

## MINUTES

### PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2

June 14, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Judy Brownoff (Chair), Bill Mumford, Sofia Baker-French, Suzanne Bartel, Peter Rantucci

Staff: Rebecca Newlove, Manager of Sustainability; Sheri Holmes-Saltzman, Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Travis Lee, Andrea Mercer, Peter Pokorny

---

## MINUTES

**MOVED by S. Bartel and Seconded by P. Rantucci: "That the Minutes of the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held May 11, 2017, be adopted."**

**CARRIED**

## CLIMATE ACTION

The Sustainability Manager presented the Committees with a progress report on the Climate Action Plan, and the following comments were noted:

- BC Climate Action Plan calls for a 33% reduction in community GHG by 2020.
- Corporate GHG targets aim for a 50% GHG emission reduction by 2020.
- Saanich GHG Inventory for 2016 rose slightly due to temporary increase in natural gas consumption at the Gordon Head Recreation Centre as a result of renovations that required the building envelop to be opened during construction.
- Significant GHG reductions should be realized in 2017 with the Gordon Head Recreation Centre new air source heat pump and the lighting upgrades to Pearkes and SCP along with the REAL ice installation at Pearkes.
- The decrease in Public Safety Building GHG emissions reported from the Fire Department where offset by reported increased fuel consumption.
- Increase in Engineering GHG emissions due to Emily Carr Library and Les Passmore Senior Centre being included under the Engineering Department.
- Saanich GHG Inventory for Municipal Operations years 2007-2016 include committed projects of the Gordon Head Recreation Centre heating (completed) with at 450 ton reduction, Municipal Hall lighting upgrades resulting in 100 ton reduction. Proposed projects include: SCP heating, Pearkes heating, 25% fuel efficiency improvements over 2015 levels and additional EV fleet.
- Community GHG Emission Targets are comprised of:
  - Transportation fuel related emissions reduced by 45%
  - Building related emissions reduced by 30%
  - Waste related emissions reduced by 50%
  - An additional 5% of building emissions to be reduced by sourcing energy alternatives
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities encouraging members to use the Global Protocol for Community-scale GHG Emissions Inventories (GPC).
- The GPC is consistent with the IPCC guidelines for National GHG Inventories.
- EcoCity Footprint-a project led by Dr. Jennie Moore, BCIT and funded by USDN.
- The pilot for the Eco-City Footprint tool was on 5 cities-compliant with GPC reporting.

Examined consumption based inventory.

- Next steps:
  - More accurate community energy and emissions inventory to assist with forming the baseline for updated Climate Plans.
  - Update the Saanich Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

Committee Discussion occurred and the following comments were noted:

- Initiatives that municipalities can bring forward to UBCM to pressure for funding for projects that will assist in meeting GHG targets.
- Is a tool available to assist with calculating ROI and most bang for harm reduction money?
- Developing a guide for homeowners as the best value for their renovation budget should be explored.
- Calgary is using drones to heat map neighbourhoods to help educate homeowners/businesses to understand potential energy inefficiencies.
- “Piggie backing” on other community programs such as Blockwatch may be a way to help continue to educate residents on climate action.

The Sustainability Manager was thanked for the presentation.

## **UPTOWN DOUGLAS CORRIDOR PLAN UPDATE**

The Senior Planner updated the Committee on the proposed Uptown Douglas Corridor Plan. The following highlights are noted:

- The overall vision for the Uptown Douglas Corridor Plan is to create spaces for people, the heart of Saanich.
- Design workshop to discuss land use provided information to help develop a draft of strategies for the Uptown Douglas Corridor.
- The information from the design workshop has been integrated into themes/layers:
  - Green layer: Parks, open space, natural environment, green building, cultural/recreational connections and sustainability.
  - Mobility layer: recognizes the need for all transportation modalities.
  - Land-use layer: building form and character, economic vibrancy and place making.
- A “new idea” was raised regarding turning Blanchard Street back into a two way road and updating Vernon Avenue into a neighbourhood street. This proposed adjustment in the roadways would result in improvements for active transportation modes.

Committee discussion occurred and the following highlights are noted:

- Concern that if densification not under taken thoughtfully it can result in increased isolation.
- Creation of space for interaction and physical activity in a plan like the Uptown Douglas Corridor needs to be developed.
- The economic layer needs to be considered when developing the long range plans for this corridor. Jobs need to be available for people not just “coffee shop” type of jobs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

---

Councillor Brownoff, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

---

Committee Secretary