

DISTRICT OF SAANICH  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015 AT 7:30 PM**

Present: **Chair:** Mayor Atwell  
**Council:** Councillors Brice, Brownoff, Derman, Haynes, Murdock, Plant, Sanders and Wergeland  
**Staff:** Andy Laidlaw, Chief Administrative Officer (9:55 pm); Carrie MacPhee, Director of Legislative Services (9:55 pm); Sharon Hvozdzanski, Director of Planning; Harley Machielse, Director of Engineering; Donna Dupas, Legislative Manager; and Lynn Merry, Senior Committee Clerk

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

2870-30  
Normandy  
Road

“ZONING BYLAW, 2003, AMENDMENT BYLAW, 2015, NO. 9315”

#### **PROPOSED REZONING FOR A FOUR LOT RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION ON NORMANDY ROAD**

To rezone Lot 8, Section 108, Lake District, Plan 5710, Except Part in Plan 2431 RW (**520 NORMANDY ROAD**) from Zone A-1 (Rural) to Zone RS-6 (Single Family Dwelling) for the purpose of subdivision to create three additional lots for single family dwelling use. A **COVENANT** will also be considered to further regulate the use of the lands and buildings.

The Clerk introduced the following:

- Notice of Public Hearing;
- Report of the Director of Planning dated June 18, 2014, Supplemental Report of the Director of Planning dated December 8, 2014, and Supplemental Report of the Director of Planning dated January 29, 2015, the latter recommending:
  1. That the application to rezone from A-1 (Rural) Zone to RS-6 (Single Family Dwelling) Zone be approved;
  2. That Final Reading of the Zoning Amendment Bylaw be withheld pending:
    - Payment of \$5,933.75 (\$1,186.75 x 5) for the planting of five Schedule I Boulevard trees; and
    - Payment of \$2,800 to the Parks Department Donated Bench Program for the installation of a park bench in Normandy Park.
  3. That Final Reading of the Zoning Amendment Bylaw be withheld pending registration of a Restrictive Covenant to secure:
    - The design and construction of new dwellings on proposed Lots 1-4 conform to a minimum BUILT GREEN® Gold or equivalent energy efficiency standard;
    - That habitable floor elevations of all future dwellings located on proposed Lots 2, 3, and 4 will be restricted to 52.9 m or higher (geodetic datum) and to save the District and Province harmless in case of flooding;
    - A commitment to construct a sidewalk along the Normandy Road frontage to municipal standards; and
    - Design guidelines for the development to secure the overall site design and a general architectural style for the dwellings.
- Neighbourhood survey results from Planster Consulting;
- Correspondence from the Residents Association of Strawberry Vale, Marigold and Glanford dated February 19, 2015;

- Correspondence from the Royal Oak Community Association dated October 25, 2013; and
- Six letters from residents.

**APPLICANT:**

- L. Mari, Planster Consulting, presented and highlighted the following:
- The proposed development is in close proximity to parks, schools, public transit and shopping; no variances are requested.
  - The dwelling on proposed Lot 1 has been re-oriented to face Normandy Road; screening along Elk Lake Drive includes split-rail fencing and a western cedar hedge.
  - Consultation took place with neighbours and the Royal Oak Community Association; the Community Association supports the proposed development.
  - This is a small adaptive change to the neighbourhood that blends with the existing neighbourhood design, provides economic benefits and utilizes existing soft and hard infrastructure.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

- B. Patterson, Normandy Road, stated:
- This is a large development for Normandy Road; the BC Transit Royal Oak exchange and the overflow parking from Saanich Commonwealth Place and the area churches adds to on-street parking and pedestrian safety concerns.
  - Drivers use Normandy Road as a cut-through from Elk Lake Drive to West Saanich Road.
  - Secondary suites may increase on-street parking concerns; the addition of speed bumps and sidewalks may alleviate safety issues.
- M. Schlotterbeck, Normandy Road, stated:
- Two dwellings on this property would be preferable; development should beautify the neighbourhood.
  - Increased traffic and pedestrian safety is a concern; the addition of sidewalks and Residential Parking Only signs could be considered.
- K. Whitworth, Viewmont Avenue, stated:
- This is an ideal location for the proposed development; the commitment to BUILT GREEN® Gold or equivalent energy efficiency standard, the commitment to deconstruction of the existing dwelling and the payment for the installation of a park bench in Normandy Park is commendable.
- M. Henderson, on behalf of the Royal Oak Community Association (ROCA), stated:
- Neighbours have expressed concern about the impact on the flow of water in Normandy Creek and the potential for increased traffic on Normandy Road; Normandy Road is being used as a cut-through from Elk Lake Drive to West Saanich Road.
  - ROCA does not oppose the proposed development.

**COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS:**

- Motion:** **MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Brice: “That**
- 1. The application to rezone from A-1 (Rural) Zone to RS-6 (Single Family Dwelling) Zone be approved;**
  - 2. Final Reading of the Zoning Amendment Bylaw be withheld pending:**
    - **Payment of \$5,933.75 (\$1,186.75 x 5) for the planting of five Schedule I Boulevard trees; and**
    - **Payment of \$2,800 to the Parks Department Donated Bench Program for the installation of a park bench in Normandy Park.**
  - 3. Final Reading of the Zoning Amendment Bylaw be withheld pending registration of a Restrictive Covenant to secure:**
    - **The design and construction of new dwellings on proposed Lots 1-4 conform to a minimum BUILT GREEN® Gold or equivalent energy efficiency standard;**
    - **That habitable floor elevations of all future dwellings located on proposed Lots 2, 3, and 4 will be restricted to 52.9 m or higher (geodetic datum) and to save the District and Province harmless in case of flooding;**
    - **A commitment to construct a sidewalk along the Normandy Road frontage to municipal standards; and**
    - **Design guidelines for the development to secure the overall site design and a general architectural style for the dwellings.”**

Councillor Derman stated:

- The project is supportable; neighbours' concerns about traffic on Normandy Road needs to be addressed.
- Normandy Road may be an appropriate location for Residential Parking Only signs and traffic calming measures; sidewalks may not be desirable on a residential street.

Councillor Brice stated:

- The traffic issues on Normandy Road raised by neighbours are valid and could be referred to staff or the Administrative Traffic Committee (ATC) for review.
- She supports the proposed development; the applicant has addressed the concerns of residents.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- The applicant has addressed the concerns of neighbours in relation to the development; she appreciates that the proposed dwelling on Lot 1 has been re-oriented to face Normandy Road and the additional screening along Elk Lake Drive.
- She supports the application.
- Sidewalks may not be desirable on Normandy Road; traffic concerns could be referred to the ATC.

Councillor Wergeland stated:

- The applicant has addressed the concerns of neighbours and Council; he supports the proposed development.

In response to a question from Council, the Director of Engineering stated that referring traffic concerns to the Administrative Traffic Committee is appropriate.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- He supports the application; the applicant has been responsive to concerns of neighbours.
- He appreciates the commitment to BUILT GREEN® Gold and to deconstruction of the existing dwelling; the location is ideal, close to public transit, the recreation centre and shopping.
- Traffic concerns are an existing challenge and it is appropriate to refer the concerns to the ATC; the addition of sidewalks may alleviate safety concerns.

Councillor Sanders stated:

- Sidewalks could be considered to address concerns; she appreciates the addition of screening along Elk Lake Drive and the re-orientation of the proposed dwelling on Lot 1.
- Clarification is needed as to the number of proposed visitor parking stalls.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- He appreciates the level of detail provided by the applicant and the consultation that took place with neighbours; neighbours have expressed concern with the amount of traffic and on-street parking on Normandy Road.
- Residential Parking Only signs and traffic calming may alleviate issues; the addition of sidewalks does not necessarily slow traffic but gives a better sense of safety.
- The ATC can review traffic concerns and provide recommendations for improvement.

In response to a question from Council, the Director of Planning stated the applicant is required to post and maintain signage when a property is being rezoned. If an issue is brought forward to staff in regard to graffiti on a sign, staff will respond. Once the proceedings are finished and Final Reading is complete, the sign would be removed.

Councillor Plant stated:

- He supports the proposed development; the applicant should consider rough-in for future solar capabilities.

