

Cobble Hill Advisory Planning Commission Minutes

Date: October 9, 2014

Location: Cobble Hill Youth Hall

Present: Jens Liebgott, Robin Brett, Rosemary Allen, Janice Hiles, Don Herriott, Jerry Tomljenovic, David Lloyd, Area Director Gerry Giles

Chair Jens Liegbott called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

R. Brett - motion to adopt the Agenda, seconded by D. Lloyd – all in favour.

R. Brett - motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded J. Hiles – all in favour.

Presentation by Samuel Sugita, Rogers Communications, and Leifka Vissers, Altus Group (consultant for Rogers) re: proposed cell tower to be located at the Rona site:

- Proponents provided the rationale for the proposed tower – needed to address gaps in coverage, and provided a description of the proposed tower:
 - The proposed tower would be a mono pole design with flush mounted antennae to reduce visual impact
 - Proposed height is 50 metres, but this could be increased by 25% (12 m) once it is installed
- Comments from APC members:
 - Director Giles was not comfortable with the proposed location due to proximity to the school – in addition, Telus has expressed a desire to locate another tower in the Village
 - There was concern re: radio frequency waves that could interfere with radio reception in the area
 - Concern that the tower would eventually be the full 62.5 metres in height (extended by 25%)
- Proponents response:
 - Normally try to site towers away from schools. Willing to do a safety code study to identify any issues.

Director's Report

- Advised that two candidates are running for the position of Area Director – Dara Quast, and Matteus Clement
- Balme Ayre Farm Application for Gravel Extraction and Remediation
 - The ALR has approved the application. There are seven stages in the process, and a bond of \$500,000 is required.
 - There is a meeting on October 16, 2014 with the Ministry of Mines.
- CVRD Staffing
 - There are two new people in the Engineering Department and one in the Planning Department
- FRR
 - The application to amend the Operating Licence to permit an increase in composting capacity was approved by the CVRD with several conditions; one being they are no longer permitted to accept biosolids.
 - A consultant was hired to conduct an odour study of the facilities on Fisher Road – results to be released soon.
- CVRD Budgets
 - Beginning the budget process for 2015.
 - Washrooms at Cobble Hill Mountain were completed on time and on budget.
 - An additional \$25,000 is required to upgrade the treatment plant on Hutchinson Road to allow irrigation of the cenotaph and Cobble Hill Common.
 - Provided an update on Sportsplex funding
 - CVRD has identified potential sites for a new hospital.

Other Business

- D. Lloyd - discussion related to recycling of plastics.
- J. Hiles - expressed her appreciation for the efforts on water recycling for use in washrooms and irrigation.
- D. Herriott – provided an overview of the recent South Cowichan APC meetings.
- R. Brett and J. Tomljenovic – expressed appreciation and thanks to Director Giles for her years of dedicated service to the community.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:51PM