



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor John C. (Jack) Jeyes
Councillor Doreen E. Lambert
Councillor Barbara H. Roden
Councillor Wm. Alfred Trill

Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer
Wayne Robinson, Deputy Corporate Officer

Press and Public

EXCUSED: Councillor Helen A. Kormendy
J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeyes called the Committee of the Whole to order at 6:00 pm

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1. 2017 Advisory Planning Select Committee of Council Presentation

Ms. Jessica Clement, Chair of the Committee, provided an overview of the Committee's mandate to review and establish their recommendations to Council for the Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning Bylaw updates. The draft OCP and Zoning Bylaw were presented to Council for their review. Ms. Clements then introduced Mr. Dylan Houlihan of Urban Systems Ltd.

Mr. Dylan Houlihan, Urban Systems Ltd, conducted a presentation to Council and the Public including a review of the process to date to develop the updated OCP and Zoning Bylaw. Mr. Houlihan discussed how the process moves forward from this point. He also highlighted key points in the documents.

Mr. Houlihan responded to question from Council as well as the public on topics that included zoning, bylaw enforcement, and cultivation of marijuana.

2.2. 2017 Off Leash Dog Park Select Committee of Council Presentation

Mr. Monty Downs, on behalf of the Off Leash Dog Park Select Committee of Council, presented their report to Council and spoke for the Committee.

Mr. Downs pointed out highlights of the report and provided observations made by the Committee based on research on the topic. Mr. Downs stated the potential Railway Avenue site had considerable support but that utilizing the Pool Park as a multi-user venue had no support from the public. However, Field Three of the Pool Park was a popular location for some people and the Committee felt it was a good potential location to consider. Mr. Downs stated there was a lot of support for the idea of an Off Leash Dog Park.

A member of the public asked a question about who enforces the rules of the dog park.

Mr. Downs responded that research showed this was largely taken care of by the dog park users but that Village staff might have to be involved in some cases.

A member of the Public commented they preferred the Railway avenue idea based on the central location and potential to generate business.

Councillor Trill spoke on the need for the Village to have Parks used by a multitude of different users.

A member of the Public voiced further support for the Railway Avenue as it could utilize the area where the recycling depot is currently occupying and that they liked the gravel substrate.

A member of the Public stated that the dog park should be located on Village owned land but that the cost to build one could be supported by fundraising rather than through Village taxation.

Councillor Roden brought up the Clinton model and how successful it is and how funding was obtained through MLA Tegart.

2.3. Ashcroft & District Curling Club

Ms. Hilda Jones, President of the Ashcroft and District Curling Club provided a response from the executive regarding Council's decision to not renew their lease.

Ms. Jones relayed a statement from the membership who were present in the Public gallery. Ms. Jones requested that Council create a Committee regarding the issue of the Curling Club and the Curling building. She relayed that the club felt "blindsided" by Council's decision. She mentioned that The Curling Club is volunteer based and that the Village has contributed little money towards the curling club building when compared to other Village owned recreation facilities. Ms. Jones stated that although the Club has contributed to the Capital Asset Replacement Fund (CARF), the Club feels they have not been given sufficient input into what projects those funds go to. Ms. Jones stated that all the Club wants to do is to promote the sport of curling and to curl.

Councillor Trill commented how one of his objectives of being on Council was to advocate for larger change rooms in the arena. However since becoming a member of Council he has recognized the Village does not have sufficient funds for every desirable project. He stated he wants to keep the curling building viable but it is up to the Club to keep themselves operating.

A member of the public commented that the sport of curling is necessary for seniors.

Jim Duncan commented that recreation keeps the community attractive to present and future residents.

The topic of an assent vote was discussed among people in the gallery with members of Council.

Janet Quesnel commented she would like to see all recreation services in the Village to be put to an assent vote and be on equal grounds with the Curling Club.

A member of the public asked why the lease was not renewed. The Mayor responded with that the club had not maintained satisfactory financial records as well as other issues.

A member of the public asked what Council had asked the Club to do? Councillor Roden responded with fund raising initiatives and working with the School District. A member of the public responded that the School District had a policy that did not allow curling for students but that this had only just changed and that the club was speaking with the School District.

Councillor Roden stated that Council looks at what the public is saying and makes decisions based on that.

A member of the Curling executive stated they felt that the Curling Club requires a lease that is longer than 1 year.

3. TERMINATION

M/S Councillor Lambert / Councillor Trill

"That the Committee of the Whole meeting terminate at 7:20 pm."

Carried.

John C. (Jack) Jeyes, Mayor

Certified to be a true and correct copy
of the Committee of the Whole Meeting
of Council held Monday, June 25, 2018.

Wayne Robinson, Deputy Corporate Officer

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