**The Motion was then Put and CARRIED**

2870-30  
Normandy  
Road

“ZONING BYLAW, 2003, AMENDMENT BYLAW, 2015, NO. 9315”  
Second and Third Readings

**MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Brice: “That Bylaw No. 9315 be read a second time.”**

**CARRIED**

**MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Brice: “That Bylaw No. 9315 be now passed.”**

**CARRIED**

**MOVED by Councillor Brownoff and Seconded by Councillor Plant: “That the traffic and pedestrian concerns identified on Normandy Road be referred to the Administrative Traffic Committee for further evaluation and review.”**

Councillor Plant stated:

- No right-hand turn could be considered from Elk Lake Drive on to Normandy Road; the addition of a Park and Ride at the north east corner of the Royal Oak Drive and Elk Lake Road intersection could be explored.

Councillor Derman stated:

- A livable street should reduce the amount of traffic rather than accommodate it.

Councillor Wergeland stated:

- He wonders how Residential Parking Only would be enforced.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- Residential Parking Only and traffic calming around Normandy Park could be a first step to alleviating concerns; no right-hand turn may inconvenience the residents of Normandy Road.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- The best way for the public to provide input to the ATC would be through correspondence provided to the ATC clerk or to the Director of Engineering.

**The Motion was then Put and CARRIED**

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Councillor Wergeland declared, pursuant to Section 85 of the Council Procedure Bylaw, that he is not entitled to participate in the discussion of the Rezoning Application for 785 Haliburton Road/4932 Wesley Road as his wife owns property in the neighbourhood.

Councillor Wergeland left the meeting at 8:20 pm.

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2870-30  
Haliburton  
Road/Wesley  
Road

“ZONING BYLAW, 2003, AMENDMENT BYLAW, 2015, NO. 9316”

**PROPOSED REZONING FOR A SIX LOT RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION ON HALIBURTON ROAD AND WESLEY ROAD**

To rezone Lot C, Section 28, Lake District, Plan 9499 (**785 HALIBURTON ROAD**) and to rezone Lot 5, Section 28, Lake District, Plan 9380 (**4932 WESLEY ROAD**) from Zone A-1 (Rural) to Zone RS-10 (Single Family Dwelling) for the purpose of subdivision to create four additional lots for single family dwelling use. A **COVENANT** will also be considered to further regulate the use of the lands and buildings.

The Clerk introduced the following:

- Notice of Public Hearing;
- Report of the Director of Planning dated August 5, 2014 and Supplemental Report of the Director of Planning dated January 26, 2015, the latter recommending:
  1. That the application to rezone from the A-1 (Rural) Zone to the RS-10 (Single Family Dwelling) Zone be approved;

2. That Final Reading of the Zoning Amendment Bylaw be withheld pending registration of a covenant requiring that new dwellings on proposed Lots 1-6:
  - Conform to a minimum BUILT GREEN® Gold, EnerGuide 82 or an equivalent energy efficient building design and construction standard and that construction of new dwellings include rough-in for future solar capabilities;
  - Conform to the siting, general form and character and use of materials as per plans by Outline Home Design, dated December 17, 2014 as shown to Council and to the guidelines of the Building Scheme dated November 19, 2014; and
  - Include six parking spaces including two-car garages and on-site parking for an additional four cars per lot.
3. That prior to Final Reading of the Zoning Amendment Bylaw, the applicant provide a \$13,200 performance surety for planting of replacement trees on-site and/or elsewhere in the local community if no room can be found to plant replacement trees on-site.
  - Correspondence from the applicant dated November 18, 2014 and Notice of a Neighbourhood Information meeting held December 11, 2013.
  - Correspondence from the Residents Association of Strawberry Vale, Marigold and Glanford dated February 19, 2015;
  - Correspondence from the Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs dated February 5, 2015 and January 27, 2014; and
  - 18 letters from residents.

