

MINUTES
MAYOR'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON FUNDRAISING FOR KINGS ROAD COMMUNITY
NATURE GREEN SPACE

Held electronically via MS Teams

Friday, September 10, 2021 – 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Fred Haynes, Councillor Karen Harper, Councillor Colin Plant,
Julian Lum, Paul McKivett, Rebecca Sterritt

Staff: Paul Thorkelsson, CAO, Paul Arslan, Senior Manager of Finance (for Valla
Tinney, Director of Finance), Brent Reems, Director of Building, Bylaw, Licensing
and Legal Services, Rachel Mattiuz (secretary)

1. Call to Order – 9:01

The Committee reviewed the following amendments to the agenda:

- Removal of previous 2.d(v): “To request Council to contribute \$1.7m from the sale of the Willis Point Property towards the fundraising commitment of \$2.5m and protection of Kings Nature Green Space.”
- Addition of new 2.d(v): “To note for Council’s attention the City of Victoria has considered an additional donation of up to \$150,000 as part of their 2022 budget deliberations.
- In items 2.d(ii), 2d(iii), and 2.d(iv), all references to “\$2.5m” should read as “\$2.75m”.

2. New Business

a) Current COVID-19 situation with respect to continued challenges with in-person fundraising events (discussion)

- Fundraising event in October has been cancelled.
- Friends of Bowker Creek have cancelled plans for a revival fundraising event in early October. Community has voiced concern over rising COVID numbers / holding a large event in an outdoor space. Low interest in attendance.
- SLF is committed to providing funding and they will hold this in reserve – the amount held is \$1500 from SLF and tentatively \$1500 from the funds raised to date.
- A motion to recommend postponing the fundraising deadline will not be made at this time.

b) Fundraising commitment, fundraising activities, and funds raised to date (review)

- No activity since last meeting.
- J. Lum reviewed a PowerPoint slide showing the community has raised \$38,800 to date.

c) Precondition from the City of Victoria and fundraising challenge concerning land covenant and protection of KCNGS (discussion)

- Staff provided information on types of process needed to address some of the items outlined in the letter from the City of Victoria dated September 2.
- A number of the items requested by the City of Victoria cannot be addressed by Council until the fundraising period has closed.

- Council's direction indicates that the fundraising process has to end prior to making final decisions on disposition of land.
- The property is one legal parcel of land (split-zoned).
- Staff provided information on general fundraising conditions.
- There are currently water / hookups currently available on the property.

d) Proposed motions to discuss:

- i. To request Council to register a covenant on title that will stipulate the land (Kings Nature Green Space) must be maintained in its current form as a conservation area designation.**

Discussion ensued and the proposed motion was amended as follows:

MOVED by COUNCILLOR HARPER and SECONDED by COUNCILLOR PLANT:

“That the Committee recommend to Council that the letter from the City of Victoria be received and that staff be directed to communicate to the City the District’s acceptance of the contribution in principle, subject to the District meeting the conditions of the contribution following the close of the fundraising period.”

CARRIED

The amended motions 2(d)ii and 2(d)iii were TOGETHER MOVED by COUNCILLOR HARPER and SECONDED by J. LUM:

To request Council to put the Oak Bay contribution of \$75,000 towards KCNGS fundraising commitment of \$2.75m and protection of Kings Nature Green Space.

To request Council to put the City of Victoria contribution of \$250,000 towards the KCNGS fundraising commitment of \$2.75m and protection of Kings Nature Green Space.

CARRIED

- iv. To request Council to contribute the \$1.7m from the sale of the Willis Point Property towards the fundraising commitment of \$2.75m and protection of Kings Nature Green Space (as noted in the discussions of this plan B of support from CRD).**

Discussion ensued on the proposed motion:

- Using the full amount of funds in one manner.
- Council's previous direction would not provide consideration of this until after the fundraising period has closed.
- The importance of clarity and messaging to potential donors regarding funding raised to date.

The motion was revised as follows and MOVED by J. Lum and SECONDED by P. McKIVETT:

“To request Council to consider the contribution up to the \$1.75m from the sale of the Willis Point Property towards the fundraising commitment of \$2.75m and protection of Kings Nature Green Space (as noted in the discussions of this plan B of support from CRD).”

CARRIED

- v. **To note for Council's attention the City of Victoria has considered an additional donation of up to \$150,000 as part of their 2022 budget deliberations.**

Discussion ensued and the Committee confirmed that this motion would not be brought forward to Council. The correspondence from the City of Victoria will be provided to Council for information.

e) Grants

Further discussion on alternative financial arrangements is not required.

3. Roundtable

Park Naming

- Discussion ensued on the District of Saanich's Parks Naming Policy and referred to the agenda attachment (p. 5/5) for information.
- Staff noted the MSC on Fundraising for Kings Road Green Nature Space Terms of Reference focuses on fundraising – suggestion on naming can be brought to Council at appropriate time.

4. Adjournment

MOVED by COUNCILLOR PLANT and SECONDED by J. LUM,

“That the Mayor's Standing Committee on Fundraising for Kings Road Community Nature Green Space be adjourned at 10:00 AM.”

CARRIED

Mayor Haynes, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary