

AGENDA
PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held electronically via Microsoft Teams
Thursday May 12, 2022 at 5:30 pm

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The District of Saanich lies within the territories of the lək'wəŋən peoples represented by the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations and the WSÁNEĆ peoples represented by the Tsartlip, Pauquachin, Tsawout, Tseycum and Malahat Nations.

We are committed to celebrating the rich diversity of people in our community. We are guided by the principle that embracing diversity enriches the lives of all people. We all share the responsibility for creating an equitable and inclusive community and for addressing discrimination in all forms.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (attachments)

- February 10, 2022
- April 7, 2022

2. CHAIR'S REMARKS

3. STRATEGIC OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

- Amber Walker, Planner for Community Planning

4. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

- Megan Squires, Senior Transportation Planner

* Adjournment *

Next Meeting: June 9, 2022 at 5:30 pm

In order to ensure a quorum, please contact Nancy Chaggar at 250-475-5494 ext. 3505 or
nancy.chaggar@saanich.ca if you are unable to attend.

MINUTES
PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held electronically via Microsoft Teams
February 10, 2022 at 5:31 pm

Present: Councillor Susan Brice (Chair), Fiann Crane, Kevin Elliot, Robert Finlay, Richard Michaels, and Robert McLeod

Staff: Troy McKay, Senior Manager, Transportation and Development Services; Cameron Scott, Manager of Community Planning; Megan Squires, Senior Transportation Planner; and Austin Winters, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Douglas Pascoe and Peter Spindloe

MINUTES

MOVED by R. McLeod and Seconded by R. Michaels: "That the minutes of the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held January 13, 2022 be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The chair brought forward the topic of meeting dates for Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee as it was an item that had been postponed from the previous meeting in January. The remaining dates proposed for PTED include March, May, and September and they will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each specified month.

MOVED by R. Michaels seconded by F. Crane: "That the proposed meeting dates of March, May and September to be held at 5:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month be approved by the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee."

CARRIED

ECONOMIC IMPACT ON LOCAL FILM INDUSTRY

Kathleen Gilbert, the Film Commissioner of the Greater Victoria Film Commission delivered a presentation on the economic impact of the local film industry. The following was noted during discussion with committee members:

- A feasibility study has been completed for the proposed film studio for the inter-urban campus of Camosun College and the results indicate that there is a high likelihood that it gets accomplished.
- There would be three sound stages within the proposed studio and there would be a 4 storey auxiliary building attached to it.
- The first floor of the auxiliary building would be a lock up space for costumes, props and set decorations; the second floor would be production office space which would be large enough to house two productions; and the top two floors would be for teaching.

- The Film Commissioner was thanked for her hard work in attracting film productions to Greater Victoria.
- A study is being done to see what proportion of people within crews hired are Saanich residents to identify the direct economic benefit within Saanich.

POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR ROAD SAFETY

The Senior Manager of Transportation and Development Services as well as the Senior Transportation Planner delivered a presentation on the policy framework for road safety. The following was noted during discussion with committee members:

- An education campaign would be carried out if any of the speed limits are changed and to explain why they are being changed.
- 38 different stakeholder groups have been engaged on the issue of speed limit reductions.
- An inquiry was made over the amount of transit users that hold the Pro Pass, for which staff did not have the answer at the time.

MOVED by R. Michaels and Seconded by F. Crane: “That the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee bring forward to Council that the Committee supports the recommendations made by staff for the policy framework for road safety.”

CARRIED

URBAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE REQUEST UPDATE

The Chair gave an update on the Urban Development Institute request that was brought forward at the January PTED meeting. The following was noted:

- Council passed a motion at the February 7th Council meeting stating the following:
 - Support the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development recommendation;
 - Endorse the request from the Urban Development Institute to allow developers the option to present their applications to the Committee of the Whole; and
 - Direct staff to implement.”

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Nil.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is Thursday, March 10, 2022.

Councillor Brice, Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Austin Winters, Committee Clerk

MINUTES
PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held electronically via Microsoft Teams
April 7, 2022 at 5:32 pm

Present: Councillor Susan Brice (Chair), Fiann Crane, Peter Spindloe

Staff: Troy McKay, Senior Manager, Transportation and Development Services; David Williams, Engineering Supervisor; Rebecca Newlove, Manager of Sustainability; Megan Squires, Senior Transportation Planner; Stacy McGhee, Program Manager for Strategic Facilities Planning; Austin Winters, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Douglas Pascoe, Richard Michaels, Robert McLeod, Robert Finlay, Kevin Elliot

MINUTES

Due to a lack of quorum, no motions were passed.

2021 CLIMATE REPORT CARD

The Manager of Sustainability delivered a presentation on the 2021 Climate Report Card. The following was noted during discussion with committee members:

- The Climate Action Plan feels unambitious which may be due to the fact that it is a few years old.
- The Report Card does not seem to give a clear indication of whether the Plan matches the goals stated within the Plan.
- Zoning seems to be a missing element within the Plan.
- The data that was used when the Climate Plan was modeled was based on the CRD's population projections.
- The majority of the public think that natural gas is an environmentally sound product with a lot of residents switching their fireplaces to natural gas as a secondary heat source.

SAANICH OPERATIONS CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

The Program Manager for Strategic Facilities Planning delivered a presentation on the proposed Saanich Operations Centre redevelopment. The following was noted during discussion with committee members:

- An inquiry was made over whether the District of Saanich has a revised approach to ensure that municipal facilities are not permitted to be neglected and reach a point of disrepair in the future.
- There was questions over many years whether the current site was the best opportunity to build the redeveloped operations centre and ultimately it was decided through numerous studies that it is.
- There was questioning over what proportion of the cost of the project needs to be financed and what the implications are for taxes.

- The business case for the project is going to be looking for endorsement on how to deal with the implementation of the project over the next few years.
- The scope and possibility of private sector investment will be investigated further in the coming years as well as what potential other uses might be available for the site.
- The goal is to ensure the tax burden on the tax payer is minimized.

MCKENZIE CORRIDOR STUDY PROJECT INTRODUCTION

The Senior Manager of Transportation and Development Services, the Engineering Supervisor and the Senior Transportation Planner delivered a presentation on an introduction to the McKenzie Corridor Study Project. The following was noted during discussion with committee members:

- The fact that this evaluation framework seems to take into account all road users rather than just car drivers is a positive.
- Considerations have and will be made with respect to potential alternate routes.
- There are guidelines as to what would satisfy the criteria for the proposed route to be considered accessible for all ages and abilities.
- BC Transit has a vision for rapid transit and what they would like the corridor to look like as well as the services they would provide.
- McKenzie corridor is the primary east to west connector in Saanich.
- There will be a year and a half of planning for this project and then it will move into detailed design which will in turn open up Saanich's ability to obtain grants.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

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Councillor Brice, Chair

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