

BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY

Minutes of the **Snug Cover Sewer System Local Management Committee Meeting** held on Thursday, October 4, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Bowen Island Municipal Hall, 981 Artisan Lane, Bowen Island, British Columbia.

COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE

Rondy Dike – Chair
Wolfgang Duntz

REGRETS

Ron Strange

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Brad Hawthorn* – Public Works Superintendent
Bob Robinson – Public Works Coordinator

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Peter Frinton

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Rolf Loker – ECOfluid System Inc.
Gayle Ferguson – Minute Taker
(* Denotes partial attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**It was Moved and Seconded**

That the agenda for the Snug Cove Sewer System Local Management Committee of October 4, 2007 be approved as amended. CARRIED

ADOPTION ON THE MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting held on May 1, 2007

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Sewer System Expansion Financing

Councillor Frinton reported on the following issues related to financing the sewer system proposed expansion:

- The grant applied for was unsuccessful but Bowen Island Municipality was invited to reapply. To be successful a project would need to showcase innovative technology and assist with Premier's new direction on reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- Suggestion to apply with elements from the Snug Cove

Master Plan work, i.e., extracting heat from the effluent or the possibility of using sewage sludge and mixing it with green waste and composting on-Island.

The Public Works Superintendent reported that some estimates have been calculated on how much flow each area puts on the system and costs for servicing those areas. Council has recognized the need to expand the plant and consultation with other areas would determine whether the system would be doubled or tripled in size. If phased, the structure would be designed differently. Decisions have to be made first on the plans for Snug Cove. If the plant was expanded sludge with green waste could be processed and would stop the need for trucks going back and forth.

The following issues were raised:

- Accepting sludge from the entire Island would be an income producer;
- Grant Funding – “Towns for Tomorrow” is a grant available to assist in the infrastructure needs of small systems such as Bowen Island;
- Expansion is critical to servicing Surplus Lands, increasing density in the Cove and allowing the option of Snug Point and Miller Road areas to come on;
- Selling of Surplus Lands – whether the sewer servicing needs are better taken on by a developer than the Municipality as landowner.

REPORTS

Report from ECOfluid

Rolf Loker reviewed reports from ECOfluid. He commented on the following:

- Few more sets of effluent test results – normal;
- Waste Water Treatment – uneventful the last few months.

Bob Robinson, Public Works Coordinator, agreed to contact GVRD regarding a timer for lighting the Boardwalk based on sunrise/sunset to save on electrical costs.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Snug Cove Sewer System Billing January – June 2007

The Committee made the following suggestions regarding the Snug Cove Sewer System Billing:

1. Format – suggestion to add a column for flow from the previous year for comparison purposes;

2. Suggestion that the billing be every three months to check for leaks;
3. Billing dates and meter reading dates do not coincide – suggestion to add a box that indicates “*based upon the meter reading dates of...*”

The Public Works Coordinator agreed to discuss the above suggestions with staff.

Re-applying for the Towns for Tomorrow Grant Money

Councillor Frinton noted that the Municipality could re-apply for the Towns for Tomorrow grant funding.

A Committee member believed that there was too much micro management. He suggested the Municipality request those developers who may be interested to do the engineering or build the necessary sewer system expansion as a better use of staff time with less risk.

Discussion of Role of the Committee

The Committee noted that the management of the system was being done competently and the Committee was acting in a more advisory role. Meetings should be limited to twice yearly or as needed.

Advertising for New Members

The Committee requested Council to advertise for new members to sit on the Snug Cove Sewer System Local Management Committee.

Councillor Frinton agreed to discuss with Mayor Turner the issue of the Committee changing its function from “management” to “advisory”.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.