



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

February 18, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

**Council Chambers, 400 Centre Road, Lions Bay
And Via Zoom Video Conference**

In Attendance: Mayor Ken Berry
Councillor Neville Abbott
Councillor Michael Broughton
Councillor Jaime Cunliffe

Members Absent: Councillor Marcus Reuter

Staff In Attendance: Chief Administrative Officer, Ross Blackwell
Kristal Kenna, Deputy Corporate Officer
Financial Officer, Joe Chirkoff
Director of Operations, Karl Buhr

1. Call to Order

Mayor Berry called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Abbott

Seconded by: Councillor Broughton

THAT the agenda for the February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted with the following amendments:

Letters from The Local Government Management Association, Resident Trudi Luethy and The Squamish Nation be added to the agenda under correspondence.

CARRIED

3. Public Participation

- Rose Dudley - 380 Oceanview Road expressed concerns regarding expenditures under current Mayor and Council - areas of concern include legal fees, audit costs, beach park revitalization project, and staff compensation.
- Charlie Bradbury - Offered support for a poll (& vote) for the naming of an official Village bird. Suggest Hummingbird or Chickadee (see agenda item 8.3.1).
- Morgan Gatto - Had provided the wrong document pre-agenda, offered an updated handout for agenda to replace what was sent in correspondence: concerns regarding budget for the Lions Bay Beach Park Revitalization Project.
- Deidre Bain - Shared thoughts regarding the resignation of Councillor Reuter and spoke in support of councillor Reuter's tenure on Council. Expressed concerns regarding transparency of government, staffing costs and costs of Beach Park Revitalization Project.
- Ron McLaughlin - Spoke to the resignation of Councillor Reuter.

4. Delegations

- *none*

5. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

5.1 Special Meeting of Council- January 7, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Broughton

Seconded by: Councillor Abbott

THAT the minutes of January 7, 2025 Special Meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

5.2 Regular Meeting of Council - January 21, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Broughton

Seconded by: Councillor Abbott

THAT the minutes of January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

5.3 Special Meeting of Council - February 4, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Broughton

Seconded by: Councillor Abbott

THAT the minutes of February 4, 2025, Special Meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

6. Reports

6.1 Staff

6.1.1 Park Bench Dedication Policy

Director of Operations K Buhr provided a report detailing suggested updates to logistics, administration and fees associated with the Bench Dedication Policy.

Moved by: Councillor Abbott

Seconded by: Councillor Broughton

THAT Council approve Bench Dedication Policy-2501

CARRIED

6.1.2 Budget 2025 for Second Reading

- Financial Officer J Chirkoff - presented the draft 2025 Budget for a second reading.

Discussion ensued regarding tree felling, risk management, universal water metering and tax and utility increases.

Tabled for further discussion at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Moved by: Mayor Berry

TABLED

6.1.3 Action Items Log

- for information

6.2 Committees

6.2.1 Trees, Views and Landscapes Committee

Moved by: Councillor Broughton

Seconded by: Councillor Abbott

THAT Council approve Tree Cutting Permit Application No. 133, subject to the scope of work and conditions detailed in the application.

CARRIED

6.2.2 Curley Stewart Memorial Trust Fund Committee

Moved by: Councillor Abbott

Seconded by: Councillor Broughton

THAT Council reappoint Jennifer Hetherington, Nicole Strahl, Hugo van Hoogstraten, Kit McLean to the Curley Stewart Memorial Trust Fund Award Committee for 2025, and

THAT Council authorize the committee to be formed as per the terms of reference, and

THAT Council authorize an increase in the award to \$1,500.

CARRIED

6.3 Mayor and Council

- none

6.3.1 Lions Bay Bird Friendly

Moved by: Councillor Abbott

Seconded by: Councillor Broughton

THAT Council consider the outcome of a community vote for an official bird and declare the chosen bird to be the avian symbol for the Village of Lions Bay and the winning bird be ratified at a Council Meeting on or before May 20th 2025.

CARRIED

6.4 Emergency Services

6.4.1 RCMP Report

7. Resolutions

7.1 UBCM Attendance and Allocation of Funds

Discussion: Number of attendees for the Union of BC Municipalities Conference to be determined after topics of interest and draft policies are reviewed at the next Committee of the Whole meeting to ensure appropriate Council coverage and representation at the conference.

Action Item: Council to email CAO Blackwell topics of interest so that he may prepare draft policies for Council consideration for the Union of BC Municipalities and/or Lower Mainland Local Government Association conferences.

Moved by: Councillor Broughton
Seconded by: Councillor Abbott

THAT Council budget for up to 2 attendees to attend the LMLGA and THAT Councillor Cunliffe and Mayor Berry be designated to attend.

CARRIED

8. Bylaws

- none

9. Correspondence

The list of correspondence was received by Council for information.

- An email from the Squamish Nation Climate Strategy received January 28, 2025 inviting collaboration in advancing shared climate goals and supporting responsible stewardship of land and water was received by Council.

Action Item: In response to the email from the Squamish Nation, Councillor Broughton is to extend an invite to the Squamish Nation to the next CAC committee meeting.

In recognition of the Village of Lions Bay as a participant in Rail Safety Week September 23 to 29, 2024, educating and informing the public about rail safety, the Village of Lions Bay has received a CN Rail Safety Ambassador certificate.

Moved by: Councillor Broughton
Seconded by: Mayor Berry

THAT the CN Rail Safety Ambassador certificate be posted in the Village Office.

CARRIED

10. New Business

- none

11. Public Questions and Comments

- *Deidre Bain - Question pertaining to the Beach Park Revitalization Project working group.*

Staff provided response that the purpose of the session was specifically intended to be between Council and the design team to explore Council's questions in detail.

12. Adjournment

Mayor Ken Berry left the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Councillor Neville Abbott left the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Moved by: Councillor Broughton
Seconded by: Councillor Abbott

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned.

The Regular Meeting of Council was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Date Adopted by Council: March 18, 2025