

MINUTES
PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE ROOM NO. 2
Thursday, October 9, 2014 AT 4:30 PM

Present: Chair: Councillor Leif Wergeland

Members: Samantha Charlton, June Klassen, Travis Lee, Andrea Mercer, John Schmuck

Staff: Cameron Scott, Manager of Community Planning; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Michael Fisher, Lee Haney

MINUTES

MOVED by A. Mercer and seconded by J. Schmuck “That the minutes of the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held September 11, 2014 be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

LOCAL AREA PLANNING PROGRAM

The Manager of Community Planning presented an overview of the Saanich Local Area Planning Program and the following was noted:

- Saanich currently has 12 Local Areas.
- Existing Local Area Plans are dated.
- The current Official Community Plan was adopted in 2008.
- The Official Community Plan contains Local Area Plans, Action Plans and Policies.
- There are opportunities to assess potential alternative approaches.
- The two workshops that were held with the Community Association Members explored neighbourhood issues, assessed alternate approaches and discussed the relationship between LAPs and Centre and Village Plans/policy initiatives.
- The feedback from the workshops on the Local Area Planning Process were:
 - Improve the length of time of LAP development and implementation
 - Need for a proactive approach
 - Value of comprehensive planning
 - Community involvement
 - Relationship to other plans
 - Monitoring process
- Desire for a “hybrid” approach that allocates resources to:
 - Local Area Plans
 - Centre, Village and Corridor Plans
 - Policy initiatives
- The Strategic Plan direction is to develop an approach for updating all 12 Local Area Plans (LAP). This will set the work program for the next 10 years.
- The Local Area Planning Program Terms of Reference will include:
 - Standard scope and process for the LAP updates
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Sequencing of updates
 - Relationship between LAPs and Centre, Village and Corridor Plans

- The next steps are to finalize the Terms of Reference, check in with Neighbourhood Associations and deliver a Targeting report to Council in early 2015.

The committee discussed the Local Area Planning Program and the following was noted:

- Update on population statistics would be a useful undertaking.
- Establishment of the LAP boundaries aligns with consensus data.
- When reviewing the existing plans, the age of the plans should be considered. When updating the older LAPs attention will need to be given to the information within these old plans as the data will be based on old census data.
- Saanich population is relatively stable so some of the old census data is still relevant.
- Community and Neighbourhood Associations may not fully capture all of the opinions of the residents.
- Consideration on how the LAP policies are interpreted when new developments are proposed should be explored.
- The level of the public's general knowledge of the LAP's should be determined.
- The new processes will vary by neighbourhood.

NEXT MEETING

The next Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary