

1410-04
Report – Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion received from Councillor Wergeland requesting that in order to facilitate and coordinate local services, Council send a letter to the Capital Regional District (CRD) requesting establishment of a short-term task force of CRD members to identify ways to assist refugee families settle in our communities. A motion will be presented at the December 14, 2015 Council meeting.

xref: 1310-40
CRD

BYLAWS FOR FINAL READING

2870-30
Mt. Douglas Cross
Road

1516 MT. DOUGLAS CROSS ROAD – REZONING TO RS-10

Final Reading of the “Zoning Bylaw, 2003, Amendment Bylaw, 2015, No. 9343” and approval of Development Variance Permit DVP00357. Rezoning from RS-18 (Single Family Dwelling) zone to RS-10 (Single Family Dwelling) zone for proposed subdivision to create 14 bare land strata lots and two fee simple lots for single family dwelling use.

MOVED by Councillor Haynes and Seconded by Councillor Plant: “That Bylaw No. 9343 be adopted by Council and the Seal of the Corporation be attached thereto.”

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Plant: “That Council approve and issue Development Variance Permit DVP00357 on Lot 1, Section 54, Victoria District, Plan 5369 (1516 Mt. Douglas Cross Road).”

CARRIED

PUBLIC INPUT ON COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Public Input on
Council Agenda
Items

J. Shaw, Vice President, Prospect Lake District Community Association:

Regional Economic Development Strategy Proposal:

- The Community Association supports the initiative; a regional economic development strategy will benefit all communities.
- Given the size and location of Saanich, the measurement of success will be best evaluated on a regional rather than a single municipal level; there is a need for a collaborative, regional strategy for the South Vancouver Island.

5280-20
Regional
Economic
Development
Strategy

S. Hindle, San Marino Crescent:

Regional Economic Development Strategy Proposal:

- A Regional Economic Development Strategy will bring opportunities to the region; municipalities working together for a unified goal is desirable.
- Council is requested to support the funding and framework for economic development.

B. Williams, Executive, Greater Victoria Development Agency:
Regional Economic Development Strategy Proposal:

- The aim of the strategy is to raise the median household income and generate quality jobs; graduates should be able to stay and thrive in our community.
- Saanich businesses and residents will benefit from a stronger and more diversified economy; the strategy will allow Saanich to address its high industrial vacancy rate, continue to develop density and create a stronger more robust tax base.

F. Bourree, GT Hiring Solutions, Borden Street:

Regional Economic Development Strategy Proposal:

- Approximately 4,500 unemployed Saanich residents utilize the services of GT Hiring Solutions per month including over 1,000 who are apprentices.
- The proposal will drive economic development and job growth in the region; this is a unique opportunity for Saanich to partner with other municipalities and collaborate on economic development.

K. Whitworth, Viewmont Road,:

Regional Economic Development Strategy Proposal:

- She is in favour of the proposal; there is a need to see a budget, what the funds will be spent on and how success will be measured.
- Not enough information has been provided to make an informed decision to move forward.

BYLAWS

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xref: 1110-30
 Water Utility Bylaw

WATER UTILITY BYLAW AMENDMENT – 2016 WATER UTILITY RATES

Three Readings of the “Water Utility Bylaw, 2000, Amendment Bylaw, 2015, No. 9365”. To establish the 2016 water utility rates.

**MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Haynes:
 “That Bylaw No. 9365 be introduced and read.”**

CARRIED

**MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Haynes:
 “That Bylaw No. 9365 be read a second time.”**

CARRIED

**MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Haynes:
 “That Bylaw No. 9365 be now passed.”**

CARRIED

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xref: 1110-30
 Sanitary Sewer
 Bylaw

SANITARY SEWER BYLAW AMENDMENT – 2016 SEWER UTILITY RATES

Three Readings of the “Sanitary Sewer Bylaw, 2006, Amendment Bylaw, 2015, No. 9366”. To amend Schedule “E” – Sewer User Charges to establish the 2016 sewer utility rates.

MOVED by Councillor Wergeland and Seconded by Councillor Brice:
“That Bylaw No. 9366 be introduced and read.”

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Wergeland and Seconded by Councillor Brice:
“That Bylaw No. 9366 be read a second time.”

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Wergeland and Seconded by Councillor Brice:
“That Bylaw No. 9366 be now passed.”

CARRIED

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xref: 1110-30
Garbage
Collection and
Disposal Bylaw

**GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL BYLAW AMENDMENT – 2016
SOLID WASTE SERVICES FEE SCHEDULE**

Three Readings of the “Garbage Collection and Disposal Bylaw, 2013, Amendment Bylaw, 2015, No. 9367”. To amend Schedule “A” – Solid Waste Services Fee Schedule to establish the 2016 solid waste service fee schedule.

MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Wergeland:
“That Bylaw No. 9367 be introduced and read.”

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Wergeland:
“That Bylaw No. 9367 be read a second time.”

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Wergeland:
“That Bylaw No. 9367 be now passed.”

CARRIED

2870-30
Mt. Douglas Cross
Road

**1516 MT. DOUGLAS CROSS ROAD – SANITARY SEWER BYLAW
AMENDMENT**

Three Readings of the “Sanitary Sewer Bylaw, 2006, Amendment Bylaw, 2015, No. 9368”. To include 1516 Mt. Douglas Cross Road in the Sewer Service Area.

MOVED by Councillor Haynes and Seconded by Councillor Wergeland:
“That Bylaw No. 9368 be introduced and read.”

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Haynes and Seconded by Councillor Wergeland:
“That Bylaw No. 9368 be read a second time.”

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Haynes and Seconded by Councillor Wergeland: “That Bylaw No. 9368 be now passed.”

CARRIED

2870-30
West Saanich
Road

4400 WEST SAANICH ROAD – LAND USE CONTRACT

First Reading of the “Land Use Contract Discharge Bylaw, 2015, No. 9363”. To discharge the BC Hydro and Power Authority Land Use Contract for the use and development of the subject property.

MOVED by Councillor Plant and Seconded by Councillor Brice: “That Bylaw No. 9363 be introduced and read.”

CARRIED

2870-30
West Saanich
Road

4400 WEST SAANICH ROAD – REZONING TO P-2 AND P-4

First Reading of the “Zoning Bylaw, 2003, Amendment Bylaw, 2015, No. 9364”. To rezone from M-2 (Wholesale, Warehouse and Office) zone to P-2 (Utility) and P-4 (Recreation and Open Space) zones for proposed redevelopment of the existing BC Hydro Operational Facility.

MOVED by Councillor Haynes and Seconded by Councillor Wergeland: “That Bylaw No. 9364 be introduced and read.”

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

1410-04
Report – Finance

xref: 5280-20
Regional
Economic
Development
Strategy

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PROPOSAL

Recommendation from the November 12, 2015 Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting that Council approve a regional strategy and model for economic development in South Vancouver Island.

MOVED by Councillor Haynes and Seconded by Councillor Plant: “That Council:

- 1. Support in principle, the proposed Regional Strategy and Model for Economic Development in South Vancouver Island provided that a majority of municipalities (7/13 at a minimum) participate in the new Regional Strategy and Model for Economic Development in South Vancouver Island;**
- 2. Subject to #1, approve start-up funding in the amount of \$27,289 to be paid in January, 2016, first year funding (April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017) in the amount of \$81,868, and funding of \$184,462 in Years 2 to 5, contingent on the proposed Regional Strategy and Model for Economic Development being funded by all partners; and allocate \$30,000 of Saanich’s 2016 grant funding earmarked for the Greater Victoria Development Agency to the initiative; and**
- 3. Appoint a member of Council to the Funding Partner’s Council to represent the Municipality of Saanich.”**

Councillor Haynes stated:

- Community Associations are in support of the proposal but wonder how success will be measured; residents are concerned about the cost of living.
- The aim of the Strategy is to raise the median household income and generate quality jobs; 35% of residents in the region work within 800 metres of Douglas Street.
- A collaborative effort will have a direct impact and benefit to Saanich.
- New graduates could be encouraged to stay in Saanich if there was an increase of job opportunities in the targeted sectors.

Councillor Derman stated:

- The concept of a regional approach to economic development is supportable; it would be helpful to see a business case.
- It is suggested that the Funding Partner's Council decisions will be made by majority vote; consideration of having decisions made with a 50% vote which must include either Saanich or Victoria would be appreciated; there is a need to tie economic development with other initiatives within the region.

Councillor Brice stated:

- Economic development should be considered regionally; it is a good investment of taxpayer money.
- She is encouraged to hear that a number of other municipalities are in support of the proposal; it is important to involve businesses and educational institutions.
- Good communications between the agency and the funders will ensure continued support.

Councillor Wergeland stated:

- Infrastructure is needed to support economic development; it is important to think regionally and invest long-term in economic development.

In response to a question from Council, the Director of Finance stated:

- Start-up funding in the amount of \$27,289 will be paid in January 2016; the 2016 grant to the Greater Victoria Development Agency in the amount of \$30,000 will be incorporated into the start-up and Year 1 payment which will result in an increase of approximately \$80,000 in the 2016 budget.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- Performance indicators are needed to show progress and successes; economic stimulus in the community is appreciated.

Councillor Sanders stated:

- Benchmarking will show progress and successes; it will be important to report out to participating members.
- Tourism and the cultural industry should be considered as targeted sectors for job creation; in 2011, Arts and Culture brought \$170 million into the region.

MOVED by Councillor Plant and Seconded by Councillor Murdock: "That the motion be amended as follows: That Council appoint Councillor Fred Haynes to the Funding Partner's Council to represent the Municipality of Saanich."

Councillor Plant stated:

- Councillor Haynes has demonstrated a willingness to participate and to pass the information on to Saanich Council and residents.

In response to a question from Council, the Chief Administrative Officer stated:

- It is appropriate, at this time, to select a member of Council for the Funding Partner's Council.

The Amendment to the Motion was then Put and CARRIED

Councillor Plant stated:

- Economic development is important to grow the economy; reporting out will be an important component of the program.

In response to a question from Council, the Chief Administrative Officer stated:

- The motion outlines a two to three year commitment to the program; after that time, it can be re-evaluated by Council to determine continued support.

Mayor Atwell stated:

- Based on the funding model, the proposal has to be supported by the other municipalities; commitment of funds through a Memorandum of Understanding will ensure the proposal is effective.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- During the start-up period, a report will be prepared which will answer some of the questions that Council has.

Councillor Brice stated:

- Continued support of the initiative will be discussed every year during budget deliberations; future Councils will not be bound by decisions of this Council.
- Communication with partners will be critical for continued support.

Councillor Derman stated:

- Continued support will be contingent on progress and success.

Mayor Atwell stated:

- Students in the community have concerns with rental rates, bus services and the lack of employment in their fields; it is important to have employment for graduating students so that they will remain in the community.

The Main Motion as Amended was then Put and CARRIED

Adjournment On a motion from Councillor Plant, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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MAYOR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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