



**Town of Mulgrave
Council Meeting Minutes
Jan 8th 2018**

Present: Mayor Hadley, Deputy Mayor Brophy, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Russell, Councillor Snow, CAO Jim Davis

Regrets: None

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Mayor Hadley.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by C'lr Chisholm and seconded by D/M Brophy that the agenda be approved as circulated with the following additions

- Cross cut near 210 Main Street
- Duck pond revitalization

Motion Carried

3. Minutes

Moved by C'lr Chisholm and seconded by C'lr Snow that the minutes of Dec 18th,2017 be approved as presented .

Motion Carried

4. Reports

Tax Sale

Council discussed the method of holding a tax sale ,by auction or by tender.The town held a tax sale by tender a number of years ago. The tax sale by auction, held last year ,had limited success.

Council reviewed the Tax Sale ad and adjusted the minimum bid on property Assessment Account # 05091616 to a minimum \$5,000 plus deed registration and administration.

Moved by C'lr Chisholm and seconded by C'lr Russell that the tax sale of February 21,2018 be carried out as a sale by tender.

Motion Carried

Reports-Carried forward

Water Plant Update

The remaining construction, programming and commissioning activities will be carried out in the next four to eight weeks. CBCL , L & R Construction and Lynk Electric will be working onsite with the Plant Manager beginning January 9, 2018.

-CBCL will be onsite to inspect condition/completion of L&R contract , including electrical work.

-CBCL and L&R will inspect (empty) tank interior for leaks.

-Lynk will be onsite to discuss programming progress, schedule and commissioning plan.

CBCL also outlined a DRAFT of the commissioning plan which includes working with NS Dept of Environment which includes a commissioning performance test. Overall, a two week period will be required to meet NSE requirements.

Once the new WTP is online,the old WTP should be maintained for a reasonable period of time ready to be used as a backup in the event some critical failure occurs at the new WTP. Once this period is elapsed ,CBCL will assist in determining how best to decommission the old WTP and treated water transmission main , or periodically maintaining these facilities for future use.

5. New Business/Correspondence

Foot Clinic

A request for funding of a foot clinic to be hosted by the Mulgrave Medical Centre was considered by Council. The clinic has been sponsored by the Town the last number of years and there has been great participation. Funds have been budgeted for this item in the 2017 -2018 budget.

Moved by D/M Brophy and seconded by C'lr Chisholm that the Town sponsor the N.S.Health Authority Foot Clinic at the same cost as last year in the amount of \$2,400.00

Motion Carried

6. Additions to the Agenda

Cross cut 210 Main Street

The problem of the cross cut by 210 Main Street was discussed. It was felt that due to the freeze, thaw, freeze , thaw conditions during the winter months that the temporary maintenance would have to continue til the spring ,when a more permanent patch can be put in place.

Revitalization of Duck Pond Park

C'lr Snow met with Strait Engineering's engineer and distributed a duck pond conceptual plan as a result of the meeting. Proposed work includes:

-a detailed topographical pickup

-meet to discuss in detail any particular requirements

-develop a conceptual plan incorporating site improvements

-provide info on proposed site amenities for review

-submit a draft conceptual plan for review

-upgrade plan incorporating comments

-provide cost estimates

Additions to the Agenda-carried forward

It was suggested the Community Health Board has a related funding program. Also mentioned was TD Friends of the Environment and Heritage & Culture

C'lr Snow agreed to work with the Recreation Director to seek out these and other funding opportunities to support the Duck Pond Park project.

7. Gallery

Power Outage

Town Council discussed the emergency response to the storm that hit Mulgrave on Jan 4th, 5th, 6th and caused sustained power outages. C'lr Russell, Council's lead on the EMO committee, noted he had communications with the EMO Coordinator during the storm and felt concerns were related to slow response time by NSPC and the gusting winds(NSPC policy not to go up boom truck when gusts exceed 80 kmh).It was also noted that the NSPC system for tracking power outages seemed to be in disarray. The NSPC call centre had trouble ,when talking to power customers ,as to whether the customer they were talking to had power or not.

Also discussed was the possibility of establishing a standing protocol to set up a comfort center after a power outage is estimated to be for more than a certain period of time(or has been out a certain period of time.)

C'lr Russell agreed to meet with EMO Coordinator to discuss strategies, and to possibly have a meeting regarding approaches to use to improve NSPC performance. C'lr Russell also noted that our regional EMO coordinator was out for medical reasons but this wasn't a cause for concern as there was ample backup personnel to coordinate with.

Dangerous and Unsightly Premises

The matter of dangerous and unsightly premises was brought up for three properties and possibly more. Council decided that the building inspector be contacted and be requested to do an inspection for fire hazards and safety concerns on properties that may be in contravention of the town's by-law.

Adjournment

Moved by C'lr Chisholm and sec'd by D/M Brophy that the meeting adjourn.

Motion c'rd.

Adjournment 7:40pm

Minutes approved by:

Minutes recorded by:

Mayor Ralph Hadley

CAO Jim Davis