

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

Next meeting is Thursday, May 12, 2022.

Councillor Brice, Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Austin Winters, Committee Clerk