

**PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Held via Teleconference**

**Thursday, February 11, 2021, 5:30 pm**

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**\*\*\* Territorial Acknowledgement & Inclusivity Statement \*\*\***

- 1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** (attachment)
  - January 7, 2021
- 2. PARKING ENFORCEMENT SERVICE DELIVERY**
  - Verbal staff presentation
- 3. RESILIENT SAANICH ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FRAMEWORK** (attachment)
  - Staff presentation

**\* Adjournment \***

**Next Meeting: March 12, 2021 at 4:30 pm**

In order to ensure a quorum, please contact Tania Douglas at 250-475-5494 ext. 3505 or [tania.douglas@saanich.ca](mailto:tania.douglas@saanich.ca) if you are unable to attend.

**GO GREEN!**

**MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR OWN MUG TO THE MEETING**

**MINUTES**  
**PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Council Chambers  
**January 7, 2021 at 5:30 pm**

**Present:** Councillor Zac de Vries (Chair), Ericka Amador (via telephone), Sophia Baker-French (via telephone), Sonja Cunningham (via telephone), Lisa Gunderson (via telephone), Brittany Higginson, Richard Michaels, Doug Pascoe (via telephone), Peter Rantucci (via telephone), Shawn Steele (via telephone)

**Staff:** Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

**Absent:** Taylor Alexander

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**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The Chair introduced himself and noted that:

- The environment is being destroyed at an alarming rate; transportation and land use policies are at the heart of how to repair some of the damage.
- In order to have a good transportation system there is a need to have people living in clusters to support this.
- There are more modes of transportation available, especially electric vehicles, scooters, boards, bicycles etc., and they can be disruptive, but it is important to find a way to work with this. There is a need to embrace a future that is more respectful to the natural environment.
- This committee can help look at land use and assist with community design and turning planning documents into something more tangible for the community.

**WELCOMES AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Committee members introduced themselves and spoke about their interests in areas related to planning, transportation and economic development.

The Chair thanked all members for their commitment to the committee and noted the following:

- A recommendation made by this Committee to Council to consider a request pertaining to an Economic Development Strategy for Saanich will go forward to Council at their next meeting.
- The Housing Strategy Task Force will conclude soon and this committee may be able to review the housing strategy when it is available.
- He is working on a report regarding industrial lands in Saanich and a need for an industrial lands strategy.

**2021 MEETING DATES / TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Committee members were provided with the meeting dates for 2021 and a copy of the committee Terms of Reference for information.

**Motion:** **MOVED** by R. Michaels and **Seconded** by B. Higginson, "That the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee receives the committee Terms of Reference for information."

**CARRIED**

## MINUTES

**MOVED by B. Higginson and Seconded by R. Michaels: “That the Minutes of the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held November 12, 2020, be adopted as circulated.”**

**CARRIED**

## POSSIBLE UPCOMING ITEMS

- A request was made to have an update on the possible film studio at Camosun College.
- There may be a sport tourism opportunity with the rowing facilities at Elk Lake; the Chair will try to arrange for a presentation regarding this.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

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Councillor de Vries, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary



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February 11, 2021

# Resilient Saanich: Draft Goals & Objectives

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# Resilient Saanich is...

- An environmental policy framework of existing/improved/new:
  - Bylaws
  - Policies
  - Strategies
  - Programs
  - Procedures.
- Includes:
  - Biodiversity Conservation Strategy
  - Climate Plan
  - Enhanced Stewardship Opportunities



# Resilient Saanich Technical Committee (RSTC) is...

- Up to 10 appointed experts supported by
  - 1 appointed Council Liaison
  - A clerk
  - A staff liaison (and other staff as needed)
- Established to work with staff and consultants to advise and share expertise
- First action item: to propose the project goals and objectives





# Process

- Public engagement
- Analysis of results
- RSTC to consider the feedback
- Staff to present the results of the engagement process and proposed goals and objectives to Council in March/April
- Council to decide on final goals and objectives





The long-term **desired outcome** for the future.

**Vision**

The **values** that guide progress towards the vision.

**Principles**

What is needed to **achieve the vision**.  
A goal **guides** decision-making.

**Goals**

**Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Realistic and Time-bound steps to achieve the goal.**

**Objectives**

**actions  
achieve the objectives**

**Strategies**



# Proposed Vision

## **Official Community Plan:**

“Saanich is a model steward working diligently to improve and balance the natural and built environments. Saanich restores and protects air, land, and water quality, the biodiversity of existing natural areas and eco-systems, the network of natural areas and open spaces, and urban forests.”

The **Resilient Saanich Technical Committee** has proposed this vision for the framework:

“By 2030, coordinated efforts by all in Saanich/WSÁNEĆ yield measurable improvements in climate change resilience, habitat conservation, watershed health and ecological footprint, benefiting all those who share and inhabit our community.”

# Proposed Principles

Principles are defined by the RSTC as cross-cutting values statements that will guide behaviour and decision-making within the Corporation of the District of Saanich including both elected officials and staff.

1. Recognize the intrinsic value of nature
2. Respect Indigenous knowledge and land uses
3. Consider future generations
4. Ensure evidence-based\* decision making
5. Adopt the precautionary principle when facing knowledge gaps
6. Build upon foundational knowledge of historical land use
7. Lead by example through innovation and best practices
8. Look beyond our borders to achieve results at a bioregional scale
9. Address climate adaptation and mitigation in all that we do
10. Work in partnership with diverse interests to achieve outcomes that realize multiple values and benefits



\*Evidence-based decision making is supported by as much available and appropriate scientific data, models and research, Indigenous knowledge, historic and cultural documents.



# Proposed Goals

The RSTC describes the goals as the outcome Saanich is looking for.

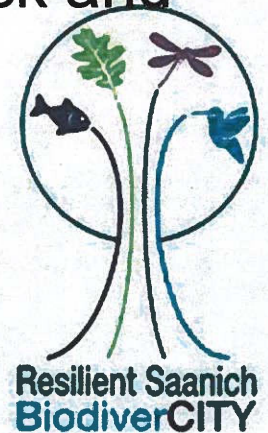
1. Protect, restore and enhance the ecological function and biological diversity of Saanich.
2. Develop and implement complimentary and coordinated policies, strategies, regulations, and incentives grounded in the overarching set of guiding principles to achieve the vision.



# Proposed Objectives

The RSTC describes objectives as the purpose of actions intended to attain a desired goal.

1. Fairly and effectively manage the natural and built environment to adapt to climate change, and enhance biodiversity and other essential ecosystem services.
2. Foster resistance and regenerative capacity (i.e., resilience) in our landscapes against escalating environmental shock and stressors.
3. Engage and support citizens in diverse approaches to active and beneficial stewardship.





# Next Steps

- Complete engagement process
- Report to Council on all outcomes of Milestone One of Resilient Saanich
- How would PTED like to be involved in providing feedback on the goals and objectives?

Ways to comment as individuals:

- Feedback form
- [biodiversity@Saanich.ca](mailto:biodiversity@Saanich.ca)