**APPLICANT:**

J. Gardiner, Braefoot Road, presented and highlighted the following:

- Neighbours had previously expressed concern about the number of proposed lots, the addition of panhandle lots, increased traffic, low water pressure and the loss of trees; after community consultation, the number of lots was reduced to six, panhandle lots were eliminated, tree retention increased, and traffic and water pressure studies were undertaken.
- No variances are required.
- The traffic study showed that because of the uniqueness of the proposed development and the four separate accesses to the property, no additional traffic impact on the neighbourhood is expected.
- Testing showed that the water pressure is above the bylaw requirement.
- Public transit and the Lochside Trail is within close proximity to the proposed development.
- The proposed dwelling on Lot 5 will be set forward on the lot and second storey windows facing the neighbouring property will be glazed to reduce privacy concerns.
- Siting of the proposed dwelling on Lot 6 will be to the rear of the property so that mature trees in the front can be retained.
- Storm water will be managed through bio swales and rock pits; Wesley Road will be widened in front of Lot 6.
- Two-thirds of the trees on the property will be retained and replacement trees will be planted; the applicant is committed to a BUILT GREEN® Gold, EnerGuide 82 or equivalent energy efficiency, rough-in for future solar capabilities and an air-to-air heat pump system.
- The Cordova Bay Residents' Association supports the proposal.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

L. Gerlinsky, Lemaire Place, stated:

- The applicant has not addressed neighbours' concerns.
- Too many lots are proposed for this property; four lots are preferable.
- Each additional lot increases traffic, congestion, on-street parking and decreases safe walking and biking, the number of trees preserved and the privacy of neighbours.

E. Lavdovsky, Lemaire Place, stated:

- This is farmable, agricultural land; RS-18 zoning on this property is preferred.
- Access to three lots from Lemaire Place and privacy is a concern; protection of the immediate community and the environment is necessary.

N. Wergeland, Haliburton Road, stated:

- The proposed development is supportable; the applicant has addressed the neighbours' concerns.
- The proposed dwellings are attractively designed and compliment the neighbourhood.

P. Brix, Haliburton Road, stated:

- Privacy and a decrease in water pressure are concerns; the applicant was instructed to consult with neighbours but that has not taken place.
- Six lots are too many in this location.

S. Hodder; Lemaire Place, stated:

- Three houses on Wesley Road is preferred; three houses on Lemaire Place are too many.

L. Teele, Lemaire Place, stated:

- No meaningful consultation has taken place with neighbours; a compromise of five lots with separate accesses on each of the streets and a panhandle lot off of Haliburton Road would be supportable.
- Three houses with access from Lemaire Place is not acceptable.

J. Hicks, Wesley Road, stated:

- The proposal is supportable; the applicant has been open to compromise and addressed neighbours' concerns.
- This is a well-designed infill development; the updated proposal includes a covenant for form and character of the dwellings, removal of panhandle lots, and protection of the urban canopy.
- Development in the area has already impacted the neighbourhood in terms of accessibility and increased traffic.

T. Hughes, Wesley Road, stated:

- The concentration of housing proposed and the size and massing of the proposed dwellings on Lemaire Place are out of proportion.
- Increased traffic and congestion are a concern.

S. Plater, Wesley Road, stated:

- Three additional houses on Lemaire Place is a concern; living across from an abandoned house is not desirable and development should take place quickly.
- The proposed dwellings are attractive and fit within the character of the neighbourhood.

K. Whitcroft, Inverness Road, stated:

- Climate change is a serious problem and needs to be dealt with; this proposed development is car-dependent.
- Transit routes in the area are not adequate; sustainable decisions must be made to reduce our carbon footprint.

**APPLICANTS RESPONSE:**

- Numerous Open Houses were held which the Community Association attended; meetings were advertised through the Community Association's website and through mail outs.
- After consultation with neighbours, the number of proposed lots was reduced to six; it is not feasible to reduce the number of lots to four.
- A letter from the Community Association outlines its' support and the support of neighbours.
- The proposed design of the Lemaire Place dwellings was a result of discussion with neighbours.
- Neighbours have expressed a desire not to have panhandle lots.
- The proposed number of parking stalls exceeds bylaw requirements.

**COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS:**

Councillor Derman stated:

- He is opposed to the proposed development; there are issues around the consultation that was undertaken.
- The proposed development is auto-centered and is not consistent with the Official Community Plan or the Climate Change Report.
- Public transit is available but the area is not well served; the topography makes it unlikely that residents will bike or walk.
- Cumulative development has impacted this neighbourhood negatively.

Councillor Brice stated:

- The application has merit although the three dwellings on Lemaire Place is a concern to neighbours.
- The unique shape of this property impacts a number of neighbours; the additional dwellings on Lemaire Place is consistent with other cul-de-sacs in the neighbourhood.
- She supports the proposed development; it is supported by the Community Association.

Councillor Sanders stated:

- Infill has an impact on neighbours and needs to be done sensitively; a reduction in lots on Lemaire Place could be considered.
- Neighbours' concerns include an increase of on-street parking and congestion and the loss of trees; the proposed development is not in close proximity to services and the topography does not support walking.
- She does not support the proposed development; a compromise could be further explored.



Councillor Brownoff stated:

- The number of lots on Lemaire Place could be reduced to two; the addition of panhandle lots is not supportable.
- The impact to neighbours on Lemaire Place is significant; infill needs to be sensitive to existing neighbours.
- A compromise should be considered.

**Motion:           MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Sanders: “That the application to rezone Lot C, Section 28, Lake District, Plan 9499 (785 Haliburton Road) and Lot 5, Section 28, Lake District, Plan 9380 (4932 Wesley Road) be rejected.”**

Councillor Derman stated:

- Secondary suites are legal in this area and that could compound the impact on the neighbourhood and climate change.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- The application has merit but Lemaire Place residents’ concerns need to be addressed.
- Further refinement is needed to make this project a success.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- He appreciates many elements of the application; neighbours on Lemaire Place have valid concerns.
- Because this is an infill development, there is less impact on Greenhouse Gas emissions.
- He is not prepared to reject the proposal; the applicant should consider changes to the application to lessen concerns.

**MOTION DEFEATED  
With Councillors Brice, Haynes, Murdock and Plant OPPOSED**

In response to a question from Council, the Legislative Manager stated that a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing would be appropriate to allow the applicant the opportunity to address comments and concerns. The Public Hearing could resume at a later date.

**MOVED by Councillor Brice and Seconded by Councillor Murdock: “That the Public Hearing be adjourned to allow the applicant the opportunity to address the comments and concerns.”**

**CARRIED  
With Councillors Derman and Plant OPPOSED**

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Councillor Wergeland returned to the meeting at 9:55 pm.

The Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Legislative Services entered at the meeting at 9:55 pm.

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Minutes

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOVED by Councillor Brice and Seconded by Councillor Derman: "That Council adopt the minutes of the February 2, 2015 Council and Committee of the Whole meetings, the February 3, 2015 Special Council meeting and the February 17 Special Committee of the Whole meeting."**

**CARRIED****BYLAWS**

6840-20  
Blenkinsop  
Road

**SANITARY SEWER BYLAW AMENDMENT – INCLUSION OF 4630 BLENKINSOP ROAD (A PORTION) IN THE SEWER SERVICE AREA**

Three Readings of the "Sanitary Sewer Bylaw, 2006, Amendment Bylaw, 2015, No. 9317". To include 4630 Blenkinsop Road (a portion) in the Sewer Service Area.

**MOVED by Councillor Brownoff and Seconded by Councillor Derman: "That Bylaw No. 9317 be introduced and read."**

**CARRIED**

**MOVED by Councillor Brownoff and Seconded by Councillor Derman: "That Bylaw No. 9317 be read a second time."**

**CARRIED**

**MOVED by Councillor Brownoff and Seconded by Councillor Derman: "That Bylaw No. 9317 be now passed."**

**CARRIED**

2870-30  
Doncaster  
Drive

**3226 DONCASTER DRIVE – REZONING TO RD-1**

Final Reading of the "Zoning Bylaw, 2003, Amendment Bylaw, 2014, No. 9307" and approval of Development Permit DPR00560. Rezoning from RS-6 to RD-1 for proposed two family dwelling.

**MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Sanders: "That Bylaw No. 9307 be adopted by Council and the Seal of the Corporation be attached thereto."**

**CARRIED**

**MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Sanders: "That Council approve and issue Development Permit DPR00560 on Lot 2, Block 5, Section 42, Victoria District, Plan 1276 (3226 Doncaster Drive)."**

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION**

1030-30  
Council  
Remuneration  
and Expenses  
Policy

**COUNCIL REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES POLICY – ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

Report of the Director of Legislative Services dated February 19, 2015 recommending an addition to the Council Remuneration and Expenses Policy further to Council member attendance at conferences and seminars.

**MOVED by Councillor Brice and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff: “That Council approve the revision proposed to the Council Remuneration and Expenses Policy to allow flexibility for attendance at conferences and seminars subject to the annual budget allocation.”**

Councillor Brice stated:

- The proposed revision brings the policy in line with what has been the practice.

Councillor Derman stated:

- There are conferences available that focus on priorities that are important to the community.

Councillor Sanders stated:

- There are opportunities available to attend conferences that would be beneficial to committee work.

In response to a question from Council, the Director of Legislative Services stated the budget for remuneration has not been overspent in past years.

Councillor Plant stated:

- He is supportive of professional development; there may be the opportunity to support this initiative, in addition to allowing Councillors to attend the meetings listed in the policy.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- Training is beneficial to perform the duties of Councillor.

Councillor Wergeland stated:

- It is important that Saanich is represented at conferences.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- Some Councillors have been requested to present at conferences and typically costs to attend are waived.
- The revision to the policy will allow Councillors the opportunity to choose which conferences would be most beneficial to them.

In response to a question from Council, the Director of Legislative Services stated that currently, Council members are authorized to attend the annual conferences of the specific organizations listed in the policy. The revision is intended to allow Council members to decide, that if they do not want to attend one of the conferences or seminars of the organizations listed, then, within the budget allocation, they can choose to attend a conference related to municipal business sponsored by other organizations.

**The Motion was then Put and CARRIED**

1410-01  
Council  
Proceedings

### **FINANCIAL PLAN MEETING IN PLACE OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Memorandum from the Legislative Manager dated February 16, 2015 requesting Council cancel the regular March 2, 2015 Council and Committee of the Whole meetings so that a Special Committee of the Whole (Financial Plan) meeting may be held.

**MOVED by Councillor Haynes and Seconded by Councillor Derman: “That the regular March 2, 2015 Council and Committee of the Whole meetings be cancelled so that a Special Committee of the Whole (Financial Plan) meeting may be held.”**

**CARRIED**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES**

5500-20  
Parks and  
Recreation –  
Fees and  
Charges

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – PARKS AND RECREATION FEES AND CHARGES (APRIL 1, 2015 TO MARCH 31, 2016)**

Recommendation from the February 17, 2015 Special Committee of the Whole meeting that Council approve the parks, recreation and golf fees and charges for the period of April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

**MOVED by Councillor Brice and Seconded by Councillor Murdock: “That Council approve the proposed parks, recreation and golf fees and charges for the period of April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016, as outlined in the report of the Director of Parks and Recreation dated January 27, 2015.”**

In response to a question from Council, the Director of Parks and Recreation stated that the Parks and Recreation fees and charges are approved at this time so that the new fees and charges can be advertised to the public in a timely manner. If the implementation date was changed to after budget approval, there would be a decrease in revenue for the implementation year.

Councillor Plant stated:

- He supports the motion but requests that consideration be given to changing the implementation date to after budget approval.

Councillor Wergeland stated:

- It should be made clear to the public that fees and charges are approved before the budget process is complete.

Councillor Brice stated:

- Early approval of the fees and charges ensures that residents are aware of increases.

Councillor Derman stated:

- Early approval is commonly done to ensure fees are published in a timely manner; it does not preclude budget deliberations.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- Water and sewer charges are also approved before budget discussions are complete.
- Recreation facility users will have certainty as to rate increases.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- Fees are market-driven; families need to know what the fees are.

**The Motion was then Put and CARRIED**

1410-20  
CRD Updates

**CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT ACTIVITIES UPDATES**

Council members provided updates on a variety of Capital Regional District initiatives.

Adjournment

On a motion from Councillor Haynes, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 11:01 pm.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

*From the Committee of the Whole Meeting held February 23, 2015*

2560-50  
Climate  
Change and  
Air Pollution  
Warning  
Labels

**MOVED by Councillor Brice and Seconded by Councillor Derman: "That Council support the resolution in relation to providing warning labels on gas pumps proposed by the District of West Vancouver for consideration at the 2015 Union of BC Municipalities conference and the 2015 Federation of Canadian Municipalities convention."**

**CARRIED**

In Camera  
Motion

**MOVED by Councillor Brice and Seconded by Councillor Haynes: "That in accordance with Section 90 (1)(a) and (e) of the *Community Charter*, the following meeting be closed to the public as the subject matters being considered relate to personal information about an identifiable individual and the acquisition of land or improvements."**

**CARRIED**

Adjournment

On a motion from Councillor Brice, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 pm.

