recommended from the Downtown BIA.

PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION INITIATIVE

Council supported up to \$10,000 for the plastic bag reduction initiative to be funded either through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction fund or through another funding source recommended by staff.

Council also supported sending a letter to all larger retailers in Squamish who provide reusable bags encouraging them to produce sandwich board signs reminding shoppers to bring their reusable bags.

MARINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Council supported the creation of a Marine Development Plan. The plan is to identify in a systematic manner the optimal use of waterfront properties to ensure harmonized use of neighbouring lands while encouraging investment attraction to those intended uses.

SQUAMISH COMMUNITY ENERGY ACTION PLAN-CATALYST PROJECT DELIVERABLES

District of Squamish Council received and endorsed the Multi-Modal Transportation Hub Catalyst Project report, and directed Staff to continue to pursue development of a Transportation Hub in downtown Squamish.

Council received and endorsed the Sustainability Block Catalyst project component of the Squamish Community Energy Action Plan and directed Staff to pursue a Memorandum of Understanding with the owner of Blocks 41, 44 and 45 to see the principles of the Sustainability Block realized, and that recognizing the importance and benefit of this catalyst project, Council consider prioritization of the Sustainability Block in the development review process and receive the Local Electricity Network summary report.

SQUAMISH COMMUNITY ENERGY ACTION PLAN-NEIGHBOURHOOD ENERGY UTILITY

Council received and endorsed the District Energy Consultation Report and directed Staff to begin exploring the implementation of a Hydronic Heat Energy Service Area Bylaw.

SQUAMISH/VANCOUVER COMMUTER BUS SERVICE IN 2009

Preliminary Squamish/Vancouver Commuter Questionnaire Results were shared with Council and Council directed staff to investigate the viability of implementing a Squamish/Vancouver commuter bus service in 2009.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT GARIBALDI WAY AND TANTALUS ROAD

Council supported bringing the ultimate improvements for Garibaldi Way at Tantalus Road forward as a 2009 budget request with consideration of early release including the installation of a pedestrian activated signal.

ONE CHANGE, ONE-YEAR CHALLENGE

Results were shared regarding Staff and Council changes and their commitments to the challenge. Council agreed to have an opportunity to present a 6-month summary of their individual challenges and also have an opportunity to receive a summary of notable staff sustainability action and consider extending or renewing the Challenge in 2009.

SMOKING REGULATION BYLAW NO.2042, 2008

Council adopted District of Squamish Smoking Regulation Bylaw No. 2042, 2008 Amendment Bylaw No. 2068, 2008.