

MINUTES
**PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
COMMITTEE ROOM NO. 2
Thursday, January 8, 2015 AT 4:30 PM

Present: Chair: Councillor Fred Haynes

Members: Jeremy Krogh, Bill Mumford, Suzanne Bartel, Blair Echlin, June Klassen,
Travis Lee, Andrea Mercer, John Schmuck

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

MINUTES

MOVED by A. Mercer and seconded by J. Schmuck “That the minutes of the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held October 9, 2014 be adopted as circulated.”

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WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Councillor Haynes welcomed the new and returning committee members. The Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee will continue to meet on the second Thursday of every month (no meetings in July, August and December) at 4:30 pm in Committee Room #2.

CENTRES AND VILLAGES

The Manager of Community Planning presented an overview of Centres and Villages. The following was noted:

- Centres and Villages are identified and emphasized in the OCP. These areas are where additional population and employment density will be focused.
- Rational for Centre and Village focused growth include:
 - Increased viability of walking, cycling and transit.
 - Reduction of development pressure on rural and farm land.
 - More cost-effective infrastructure servicing.
- Support development in Centres and Villages that:
 - Provide a range of housing opportunities
 - Have a concentration of residential and employment activity at the nucleus of each Centre or Village.
 - Encourage traditional “mainstreet” streetscapes and provide public open space.
 - Create or enhance each area's unique sense of place.
- The OCP is implemented by Local Area Plans, Action Plans and Policies.
- Tillicum-Burnside Action Plan was adopted in 2005.
- Shelbourne Valley Action Plan (SVAP) proposal was completed in 2014.
 - The Shelbourne Valley Action Plan is a 30 year land use and transportation vision and action plan.
 - Public hearing on the SVAP is anticipated for early 2015.
- Uptown-Douglas Corridor Action Plan – planning to be initiated in 2015.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL FUTURE TOPICS

The Chair facilitated a Committee discussion of potential future areas and topics of interest for the Committee. The following was noted:

- Affordable workplace housing
- Economic growth- Initiatives that support employment
- Municipal tax base that fits into planning perimeters.
- Development of a plan to integrate various transportation modes with the evolving styles of housing and economic centres.
- Develop a new approach to the development of large scale building projects.
- Green building tax rate
- Complete update of all LAP's
- Shelbourne Valley Action Plan (SVAP) - Finalize the study and start implementation of the recommendations. Accelerate aspects of the SVAP.
- Douglas Corridor – Start the planning process using the lessons learnt from the SVAP process.
- Quadra Corridor – Start the preliminary planning process so that a formal study can commence.
- Improved transportation flows in major transportation centres.
- Examine the need for linking/liasing with Victoria and other municipalities to improve regional transportation flows.
- Land use to allow for more alternate transportation modes.
- Review zoning bylaws regarding sustainability and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Review zoning bylaws for zonings issues that continually arise, for example, parking bylaws.
- Update the bike facility requirements in zoning bylaws.
- Discussion of height, density and design.
- Ways to reduce timelines for applications.
- Safe routes to schools – Reducing the reliance on single vehicle travel.
- Increasing the focus on cycling infrastructure.
- Review the Regional Sustainability Strategy
- Review Saanich's public consultation policy.
- Developing economic growth initiatives.
- Orientation on Planning processes.
 - The inter-relationship between the documents that guide the Saanich planning process could be explored.
 - The orientation could be made available to all interested Advisory Committee members.

MOTION: Moved by J. Klassen and seconded by J. Schmuck: "That the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee recommends that Council request that the Directors of Engineering, Finance and Planning prepare a planning process orientation for presentation to Advisory Committee members."

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HOUSEKEEPING

The Committee discussed the need for timely dissemination of senior staff changes within Saanich and resolved as follows:

MOTION: Moved by J. Schmuck and seconded by T. Lee: "That the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee recommends that Council request that staff circulate notification of Saanich senior level staff changes to Saanich Advisory Committee Chairs and Saanich Community Association Presidents."

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NEXT MEETING

The next Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary