

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
FINANCIAL PLAN
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012 AT 7:30 P.M.

Present: **Chair:** Mayor Leonard
Council: Councillors Brice, Brownoff, Derman, Gerrard, Murdock, Sanders, Wade and Wergeland
Staff: T. Wood, Administrator; P. Murray, Director of Finance; and A. Park, Senior Committee Clerk.

Public
Presentations

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Ms. M. Bachmann, 3720 Ascot Drive, stated:

- She would appreciate clarification of Council's decision of February 21, 2012 with respect to the Cedar Hill Golf Course; it was unclear whether the public consultation process to be undertaken would include consideration of the restaurant operation.

Ms. M. Brown, no address given, stated:

- She does not understand why the golf course appears to be the only Saanich recreation facility which is required to be self-sustaining.
- The past profits from the golf course could have been placed into a reserve fund for capital replacement purposes; she understands those funds were transferred to other recreation centres.
- The deficit for the restaurant amounts to such a small portion of the overall budget, it seems unnecessary to close the operation.

Mr. B. Furber, 2751 Arbutus Road, stated:

- He is concerned about the upcoming McKenzie Avenue upgrade and, in particular, the bike lanes, traffic roundabout and Sinclair Road improvements.
- The more expensive option of bike lanes has been chosen, when bike paths may be preferable to many cyclists.
- A study could be done to determine whether a roundabout is safer than turning lanes for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Sinclair Road is the gateway to the Cadboro Bay community and the design process for any improvements should include input from the residents.

Mr. D. MacKenzie, 4163 Clinton Place, stated:

- February 29th is Anti-Bullying Day; he would like to express his support for those people who have recently experienced bullying and urges investigation of their concerns.

Mr. T. Cormier, no address given, stated:

- Quality service is provided by the municipal level of government; how municipal funds are spent makes a difference.
- Coherence in municipal planning is needed; he is not aware of an overall plan for the McKenzie Avenue upgrades indicating how the road is designed to be used.
- He would prefer a bike path to bike lanes.
- Council could save \$2.5 million by cancelling the McKenzie Avenue

upgrade.

Mr. M. Brown, 956 Cloverdale Avenue, stated:

- He appreciates the position taken by the members of Council who supported a more inclusive approach to a review of the Cedar Hill Golf Course operations.
- Questions raised by the public at previous Financial Plan meetings have not yet been answered; he does not understand why the golf course is the only recreation facility which has to pay for itself.

In response to questions from the Council, the Mayor referred the questioners to the minutes of the meetings and to the appropriate department head for further information.

1240-01
Citizen Survey

OVERVIEW OF 2012 CITIZEN SURVEY

The Administrator presented an overview of the results of the 2012 citizen survey which is intended to assist with budget deliberations. The full survey report will be available on March 15, 2012 and published on the Saanich website.

5280-20
2012 Budget

2012 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS – COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION AND GRANTS

The Municipal Administrator presented the 2012 budget for Council, Administration and Grants in the amount of \$1,494,200 which represents a 2.64% decrease over 2011.

5280-20
2012 Budget

2012 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS - CORPORATE SERVICES

The Director of Corporate Services presented the 2012 budget for the Corporate Services Department. The proposed 2012 budget in the amount of \$1,221,000 represents a decrease of 2.64% from 2011.

5280-20
2012 Budget

2012 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS - LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Director of Legislative Services presented the 2012 budget for the Legislative Services Department. The 2012 budget in the amount of \$2,017,900 represents a decrease of 10.41% over 2011.

5280-20
2012 Budget

2012 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS - FINANCE

The Director of Finance presented the 2012 budget of the Finance Department in the amount of \$13,699,700 which represents a 16.05% increase over 2011, due mainly to increased contingency funding.

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2012 Budget

2012 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS - DEBT MANAGEMENT

The Director of Finance advised that total outstanding debt is projected to decrease during the year bringing total outstanding debt to about \$19.8 million by December 2012.

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2012 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS - PARKS AND RECREATION

2012 Budget The Director of Parks & Recreation presented the 2012 budget for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$12,551,700 which represents a 1.18% increase over 2011.

5500-20
Recreation and
Parks – Fees and
Charges

PARKS AND RECREATION FEES AND CHARGES
Report of the Director of Parks and Recreation dated February 20, 2012 recommending the parks and recreation fees and charges for 2012/2013 be approved as outlined.

MOVED by Councillor Gerrard and Seconded by Councillor Brice:
“That it be recommended that Council approve the proposed parks and recreation fees and charges for the period April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 as recommended by the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee and contained in the report of the Director of Parks and Recreation dated February 20, 2012.”

CARRIED

Adjournment On a motion from Councillor Brownoff, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

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CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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MUNICIPAL CLERK