

1110-30
Zoning

ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT - ALLOWING DAYCARE USE IN APPROPRIATE EXISTING ZONES

Final reading of the "Zoning Bylaw, 2003, Amendment bylaw, 2012, No. 9163". To define and add daycare (child and adult) as a permitted use in a broad range of zones.

MOVED by Councillor Sanders and Seconded by Councillor Derman: "That Bylaw No. 9163 be adopted by Council and the Seal of the Corporation be attached thereto."

CARRIED

1410-20
Council meeting
minutes

REPORTS FROM SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Council members provided updates on the various Saanich Advisory Committees they Chair.

Adjournment

On a motion from Councillor Wade, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

The Meeting reconvened at 8:16 pm.

Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS

From the Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 26, 2012

2160-40
Douglas Corridor

TRANSIT ON DOUGLAS STREET

MOVED by Councillor Murdock and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff: "That:

- 1. Council request BC Transit to seek funding to complete the Douglas Corridor Transit study including the identification of preferred routing (median, side running, etc.);**
- 2. BC Transit continue to pursue provincial funding for the implementation of rapid transit on the Douglas Corridor;**
- 3. Council request BC Transit make the Downtown to Uptown phase of rapid transit the first priority for the route;**
- 4. BC Transit obtain funding for analysis and interim measures which result in near term improvement to transit travel times;**
- 5. Saanich staff work with the BC Transit, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and the City of Victoria on the development and implementation of interim measures to improve Transit operations on the Douglas Corridor; and**
- 6. Council receive quarterly progress reports on the status of the 5 initiatives as outlined above."**

CARRIED

In Camera Motion

MOVED by Councillor Wade and Seconded by Councillor Murdock: "That the following meeting be closed to the public as the subject matters being considered relate to: the proposed acquisition and disposition of land or improvements; legal advice which is subject to solicitor-client privilege; and negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal services that are at their preliminary stages."

CARRIED

Adjournment On a motion from Councillor Brownoff, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

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MAYOR

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THE FOLLOWING WERE REPORTED FROM THE "IN CAMERA" COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 26, 2012

1220-20
Beckwith Farm

BECKWITH FARM – USE OF PROPANE CANNONS

“That Council approve the correspondence in regards to provincial regulation of the use of propane cannons as drafted and that the correspondence be sent to the Minister of Agriculture.”

1050-20
Natural Gas
Franchise Fees

NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE FEES

“That Council provide a letter of support for the Fortis rate equalization initiative currently before the British Columbia Utilities Commission.”

- In the report, the term “Downtown” should be in lower case and should be identified as Victoria’s downtown.
- An area of Saanich should not be identified as “Uptown”, given that it is a trademarked corporate term.

MOTION

MOVED by Councillor Brownoff and Seconded by Councillor Derman: “That it be recommended that:

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In response to questions from Council, the Director of Engineering stated that BC Transit will be leading the rapid transit project. Saanich staff can liaise with BC Transit and provide Council with a regular progress report.

Councillor Derman stated:

- The report is supportable, especially the request that the Downtown to Uptown phase be made the first priority.
- He agrees with the comments in the report on the need for a detailed plan for rapid transit on Douglas Street, in order to better inform Council’s decisions on land use and infrastructure renewal.
- There is a need to work with the City of Victoria on a visionary planning exercise for the Douglas Corridor, beyond transportation.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- When considering rapid transit over the long-term, it is important not to overlook the interim transit measures that can address existing congestion issues.
- The community has clearly expressed that there are current issues with transportation during peak hours.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- She agrees that the Downtown to Uptown phase of the rapid transit project should be made the first priority in order to ensure that the long-term planning by both Victoria and Saanich is complementary.
- A progress report on the recommendation would be in order.
- The Minister responsible for BC Transit should also receive a copy of the recommendation to be made aware that the 2 largest municipalities in the region are working together on this issue.

Councillor Sanders stated:

- She supports the recommendation.
- She is pleased that regular progress reports will be provided on this issue.

Councillor Brice stated:

- It is her understanding that the Victoria Council will be considering the associated motion this week.
- While BC Transit will be leading this project, the roadways are the purview of the municipalities; this recommendation provides BC Transit with direction on Council's wishes.
- The recommendation also provides a signal that changes are coming with regards to regional transportation and will help remind Council of the reasons that change is needed.

Councillor Wergeland stated:

- He supports the recommendation.
- In addition to addressing congestion, consideration also needs to be given to reducing the demand at peak times by spreading out ridership throughout the day.

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

Adjournment

On a motion from Mayor Leonard the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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 CHAIR

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