

DISTRICT OF SAANICH
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012 AT 7:30 PM

Present: **Chair:** Mayor Leonard
Council: Councillors Brice, Brownoff, Derman, Gerrard, Murdock, Sanders, Wade and Wergeland
Staff: Paul Murray, Administrator; Colin Doyle, Director of Engineering; Sharon Hvozdzanski, Director of Planning; Carrie MacPhee, Director of Legislative Services; Donna Dupas, Legislative Manager; and Maura Jones, Senior Committee Clerk

Minutes **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Councillor Wergeland and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff: "That Council adopt the minutes of the June 12, 2012 Special Council Meeting and the June 18, 2012 Council and Committee of the Whole meetings."

CARRIED

BYLAWS

1110-30
Zoning Bylaw

ZONING BYLAW HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENT – PERMITTED USES IN ZONE RT-4A (ATTACHED HOUSING – ACCESSORY UNIT)

Final Reading of the "Zoning Bylaw, 2003, Amendment Bylaw, 2012, No. 9184". To amend the "uses permitted" in Zone RT-4A by replacing the home occupation use with "Home Occupation Office and Daycare for preschool children" for consistency with the other attached housing zones.

MOVED by Councillor Brice and Seconded by Councillor Gerrard: "That Bylaw No. 9184 be adopted by Council and the Seal of the Corporation be attached thereto."

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

5550-20
Strategic Community
Investment Fund

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

Report of the Director of Finance dated June 5, 2012 recommending Council accept the 2012 Strategic Community Investment Fund report as presented.

MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Wergeland: "That Council accept the 2012 Strategic Community Investment Fund report as presented in the report of the Director of Finance dated June 5, 2012."

CARRIED

5550-20
Financial Information
Act Submission

2011 FINANCIAL INFORMATION ACT SUBMISSION

Report of the Director of Finance dated June 15, 2012 recommending Council approve the 2011 Financial Information Act Report as presented.

MOVED by Councillor Wade and Seconded by Councillor Murdock: “That Council approve the 2011 Financial Information Act Report as presented in the report of the Director of Finance dated June 15, 2012.”

CARRIED

1410-20
Council meeting minutes

REPORTS FROM SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRS
Council provided updates on their respective advisory committees.

Adjournment On a motion from Councillor Wade, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

The Meeting reconvened at 8:49 pm.

Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS
From the Committee of the Whole Meeting held June 25, 2012

1970-30
2011 Annual Report

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

MOVED by Councillor Wade and Seconded by Councillor Brice: “That Council endorse the 2011 Annual Report as presented.”

CARRIED

In Camera Motion

MOVED by Councillor Sanders and Seconded by Councillor Gerrard: “That the following meeting be closed to the public as the subject matters being discussed relate to: an administrative hearing affecting the District; personal information about an identifiable individual being considered for an appointment; discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing the annual report.”

CARRIED

Adjournment On a motion from Councillor Gerrard, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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MAYOR

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MUNICIPAL CLERK

THE FOLLOWING WERE REPORTED FROM THE “IN CAMERA” COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 8, 2011

2710-40
Cedar Hill Road

3821 CEDAR HILL ROAD (A PORTION) – PROPOSED ACQUISITION

“That Council approve the purchase of a portion of Lot 1, Section 40, Victoria District, Plan 16455 (3821 Cedar Hill Road).”

2720-40
Cherry Road

**PROPOSED CLOSURE AND SALE OF SURPLUS ROAD ALLOWANCE
ADJACENT TO 1271, 1275, 1281 CHERRY ROAD AND 4205 INTERURBAN
ROAD**

Xref: 2710-40
Carey Road

“That:

- 1. Council authorize the inclusion in the Cherry Road Closing Bylaw of the westerly portion of the road allowance (the lane) located between Interurban Road and 1271 Cherry Road;**
- 2. Council authorize the sale, for residential market value, of the northerly half of the closed road allowance to Island Berry Company Ltd. and the southerly half of the closed road allowance to Arthur and Verlie Smith; and**
- 3. In the event Arthur and Verile Smith fail to complete on their proposed purchase, Council authorize the sale of the southerly half of the closed road allowance to Island Berry Company Ltd. for residential market value.”**

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Cunnin stated:

- If the application proceeds to Public Hearing, consideration will be given to the relocation and reuse of the existing dwelling; the proponent is also willing to covenant the construction to a Built Green Gold standard.
- There is a bare land strata development near the subject property. The lots in this development are zoned RS-10 and are 780 square metres in size.
- The 2 trees located on the eastern property line are the only trees that will be affected by the development. The protected trees on the boulevard and at the rear of the property will not be impacted.
- The existing driveway on the subject property will be reused.
- It will be the responsibility of an arborist to ensure that the trees on the adjacent lot to the west are not damaged by construction.
- Other than increasing the setbacks to 2 metres, there are no further plans at this time to address protection of the tree root zones.
- This area has an eclectic mix of house designs and the increased setbacks will restrict the building envelopes. It is not the owner's intention to further constrain the shape and character of the future dwellings on the proposed subdivision.
- The slope of the property and Saanich's average grade calculation make it unlikely that future dwellings on the subject property would exceed 1.5 storeys in height.
- The slope of the area ensures that the viewscape of the neighbouring property to the west will not be impacted by future dwellings on the subject property.

PUBLIC INPUT

Nil

MOTION

MOVED by Mayor Leonard and Seconded by Councillor Gerrard: "That a Public Hearing be called to further consider the rezoning application on Parcel A (DD 393550 I) of Lot B, Section 44, Victoria District, Plan 2081 (2531 Sinclair Road)."

Councillor Sanders stated:

- She is concerned that the proposed rezoning could set a precedent, given that many properties in the area are zoned RS-10.
- No conceptual house designs are provided for the future dwellings on the subject property.

Councillor Derman stated:

- As noted by the applicant, there are limitations to the potential height of future dwellings on the subject property and the architectural style of the area is eclectic.
- No concerns have been expressed regarding the proposal by the neighbouring residents.
- The applicant agreed that if the proposal proceeded to Public Hearing consideration will be given to the relocation and reuse of the existing dwelling and that the construction will be to a Built Green Gold standard.

Councillor Gerrard stated:

- If the application proceeds to Public Hearing, he hopes to hear from the neighbouring residents.
- The applicant has relaxed the front yard setback and no variances have been requested.
- This is a larger site than many neighbouring properties and will not set a precedent. He would prefer that there be 2 smaller dwellings on the subject property rather than 1 large dwelling.

Councillor Brice stated:

- This is a relatively modest infill request in a village area.
- The subject property is larger than the surrounding properties.
- The proposal could be easily absorbed into the existing community and will add to the housing stock.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- The Public Hearing process will provide more notification to the community. Any opposition to the project is likely to be expressed at the Public Hearing.
- She would like reassurance at the Public Hearing from the applicant that there will be no additional impact on the trees as a result of future construction.

Councillor Wergeland stated:

- He would like to see the maximum height determined for any future dwellings on the subject property.
- It is understandable that the future owners would wish to determine the design of the future dwellings.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- He acknowledges the correspondence from the Cadboro Bay Residents Association.
- As noted in the report of the Director of Planning, consideration of an application cannot be delayed to await the outcome of a land use study.

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

1970-30

2011 Annual Report

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Report for Council consideration.

The Administrator stated:

- Sustainability continues to be the vision for the Official Community Plan, the Strategic Plan and the Annual Report. In this context, sustainability means a balance between environmental integrity, social well-being, and economic vibrancy.
- The balanced scorecard approach to strategic planning as used in the annual report has 4 perspectives: citizen focus; financial stability; effective internal processes; and continued employee learning and growth.

- In 2011, Saanich moved forward on 39 planned initiatives, which is a slight increase from previous years. Delays occurred on 17 planned initiatives.
- The draft annual report has been available since mid-May on the public website. Information regarding the annual report was circulated to the advisory committees, community associations, and the Saanich Community Association Network.

The Director of Planning provided an overview of the Environmental Integrity theme in the annual report and noted:

- Environmental Integrity comprises the corporate themes of sustainable environment and balanced transportation.
- Highlights from progress in 2011 include: completing the region's first climate change adaptation plan; updating the Pedestrian Priority Implementation Planning tool; and exceeding the target for sidewalk construction.

The Director of Parks and Recreation provided an overview of the Social Well-Being theme in the annual report and noted:

- Social Well-Being comprises the corporate themes of healthy community and safe community.
- Highlights from progress in 2011 include: an increase by approximately 10% of residents in the age bracket of 55 years or older leading more active lifestyles; and activating 14 additional block watch groups, exceeding the target of 10 groups.

The Director of Legislative Services provided an overview of the Economic Vibrancy theme in the annual report and noted:

- Economic Vibrancy comprises the corporate themes of vibrant, connected economy and service excellence.
- Highlights from progress in 2011 include: surveying citizens regarding the public website; spending over \$24 million to sustain community infrastructure; and completing the Tattersall Drive project.

Councillor Derman stated:

- As seen in the low attendance at tonight's meeting, the public is not engaged in the annual report process.
- Consideration should be given to incorporating the following indicators: percentage and status of wild lands and representative ecosystems; health of watersheds and initiatives to improve same; levels of congestion and average trip time; number of trips by residents using alternative transportation; and amount of separated cycling infrastructure.
- Other considerations with respect to the annual report include: incorporating a summary of initiatives; clarifying short and long term goals, especially with respect to climate change; and focusing land use decisions to provide destinations, as well as pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- There is now a good mix of targets in the annual report.

- Consideration should be given to amending the indicators as follows: “number of tonnes of waste diverted/generated in Saanich per year” should be on a per household basis; and “average daily automobile traffic volume on key routes in Saanich” should be listed by individual commuter route, such as Shelbourne Street.
- Other considerations with respect to the annual report include: various means of public engagement, not only electronic; the increase in business licenses showing more businesses being opened in Saanich; the money invested by Saanich in infrastructure and replacement funding to support the economy; and the increase in trail networks, marked bicycle lanes, and public parks from 2007.

Councillor Gerrard stated:

- This is a very comprehensive document.
- The actual volunteer hours worked in 2011, a total of 7,272, are impressive and commendable.
- Without volunteers, the funding for the Gorge Canada Day Picnic and invasive species removal would be problematic.

Councillor Wergeland stated:

- The annual report is a great document, but it should not be expanded unnecessarily.
- It would be interesting to know why the January 2012 Citizen Survey showed a decrease in respondents indicating Saanich was a good or very good place to work.

In response to questions from Council, the Administrator stated that the difference in the estimated and actual amounts of asphalt, drain pipe, and water mains are a reflection of changes in priorities throughout the year.

Councillor Sanders stated:

- The annual report is an excellent and concise document.
- She has discussed the annual report with several community members, many of whom were pleased with the document.
- The document can be a challenging to read if statistics are not an area of particular interest.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- Posting the annual report on the website for over a month allowed ample time for review. He is disappointed with the lack of public response, though that may be a positive indication.
- The targets in the annual report could be sharpened.
- The strategic plan has been integrated with the Official Community Plan; consideration should be given to further integrating the financial plan.

MOTION

**MOVED by Mayor Leonard and Seconded by Councillor Gerrard:
“That it be recommended that Council endorse the 2011 Annual
Report as presented.”**

CARRIED

Adjournment

On a motion from Mayor Leonard, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

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CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate

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