

DISTRICT OF SAANICH  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
FINANCIAL PLAN  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE  
**MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015 AT 7:30 P.M.**

Present:

**Chair:** Mayor Atwell  
**Council:** Councillors Brice, Brownoff, Derman, Haynes, Murdock, Plant, Sanders and Wergeland (arrived 8:22 p.m.)  
**Staff:** Andy Laidlaw, Chief Administrative Officer; Valla Tinney, Director of Finance; Laura Ciarniello, Director of Corporate Services; Doug Henderson, Director of Parks and Recreation; Harley Machielse, Director of Engineering; Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation; Paul Arslan, Senior Manager, Financial Services; Mike Ippen, Manager of Public Works; Andrew Giles, Parks Construction and Maintenance Manager; Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk.

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**PUBLIC INPUT**

H. Charania, Genevieve Road, obo North Quadra Residents' Association (NQRA):

- Recommends that a joint Victoria-Saanich Councillor's committee be established to commission a study and create a Land Use and Transportation Vision along the Douglas Street Corridor.
- Supports Environmental Development Permit Areas as a priority to save remaining land in key areas. Recommends that the Planning Department be given more support for their studies in this regard.
- Parkland acquired by Saanich (north of McKenzie/west of St. Andrew's School) should be named.
- There are rumours that developers want to gain access from McKenzie to construct two condominium towers; the NQRA is against creating access from McKenzie for this. Council is urged to protect and preserve these lands/surroundings.
- The trail north of Rainbow to Rogers Way needs to be resurfaced, and signs are needed to direct people to the Lochside Trail near the BC Hydro property at Borden Street.
- Sidewalk priorities were questioned; Lucas Street is not a priority but a missing section on the west side of Morris Drive is a priority.
- Unrelated to the NQRA, Mr. Charania asked that consideration be given to forgive a loan to the BC Land Conservancy as they are struggling and have previously donated land to Saanich.

K. Whitworth, Viewmont Avenue;

- Wilkinson Road is a major road, and when the bridge repairs occur, traffic will be diverted down Mann Avenue. Please work with residents on Mann Avenue to mitigate potential traffic issues.

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**2015 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS – GENERAL CAPITAL PROGRAM**

The Director of Finance presented an overview of the 2015 budget for the General Capital Program. She noted that targets have been updated and are just over \$27,000,000 which is a \$3,300,000 increase from 2014. She also noted that since 2008, tax funding has doubled. In order to make the sustainability targets set for 2019, approximately \$600,000 will need to be made each year.

The Director of Finance responded to questions from the Council.

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### **2015 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS – ENGINEERING, SEWER & WATER**

The Director of Engineering presented the 2015 Engineering Operating budget for the Engineering Department in the amount of \$12,073,500 which represents a 0.97% increase over 2014. The key accomplishments of 2014 and the challenges and key priorities for 2015, as shown in the 2015-2019 Draft Financial Plan, were highlighted.

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### **2015 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS – ENGINEERING CAPITAL**

#### **Community Facilities**

The Director of Engineering highlighted the 2015 Community Facilities Capital budget and noted that Municipal assets have a combined value of approximately \$2 billion.

#### **Transportation**

The Director of Engineering highlighted the Transportation Capital budget of approximately \$12,800,000 which includes roads, bike lanes, sidewalks, and bridges, and responded to questions from Council.

#### **Underground Infrastructure**

The Director of Engineering highlighted the Underground Infrastructure Capital budget, and responded to questions from Council.

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### **2015 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS – OTHER CAPITAL**

#### **Vehicles, Equipment and Technology**

The Directors of Finance and Corporate Services highlighted the Vehicles, Equipment and Technology budgets and responded to questions from Council.

#### **Parks and Trail Structures**

The Director of Parks and Recreation highlighted the Parks and Trail Structures budget and responded to questions from Council.

#### **Recreation Facilities**

The Director of Parks and Recreation highlighted the Recreation Facilities budget and responded to questions from Council.

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### **2015 BUDGET RECAP AND COMMITTEE DELIBERATION**

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that this is an opportunity for Council to deliberate and provide feedback (delete/defer/add) on the budget. Presently the budget stands at 4.4%.

#### **Proposed Budget and Police Board Budget**

Council members discussed the proposed budgets and staff members responded to various questions and comments.

**MOVED by Councillor Brownoff and Seconded by Councillor Brice, "That the Police Board develop .25% of property tax (\$250,000) and .50% of property tax (\$500,000) reduction scenarios to the 2015 budget submission."**

**CARRIED**

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Council Proceedings

**MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Sanders,  
“That the March 9, 2015 regular meeting of Council be cancelled.”**

**CARRIED**

Adjournment

On a motion from Councillor Murdock, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm.,  
with Councillor Plant opposed.

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CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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MUNICIPAL CLERK