

October 8, 2021

Comments about the October 6th Council Meeting

Mr. Mayor and Councilors:

There were some very positive things in this past council meeting but two items really me:

Positives

- **Bob Weir's presentation on the Memorial Roundabout was informative and fantastic. I hope it helps people realize all that was done "under the ground" that was so needed as well as the steps to help with climate change, the health of beach creek and on and on.**
- **The possibility of celebrating the Year of the Garden and tying in Qualicum Beach's history with Communities in Bloom could get so many of us enthused. Even featuring some showcase garden in the centre of the new beachfront roundabout could be a source of pride.**
- **Getting more detail about the plan to bring back benches was optimistic.**
- **A+ on Inspector Rose's RCMP report**

Areas of concern:

- **It was shocking to hear that council would even consider being part of ALL new hires in the Town. Things move slow enough now and this would only add another layer of bureaucracy. Is council informed enough to know all that is needed.**
- **Concerning the three spaces on 1st Avenue that were denied being able to function as short-term rentals on a pilot basis, what happens now? Does the developer let them sit empty or even walk away?**

Thank you,

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Good morning all!

Highlights of the meeting were as follows:

1. The extensive and informative update on RCMP policing given by soon-to-be Inspector Steve Rose.
2. Finding a solution to speeding on residential streets, for it is not just the problem of one community.
3. It was especially gratifying to have council's unanimous approval to exploring The Year of the Garden 2022, and revisiting previous town successes in Communities in Bloom.
This can be an exciting "happy news story" and a positive start in towards economic recovery while finding our way out of the Covid restrictions. It was suggested that a staff member would be in touch with me. I would like to liaise with Heather Svensen, Corporate Administrator. Heather is very familiar with the Communities in Bloom initiative. Her knowledge and experience would make whatever may be planned proceed in a very efficient way.
4. Town Engineer Bob Weir's presentation on the Memorial Avenue/Hwy. 19A project was outstanding! It was impressive to hear of the complex coordination with various entities to achieve a remarkable upgrade to the town's infrastructure. It is much more than a traffic roundabout, and the environmental aspects deserve more public attention. When landscaping is finished, no doubt a major celebration will be planned! It is deserved!
5. The meeting was far too long. The presentation on the broad topic of recycling challenges was too detailed and went considerably over the extra time granted.
6. There seems a growing tendency for council to micro-manage town affairs. This is not council's role and can lead to unwarranted difficulties and long-range inefficiencies. Council should take a good look at this trend and target a return to their traditional roles.

Kind regards,

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Mayor & Council - the following are my comments regarding the October 6th Council meeting:

❖ **Application for a Temporary Use Permit 210 First Avenue West** - it was disappointing how this matter was handled. The Town called for written public comments but there was no mention of how many comments had been received or whether members of Council even saw the submitted comments. Why ask if you don't use them? Then, the Mayor called for verbal comments, but the agenda never indicated that this would be done, and no public comments were made.

So, what can we be expecting to see now - more empty commercial space which doesn't help anyone? This seems to be a very short-sighted decision that may not benefit anyone or the Town.

❖ **RDN Solid Waste Delegation** - the discussion on this matter extended into *the* 'Cardboard Bin' issue and then the subject of Garden Waste pick-up. On the relocation of the Cardboard Bin, an airport location was suggested. Would it be worthwhile considering setting up two different bin locations to split the volume at one location and provide more options for residents?

On the Garden Waste matter there are other options available from what was discussed, and I plan to send separate information to Council for consideration.

❖ **Chartwell Speeding Problems** - this is definitely a matter that needs attention, and the problem also extends to other communities, so a broad concerted effort is needed or the problems will get worse.

❖ **Memorial Roundabout** - excellent presentation by Mr. Weir. The ariel drone shots provided great perspective of the site and the project. This presentation should be posted as a separate presentation on the website so that more people can see it. Looking forward to seeing the finished product in November. Well, done.

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To All Council Members,

The job of council is to set policy and the budget, and hire the CAO to run the organization. The job of the CAO is to run the organization in line with the policies and budget set by council.

It is not the job of council to run the organization, or to vet any hiring plans that the CAO has as long as they fit within the policy and budget parameters.

It is atrocious of council to step over their boundaries, and to step on the CAO and interfere with his ability to do his job. Please read your job description again, and stick to what you are supposed to do. Thank you.

Cheers, Joh

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