

Adjournment On a motion from Councillor Derman, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

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MAYOR

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MUNICIPAL CLERK

DISTRICT OF SAANICH
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012 AT 7:42 PM

Present: **Chair:** Councillor Murdock
Council: Mayor Leonard and Councillors Brice, Brownoff, Derman, Gerrard and Sanders
Staff: Paul Murray, Chief Administrative Officer; Carrie MacPhee, Director of Legislative Services; Sharon Hvozdzanski, Director of Planning; Donna Dupas, Legislative Manager; and Lynn Merry, Senior Committee Clerk

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Strategic Plan

2013-2017 STRATEGIC PLAN

Report of the Director of Corporate Services dated November 19, 2012 recommending Council adopt the 2013-2017 Strategic Plan.

The Chief Administrative Officer stated:

- Public process included the draft Strategic Plan being reviewed with staff, Council, Advisory Committees and the Saanich Community Association Network (SCAN).
- The draft document was published on the municipal website in mid-October; printed copies were distributed to Mayor, Council and made available to the public.
- The draft scorecards for each of the three community themes were circulated to Advisory Committees from October 18 to November 8; the draft plan was presented to SCAN on November 7.

Councillor Sanders stated:

- She suggested adding another bullet in the Strategic Plan under Healthy Community, C1 to create a program to engage with heritage registry participants and increase the number of designated heritage properties from within and outside the register.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- She supports the suggestion to engage with heritage registry participants and to increase the number of heritage properties.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Ms. K. Whitworth, 4548 Viewmont Place stated:

- She is in favour of community gardens in general; the announcement of two proposed community gardens was premature given that no community consultation has taken place.
- She is concerned that two not-for-profit groups were approached to oversee the gardens when no open process was held; there should be a more open approach in the future to offer opportunity for consultation with the community.

Mr. H. Charania, 757 Genevieve Road stated:

- He is satisfied regarding the consultation with SCAN.
- He is concerned with the access to the Pedestrian Priority Implementation Plan (PPIP); the section of sidewalk along the west side of Morris Drive has been given low priority in the PPIP.
- He urges Council to make the sidewalk on Morris Drive a priority for the benefit of Safe Routes to Schools.

Mr. H. Wolf, 4169 Kincaid Street stated:

- Some of the data in the Strategic Plan is listed as "N/A"; he questions how there can be a percentage increase if the data is "not applicable" or "not available".
- There is no data included for taxable commercial farmland.
- Saanich's Urban Forest is experiencing a canopy loss every year; loss of canopy doesn't balance with the amount of plantings; 1,700 trees would have to be planted every year to maintain the status quo.
- He is concerned that there will not be an increase in canopy; there is no money or resources to plant trees.

Mr. F. Haynes, on behalf of Saanich Community Association Network (SCAN) stated:

- On behalf of SCAN, he thanks Council and staff; hosting Saanich staff to review the Strategic Plan was a very productive and informative process.
- Meetings were very helpful to the group; there is great value for SCAN being involved in the strategic planning process.

In response to questions, the Director of Parks and Recreation stated:

- Public consultation is taking place in regards to community gardens; the two proposed sites are not confirmed.
- In regards to the "not available" data, to determine long range forecasting, existing and previous data and future demand were taken into consideration.
- Forecasting is not an exact science; there are different factors that need to be considered.
- The fourth quarter of 2013 has been identified for the Urban Forest Strategy Initiative; all opportunities will be looked at to enhance our plantings.

In response to a question from Council, the Chief Administrative Officer stated:

- There is an assessment use code to indicate taxable commercial farmland.
- For clarification, where appropriate, estimated data can be provided instead of "N/A".

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- The Strategic Plan, tied to the budget process completes how the community is planned, focuses on strategic initiatives and reporting out to the public.
- It is important to finalize the PPIP; the public needs to understand the different standards of sidewalks.

Councillor Derman stated:

- He appreciates the value of the Strategic Plan and the process; he thanks staff who have been involved.
- He wonders if it is time to review the five theme areas; the present structure does not recognize the over-arching concerns facing the municipality.
- Climate change needs to be addressed in the Strategic Plan; environmental, social and financial issues and infrastructure will be affected by climate change.
- New indicators should include average travel times; proximity to major centres; how successful we are in moving people; and the degree of connectivity for cyclists and pedestrians to infrastructure.

Councillor Gerrard stated:

- He congratulates Planning Staff on the recent Shelbourne Valley Action Plan meeting.
- Land Use and Transportation is still a concern; Council needs to take the time to consider the Shelbourne Valley Action Plan.

Councillor Sanders stated:

- She compliments staff on the document; it has evolved over the years.
- She appreciates the inclusion of engaging heritage registry participants and increasing the number of heritage registry properties.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- He congratulates staff on the feedback received in respect to the engagement process; getting feedback from the community is a tremendous way to build upon and improve an excellent and on-going evolution of the document.
- The integration of the Strategic Plan and the Official Community Plan (OCP) assists with measuring success and ensuring that OCP goals are met.
- Residents are impressed with the integrated approach to long-term visioning.

Motion:

MOTION by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Sanders: "That it be recommended that Council adopt the 2013-2017 Strategic Plan, dated October 10, 2012, subject to incorporating the housekeeping changes identified in the report from the Director of Corporate Services dated November 19, 2012 and amending the Healthy Community section to include a program that would increase the number of heritage designations."

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

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