

MINUTES

PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2

September 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Staff: Eva Riccius, Manager of Parks; Cam Scott, Rebecca Newlove, Manager of Sustainability; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Travis Lee, Bill Mumford, Peter Rantucci

MINUTES

MOVED by S. Bartel and Seconded by A. Mercer: "That the Minutes of the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held June 14, 2017, be adopted."

CARRIED

HOW CAN SAANICH SECURE OR UPDATE PARK POLICIES FOR NEW HIGH DENSITY CORRIDORS

The Senior Manager, Parks and the Manager of Community Planning led a discussion on how Saanich can secure or update park policies for new high density corridors, and the following comments were noted:

- Concern as densification increases possibility for increased social isolation if limited open/green spaces.
- Should developments be required to provide "socialization" places?
- Philosophical shift for Saanich from large park space to limited private space and the associated complexities on how to incorporate these pocket park ideas.
- A typical Pocket Park is a "mini" park the size of a lot or two and can be either publically or privately owned.
- Pocket Parks are used for the creation of smaller public spaces in urban settings.
- Public spaces in the right of way:
 - Spaces can include public art, landscaping, rain gardens, setting, buffers, trees or active spaces.
 - Distribution of parks within communities should be considered.
 - Purpose built spaces-taking into consideration the population living and working within the area.
- Walkability is critical. Walking pass through options are vital connectivity between neighbourhoods.
- Installation of benches and low level lighting for enhanced enjoyment and safety.

- Expenses associated with maintaining public spaces on private property need to be accounted for.

Committee discussion followed and the following was noted:

MOTION: Moved by S. Bartel and Seconded by P. Pokorny: “That the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee recommends that;
Park classifications be updated to include categories for smaller scale parks and open spaces and that the new classifications:

- a. Support future population and employment growth in Centres, Corridors and Villages;**
- b. Reflect the Shelbourne Valley Action Plan-Parks and Open Space Framework;**
- c. Incorporate design elements/guidelines to guide development of these new parks and open spaces;**
- d. Consider maintenance requirements that are associated with a more urban style park; and**
- e. Are applied to guide the update of the Local Area Plans and the negotiation of community contributions through the redevelopment process.**

CARRIED

The Managers of Parks and Community Planning were thanked for the presentation.

COUNCIL PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND ISO 37120 INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ON CITY INDICATORS FOR SERVICE DELIVERY AND QUALITY OF LIFE

The Chair facilitated a discussion on Council performance measures and ISO 37120 International Standard for service delivery and quality of life indicators. The following highlights are noted:

- Currently there are too many performance measures in the OCP.
- Decisions should be made on what the key Saanich performance measure should be.
- Separate the strategic indicators and ongoing operational performance measures.
- Currently there are numerous measures for the strategic priorities.
- Best practices approach of 2-3 core measures for each strategic priority should be adopted.
- Review measurements to ensure the data is sound/measuring what is intended and that it is measurable.
- Packaging the Strategic Plan for four year increments and supporting measures as an alternative to the current large document.
- Review on how the performance measures are viewed and which performance measures can be reviewed annually.
- Develop a process whereby performance measures are evaluated at the end of the four years.
- Consider having an independent body develop performance measures.

CLIMATE PLAN: 100% RENEWABLE SAANICH-TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Sustainability Manager update the Committee with the Terms of Reference for the Climate Plan: 100% Renewable Saanich. The following highlights are noted:

- The 80% reduction target by 2050 in corporate and community GHG aligns with global targets.
- Saanich community energy and emissions inventory will need updates to the baseline.
- Using the Eco-City Footprint pilot energy and emissions inventory will expand to address consumables.
- The alignment with global, federal and provincial direction will guide the updated Climate Plan.
- The updated Climate Plan will utilize a “systems thinking approach” with the core Saanich principles embedded.
- Three phases of stakeholder engagement events are planned.
- Once Council endorses the Climate Plan, Saanich will actively seek grants to help fund the Climate Plan.

DISCUSSION ON ESTABLISHING ELECTRIC VEHICLE PLUG IN POLICIES FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The Sustainability Manager presented a discussion. The following highlights are noted:

- New developments do not have a policy to require providing electric vehicle plug ins.
- Retro fitting buildings should also have policy surrounding the provision of electric vehicle plug ins.
- The EV plug in policy could be similar to the policy around cycling facilities in new developments.

MOTION: **Moved by A. Mercer and Seconded by S. Baker-French: “That the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee recommend that Council ask staff to develop an approach to requiring electric vehicle charging infrastructure within new development and explore options for encouraging the retrofit of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in existing buildings in support of a community wide electric vehicle strategy.”**

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Councillor Brownoff, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary