

MINUTES
PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2
November 9, 2017 at 4:25 p.m.

Present: Councillor Judy Brownoff (Chair), Sophia Baker-French, Suzanne Bartel, Peter Pokorny, Bill Mumford, Andrea Mercer

Staff: Harley Machielse, Director of Engineering; Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Regrets: Travis Lee, Peter Rantucci,

MINUTES

MOVED by B. Mumford and Seconded by S. Baker-French: "That the Minutes of the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held October 12, 2017, be adopted as amended."

CARRIED

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

The Acting Manager of Transportation and Development Services updated the Committee on the Active Transportation Plan. Committee discussion occurred and the following highlights are noted:

- The framework for the ATP consists of three overarching themes:
 - Connections
 - Convenience
 - Culture.
- Sidewalk building from centres and villages outward.
- New bike networks-Spine network-for all ages and abilities through Saanich
- Accessibility at bus stops and improved displays for transit information
- Steps should be taken to ensure that new mixed use developments are designed to encourage active transportation.
- Ensure that land use supports active transportation.
- Easy access to information on AT routes.
- Promote trail etiquette.
- Build partnerships with Island Health Authority and other stakeholders.
- Detailed funding is currently not determined.
- Engaging schools to participate in the on line survey.
- Education is important in increasing public buy in to Active Transportation participation.
- Public works is investigating on how to actively monitor sidewalk maintenance.
- Hedges and bushes interfering on Active Transportation routes are dealt with on a complaint system.

EDMONTON-A WAY AHEAD CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Committee continued the discussion on Saanich performance indicators. The following highlights are noted:

- Saanich could consider doing a service review utilizing external expertise to report on how Saanich is performing.
- The Edmonton article has good concepts, but Saanich should look at Saanich strategic priorities to ensure these priorities are measured by the current performance indicators.
- Performance measures should be understandable by the public, timely, easily and accurately measured.
- Saanich currently has too many strategic priorities.
- Critical to have reliable and current data to evaluate performance.
- It is noted that some of the current strategic priority measures are operational in nature and are not relevant to the Strategic Plan.

MOTION: Moved by A. Mercer and Seconded by S. Baker-French: “That the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee recommend that Council engage a consultant with expertise in strategic planning and performance measurement to establish indicators, measures and targets that are reflective of Saanich strategic priorities and meaningful to the public.”

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BANNING SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAGS

The Director of Building, Bylaw, Licensing and Legal Services facilitated a discussion on banning single use plastic bags in Saanich. The following highlights are noted:

- Consultation with Saanich citizens and businesses will need to be undertaken with respect to banning single use plastic bags.

MOTION: Moved by S. Baker-French and Seconded by B. Mumford: “That the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee recommend that Council obtain legal advice on banning single use plastic bags and setting minimum pricing for single use plastic bags.”

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VIBRANT ECONOMY- HOW CAN SAANICH ATTRACT MORE BUSINESS

The Committee continued the discussion on how Saanich can attract more business. The following highlights are noted:

- Tourism Victoria Chair toured around Saanich and meet with the Chair to discuss economic vibrancy in Saanich.

- A core working group is working on developing the “Hub” at the transit exchange at Uptown.
- The Tech Park has a vibrant economy built around knowledge industries.
- What type of infrastructure is needed to attract specific businesses?
- A section on the Saanich website could be “Thinking to Relocate?” to highlight what Saanich has to offer.
- Create an inventory a list of space leasing costs across municipalities.
- Create an inventory of business space so the potential businesses can see what Saanich has to offer.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Councillor Brownoff, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary