

Meeting recessed at 3:09 p.m. and resumed at 3:19 p.m. with all of Council in attendance in addition to L. Glenday, R. Arthurs, G. Buxton, C. Mathews, C. Moore, A. Riverin, M. von Bloedau and B. Stoner.

Wheelchair Lift- Recreation Van

T. Hoskin, Director of Recreation Services, advised on the proposed wheelchair lift.

Squamish Community Foundation (Neighbourhood Small Grants)

Mayor Heintzman provided detail and background information regarding Neighbourhood Small Grants.

It was

moved by Councillor Race,

seconded by Councillor Chapelle,

**RECOMMENDATION: THAT the District of Squamish fund, from the 2018 budget, a \$10,000 Community Enhancement Grant to the Squamish Community Foundation for the Neighbourhood Small Grants program.**

CARRIED

Budget Public Engagement Meeting Discussion – January 30, 2018

Staff requested direction on upcoming public engagement meeting. Discussion included:

- Addressing questions from the public
- Efficiency of process
- Suggestion to include BC Assessment informational video on District of Squamish website.

(ii) Views on Professional Reliance & Environmental Regulation Response

Motion from December 19, 2017 Regular Council Meeting:

(1212) T. Saxby, Re: Views on Professional Reliance

THAT the letter from T. Saxby regarding Views on Professional Reliance be referred to staff to complete the response form and that the response be brought forward to a Committee meeting for discussion.

G. Buxton, GM of Community & Infrastructure was in attendance to discuss providing feedback to the Province regarding professional reliance. Discussion included:

- Background information on qualified environmental professionals
- Regulatory schemes affected and primary issues around professional reliance.

Questions and comments from Council:

- Support for third party reviews when potential conflict of interest exists
- Include a comment discouraging provincial downloading of responsibility, particularly around major projects.

(iii) Growth Management Workshop

M. Gunn, Planner, S. McJannet, Planner, and J. Velaniskis, Director of Community Planning were in attendance to facilitate a Growth Management Workshop with Council.

Workshop included:

- Growth management context and overview
- Public input and feedback
- Staff are requesting feedback on seven specific policy topics

#### Policy Topic 1: Substantial Completion

Questions and comments from Council included:

- Comment that threshold of 34,000 seems relatively arbitrary
- What would happen if thresholds were eliminated?
  - Weakens priority focus on infill
- How was the 75% completion determined?
  - Staff provided the definition that was used
- Housing prices are influenced by Metro Vancouver and an influx of supply will not necessarily shift prices down
- Discussion regarding building a livable community

#### Policy Topic 2: Small Portion of Future Residential Neighbourhood parcels

Questions and comments from Council included:

- What is the definition of 'small' portion?
- Better definition is needed
- Development has to be big enough to pay for itself and connected to other infrastructure
- Proposal has to be beneficial in some way to the community and contiguous
- Cost vs. benefit needs to be integrated into the policy
- Remove the word small

Mayor Heintzman left the meeting at 4:17 p.m. and returned at 4:19 p.m.

#### Policy Topic 3: Limited development in Future Residential Neighbourhood parcels would not be considered until the District's population has reached 22,500

Questions and comments from Council included:

- Suggestion to keep this policy in
- Discussion regarding 'extraordinary benefit'
- Removing threshold does not mean Future Residential Neighbourhood parcels must be developed
- Discussion regarding hazards beyond growth management boundary
- Benefits of thresholds and neighbourhood planning
- OCP community engagement was conducted with 22,500 threshold in place
- Squamish population will likely reach 22,500 in the next 3-4 years

#### Policy 4: Limited development in Future Residential Neighbourhood parcels would not be considered until Council has adopted all identified Policy Precursors

Questions and comments from Council:

- Comment regarding greenfield valuation
- Discussion regarding policy precursors for evaluating future development

- Adopting policy precursors could be prohibitive
- General support expressed, but future discussion is required.

**6. TERMINATION**

It was moved by Councillor Race,  
seconded by Councillor Kent,  
THAT the meeting be terminated.  
CARRIED

Meeting terminated at 5:21 p.m.

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Patricia Heintzman, Mayor

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Robin Arthurs, GM Corporate Services