

DISTRICT OF SAANICH
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016 AT 7:00 PM

Present: **Chair:** Mayor Atwell
Council: Councillors Brice, Brownoff, Derman, Haynes, Murdock, Plant, and Sanders
Staff: Paul Thorkelsson, Chief Administrative Officer; Sharon Hvozanski, Director of Planning; Harley Machielse, Director of Engineering; Donna Dupas, Legislative Manager; and Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Minutes

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff: "That Council adopt the minutes of the January 25, 2016 Council, the January 25, 2016 Committee of the Whole, the January 26 and February 2, 2016 Special Committee of the Whole and the January 26 and February 2, 2016 Special Council meetings."

CARRIED

PUBLIC INPUT ON COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Public Input on Council Agenda Items

1220-20

Parking Ban on Glendenning Road (renamed Mount Douglas Access

D. Wick, Friends of Mount Douglas Park Society:

Mount Douglas Access Report:

- The process is supported however the focus should include all park accesses and modes of transportation.

P. Savage, Bridgeport Place:

Mount Douglas Access Report:

- Those with medical issues need to park their vehicle as close to the park access point as possible.
- Additional parking spaces should be created if the demand increase.

D. Poje, Bracken Avenue:

Mount Douglas Access Report:

- The report needs further context and a framework.
- The parking ban is not justified and should be lifted while the review is being undertaken.

M. Collins, Blenkinsop Valley Community Association:

Mount Douglas Access Report:

- The focus should be expanded to include all access points at Mount Douglas Park.

B. Tabata, Gordon Head Residents' Association:

Mount Douglas Access Report:

- She appreciates that a creative solution is being sought to resolve the parking issue on Glendenning.

1220-20

K. Samuels, Director, BC Nautical Residents Association:

Derelict vessel
program

Derelict or abandoned vessels:

- Live-aboards and derelict vessels are not the same; people that live-aboard are also concerned about the issue of derelict vessels.
- Bill C-638 will place responsibility for dealing with derelict vessels to the Coast Guard.
- An annual fee for boaters would help support programs that address the environmental issues associated with boat use.
- Homelessness is also present on the waters; a compassionate and creative way to address this issue is needed.
- The Association is willing to meet and help with issues involving live-aboards.

BC Nautical Residents Association Director:

Derelict or abandoned vessels:

- The Coast Guard should be responsible for addressing this issue.
- A small fee per vessel would resolve the derelict boat issue similar to Washington State's annual decal program.

R. Wickson, Gorge Tillicum Community Association:

Derelict or abandoned vessels:

- The boat issue is complex and the municipality is more familiar with land-based management issues.
- This is not strictly a municipal issue; this needs to be addressed at the provincial level.

E. Dahli, Cadboro Bay Residents' Association:

Derelict or abandoned vessels:

- The upcoming removal of the derelict vessel in Cadboro Bay is appreciated.

2870-30
Miller Avenue

M. Henderson, Royal Oak Community Association:
728 Miller Avenue – Rezoning to RS-6 and RS-10:

- The Royal Oak Community Association supports, in principle, the rezoning application.

BYLAWS FOR FIRST READING

2870-30
Miller Avenue

728 MILLER AVENUE – REZONING TO RS-6 AND RS-10

First reading of the "Zoning Bylaw, 2003, Amendment Bylaw, 2016, No. 9373". To rezone from Zone A-1 (Rural Zone) to Zone RS-6 (Single Family Dwelling) and Zone RS-10 (Single Family Dwelling) for a proposed subdivision to create one additional lot.

MOVED by Councillor Plant and Seconded by Councillor Derman: "That Bylaw, No. 9373 be introduced and read."

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

1410-04
Report - CAO

SUMMARY OF SAANICH PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT REFUGEES

Report from the Chief Administrative Officer dated February 10, 2016 recommending that Council receive the report for information.

Xref:1310-40
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MOVED by Councillor Brice and Seconded by Councillor Haynes: “That the February 10, 2016 report from the Chief Administrative Officer, providing a summary of Saanich programs to support refugees be received.”

Councillor Brice stated:

- The work undertaken by staff is appreciated. The bulk of municipal support is provided by Recreation Services programs.
- The Transit Commission also provides support by providing refugees one free year of transit.

Councillor Plant stated:

- He also appreciates the work undertaken by staff. A copy of the report should be forwarded to the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria and the Capital Regional District.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- Steve Wallace Driving School is also providing free driving lessons to refugees.

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

1410-04

Report – Parks & Recreation

MOUNT DOUGLAS ACCESS REPORT

(GLENDENNING ROAD PARKING REPORT – SCOPE CLARIFICATION)

Xref 1220-20

Parking Ban on Glendenning Road (renamed Mount Douglas Access)

Report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated February 5, 2016 recommending that Council endorse the methodology outlined to develop options to address access to Mount Douglas Park.

This item will be referred to as the Mount Douglas Access Report at future meetings.

MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Haynes: “That Council endorses the methodology to develop options to address access to Mount Douglas Park as outlined in the report dated February 5, 2016 from the Director of Parks and Recreation, with an added amendment that such options should attempt to minimize impact to the special nature, character and experience that access routes themselves provide to users of the park.”

Councillor Derman stated:

- He is pleased that the options address park accesses.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- Existing parking spaces should be considered for use by individuals with accessibility issues.

Councillor Brice stated:

- The upcoming report should address traffic concerns including buses.

The Director of Parks and Recreation stated that the report will encompass a broader scope beyond only vehicle access.

Councillor Plant stated:

- If it would be appropriate to remove the no-parking signs until the report is produced.
- The suggested timeline for the completion of the study is a concern.

MOVED by Councillor Plant and Seconded by Councillor Haynes: “That the motion be amended to by reducing the proposed study timeframe from 8 to 9 months to 2 to 5 months.”

Councillor Plant stated:

- If access to the park in the summer could be measured, the proposed timeline would be sufficient but parking restrictions can skew the measurements.
- Consideration should be given to expedite the study if possible.

In response to a question from Council, the Director of Parks and Recreation stated:

- The area being studied is greater than only the Glendenning Road access; additionally, reliable data is needed for all accesses and transportation modes, and time is required to consult with the community.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- He appreciates the reasons provided for the timeline.

Councillor Brice stated:

- There are phases to projects, stakeholder meetings to be held and referrals to advisory committees that are needed; the timeline is appropriate.

Councillor Derman stated:

- Council’s advisory committees do not meet in July or August; the scope is not strictly about access from Glendenning Road but all access points to Mount Douglas Park.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- Sufficient time is required to consider all access points to the park.

Councillor Sanders stated:

- The timeline is appropriate as staff are also working on Strategic Plan items.

The Mayor stated:

- The frustration with the timeline is understandable since it has been a year since the first meeting; perhaps the study area could be split to expedite the process.

**The Motion to Amend was then Put and DEFEATED
With Councillors Brice, Brownoff, Derman, Haynes, Murdock and Sanders
OPPOSED**

Councillor Brice stated:

- This is a part of the Parks Management Plan; it is worthwhile looking at the full area.

Councillor Derman stated:

- The study results will be beneficial for the Parks Management Plan process.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- He appreciates the work staff have undertaken; it is beneficial for all transportation modes to be included.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- There is an overall benefit in having all interested parties able to participate in the study.

Councillor Plant stated:

- He questioned whether the matter of additional parking should be added into the study.

The Mayor stated:

- It will be worthwhile to have the public involved in finding a solution.

The Director of Parks and Recreation noted they are following Council's direction from the November 16, 2015 meeting. The public engagement process will help in finding a solution.

The Main Motion was then Put and CARRIED

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

1410-04
Report - