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Gibsons Public Market

Congratulations to the Gibsons Public Market team for raising over \$275,000 as a contribution to the Town to partner in the acquisition of the old Yacht Club building located at 473 Gower Point Road. The building has been purchased and will be converted into a Public Market in 2014.

The Town will be working with the proponents to finalize developing an operating model for the proposed Gibsons Public Market. For more information on the market visit: www.gibsonspublicmarket.com.

Grant Awarded for Asset Management Plan

The Town of Gibsons has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development for the development of an Integrated Asset Management Plan.

In 2014, Council will focus on completing key projects identified in the 2013-2014 Strategic Plan, and in particular the Asset Management Plan.

Two of the greatest challenges facing us are to find ways to maintain the Town's valuable assets, and to provide the highest quality service at a level the community can afford. The Asset Management Plan will provide clear direction and strategies to achieve these goals.

SCADA Upgrade Awarded

Council has awarded the design of the Town's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system to AECOM.

The SCADA system forms an integral part of the Town's water and wastewater systems, providing communications between wells, reservoirs and pumps to ensure reliable service to the Town's residents and businesses.

Subdivision Servicing Bylaw

Council has adopted a bylaw amending the Town's Subdivision and Development Servicing and Stormwater Management Bylaw.

The bylaw now requires, in many instances of building alteration or renovation, that the value of required frontage improvements (e.g. sidewalks, streetlights, boulevards) be based on a percentage of the value of the proposed building alteration or renovation; this addresses an anomaly in the Town's requirements where, in some instances, the requirement for frontage improvements were disproportionately high in comparison to the building permit value.

The bylaw amendment will also provide better financial forecasts for some developers, will likely reduce the time for processing of these types of developments and could encourage building improvements to be undertaken by local businesses.

New Starbucks Coming to Town

A Development Permit for form and character was approved for the new location of a Starbucks Coffee shop at Park Plaza Mall. The permit clears the way for a makeover of the former MacDonalds building. The plans include interior and exterior renovations and the addition of landscaping and a pathway to the bus stop.

Rogers Communication Tower

The present communication tower at the Gibsons Fire Department, that supports 911 and fire department communications, must be replaced.

Rogers Communications offered to fund the replacement in exchange for including its telecommunication infrastructure on the Tower.

Following a public consultation process in which the residents of the area overwhelmingly spoke against the proposal Council voted to deny the request.

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