

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