

**MINUTES**  
**PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2  
**January 14, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.**

Present: Councillor Fred Haynes (Chair), Suzanne Bartel, Bill Mumford, Jordan Rockerbie, John Schmuck, Travis Lee, Andrea Mercer

Staff: Elizabeth van Den Hengel, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Scott Hindle

Guests John Hicks, Senior Transportation Manager, CRD Regional Planning; Bob Parrotta, Director of Food Services, The Butchart Gardens; Hanny Pannekeok, Chair of the working group "Social Issues and Outreach"; William Graham

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**MINUTES**

**MOVED by S. Bartel and Seconded by B. Mumford: "That the Minutes of the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held November 12, 2015, be adopted as amended."**

**CARRIED**

**CRD DRAFT REGIONAL TRAILS MANAGEMENT PLAN**

John Hicks, Senior Transportation Manager, CRD Regional Planning, gave the committee an overview of the CRD draft Regional Trails Management Plan. The following comments and responses to questions were noted:

- Trail use and safety should be a priority. Consideration for separating bicycle lanes and pedestrian walk-ways should be explored.
- More signage and education about trail etiquette is needed.
- Plans have been discussed to investigate the issues around lighting areas of the trail system.
- The Town of Sidney and the CRD have a partnership with solar powered lighting along a section of the trail. This area will be monitored for feedback for lighting options for other areas of the regional trail system.

**FOOD TRUCK FOLLOW-UP**

Bob Parrotta, Director of Food Services, The Butchart Gardens presented the committee with a follow-up to his previous presentation on food trucks. The following was noted:

- The BC Restaurant and Food Association (BCRFA) is in general support of food trucks.
- Food trucks can add to the diversity of the culinary environment which is a key component for a successful culinary neighbourhood.
- Many of the BCRFA members who operate restaurants throughout BC also own and operate food trucks.
- Maintenance of a healthy co-existence between "bricks and mortar" restaurants and food trucks requires the establishment of clear rules and regulations.

Comments/questions from committee and responses were noted as follows:

- An official policy on food trucks would need to be created if Saanich proceeds with allowing food trucks to operate in the municipality.
- Food truck operations would likely require changes to bylaws.
- Limits on the number of food trucks that would be operating in the municipality would have to be considered.
- Reviewing the food truck experiences of Vancouver, Edmonton and Portland should be done.

**MOTION      MOVED by T. Lee and Seconded by J. Schmuck: “That the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee will form a working group to work with the BC Restaurant and Food Association, the Food Truck Association and stakeholders to report back to the Committee about the viability of food trucks in Saanich.”**

**CARRIED**

- Few Saanich restaurants participate with the Dine Around Victoria event.
- Past Dine Around Victoria events show that 60-70% of the guests at the participating restaurants are local residents.
- BC Transit should be contacted and a suggestion to include Dine Around Victoria 2016 participating restaurants on the BC Transit Trip Planner.

**MOTION      MOVED by T. Lee and Seconded by B. Mumford: “That the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee will support Dine around Victoria by issuing a media release listing Saanich restaurants that are participating in Dine Around Victoria 2016, and by promoting the event on the Saanich Website and via Saanich social media.”**

**CARRIED**

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENT CORDOVA BAY PLAZA**

Hanny Pannekeok, Chair of the working group Social Issues and Outreach and William Graham member of the working group Social Issues and Outreach presented the Committee with a discussion of the potential for affordable housing to be built at the Cordova Bay Plaza. The following comments and responses to questions were noted:

- The working group is comprised of six local residents.
- The Cordova Bay area has a lack of affordable family housing.
- The working group has identified the Cordova Bay Plaza as a potential site for future development of affordable family housing.
- The site was granted a development permit in 1999 for a mixed use residential and commercial building, but the site was not redeveloped.
- Leases will expire this year so this may be a good opportunity to discuss the future of the property with the property owners.
- The working group was advised to contact the Greater Victoria Housing Society and the Regional Housing Trust Fund to inform them of the property.

\*\*\*Travis Lee left the meeting at 6:15 p.m. \*\*\*

**CHAIR'S UPDATE**

- Councillor Derman will be invited to present the Committee with his Natural City presentation.
- The Victoria Residential Builders Association will be coming to speak to the Committee in the upcoming months.
- The Chair thanked the Committee members for their work and applauded the Committee for all that was accomplished in 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. and the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2016

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Councillor Haynes, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary