

MOVED by Councillor de Vries and Seconded by Councillor Harper: “That Council:

- 1. Write to the Offices of the Prime Minister, the Premier, and the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Finance, Health, Mental Health and Addictions and Municipal Affairs and Housing, requesting they commit to providing adequate funding, new policy frameworks and legislative changes to effectively and holistically address the opioid crisis, mental health issues and their connections to homelessness in the municipalities in British Columbia and Canada and this approach include the decriminalization of controlled substances for personal use and the provision of a safe supply of opioids; and**
- 2. Direct staff to forward this report to our regional Mayors, the Capital Regional District and the British Columbia Urban Mayors’ Caucus requesting their support.”**

Council discussion ensued with the following comments:

- Funding is beyond the capacity and outside the mandate of local governments.

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS

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Tillicum Road

UPDATE ON SAANICH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE CONSTRUCTION

Report of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services and the Director of Planning dated August 19, 2020 recommending that Council receive for information the report regarding the construction of the Saanich Neighbourhood Place daycare at 3100 Tillicum Road.

MOVED by Councillor Mersereau and Seconded by Councillor Plant: “That Council receive for information the report of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services and the Director of Planning dated August 19, 2020 regarding the construction of the Saanich Neighbourhood Place daycare at 3100 Tillicum Road.”

Council discussion ensued with the following comments:

- Improved oversight with municipal-owned properties is appropriate.

In response to questions from Council, the Director of Planning stated:

- The proposed Biodiversity Strategy could address protection of parkland.
- The separate leased lot was a requirement of financing.
- The Resilient Saanich process could consider sensitive ecosystems mapping.
- An application for amendments, which will come forward to Council, has been received from Saanich Neighbourhood Place.

In response to questions from Council, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services stated:

- Parks assets could be captured in the update to the Urban Forest Strategy.
- The current bylaw protects all municipal trees; the bylaw when the Development Permit came forward was different.