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MAYOR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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MUNICIPAL CLERK

DISTRICT OF SAANICH  
 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
 HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
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2560-50  
 Climate Change  
 and Air Pollution  
 Warning Labels

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND AIR POLLUTION WARNING LABELS ON GAS PUMPS**

Report from Councillor Haynes dated February 17, 2015 recommending Council support the resolution to the Union of BC Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities recently passed by the District of West Vancouver; and presentation from Our Horizon Society regarding climate change and air pollution warning labels on gas pumps.

M. Hulse, Our Horizon Society, presented to Council and highlighted:

- Our Horizon Society is seeking municipalities' support in implementing warning labels for gasoline nozzles similar to those seen on tobacco products.
- The warning labels depict the negative impacts of the burning of fossil fuels on health and the environment.
- The labels will assist in building immediate feedback, locating responsibility and changing attitudes at the individual level.
- The *Community Charter* provides authority to municipalities to regulate in relation to business, public health and the protection of the natural environment; a bylaw amendment could be considered requiring gasoline retailers to place climate change and air quality warning labels on gas pumps as a condition of obtaining or renewing a business licence.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

H. Charania, North Quadra Land Use Protection Association, stated:

- The Community Association supports this initiative in principle; the warning labels should be clear and explicit and should alert the public to the harmful effect of fossil fuels.

P. Bateman, McBriar Avenue, stated:

- He supports the resolution; labels will assist the public with connecting what is being put in the gas tank with what is going into the atmosphere.

K. Whitcroft, Inverness Road, stated:

- There needs to be a change in mindset with regard to fossil fuels; alternatives can be considered to move towards a clean planet.

In response to a question from Council, M. Hulse stated that that the report has not been presented to the Environment and Natural Areas Advisory Committee (ENAC).

**Motion:** **MOVED by Councillor Haynes and Seconded by Councillor Derman: “That it be recommended that Council support the resolution in relation to providing warning labels on gas pumps proposed by the District of West Vancouver for consideration at the 2015 Union of BC Municipalities conference and the 2015 Federation of Canadian Municipalities convention.”**

Councillor Haynes stated:

- The report was prepared by University of Victoria students and is a made-in-Saanich initiative; the municipality can have an impact on the use of fossil fuels.
- Warning labels will help start conversations on habits and behaviours regarding the use of fossil fuels.

Councillor Derman stated:

- He supports the initiative; it is a step forward in the process of educating the public on the effects of climate change.
- There are other ways that Council can have an influence on climate change including through urban design and the location of density to reduce the need for vehicles.

Councillor Brice stated:

- Warning labels are one tool from what will have to be a multi-layer approach to climate change education; options such as directing gas tax funds to public transit and eliminating free parking could be considered to make it less attractive for residents to use vehicles.
- Convincing the public to change behaviours in a way that will be sustainable, comprehensive and meaningful, will require tough decisions.

Councillor Sanders stated:

- She is pleased to support the resolution; gradual change is needed to adjust human behaviour.
- Presenting to the ENAC would have given the Committee an opportunity to provide feedback.
- She is looking forward to further discussion.

Councillor Wergeland stated:

- He is not convinced that labels will have the expected impact on the public; education is key to change.
- It might be appropriate to put warning labels on the dashboard or the gas cap of vehicles.

Councillor Plant stated:

- This is a first step to addressing climate change; labels are part of public education.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- She supports the motion; it is one step towards awareness of the effects of climate change.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- This is a first step that could be a catalyst towards increasing awareness of climate change.

Mayor Atwell stated:

- He is supportive of the resolution; it is great to see ideas coming forward that are supported on a wide scale by partners across the province.

**The Motion was then Put and CARRIED with Councillor Wergeland OPPOSED**

**Motion: MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Brice: "That the meeting extend past 11:00 pm."**

**CARRIED**

Adjournment On a motion from Councillor Derman, the meeting adjourned at 11:01 pm.

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CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate

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