

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

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

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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.

Councillor de Vries, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary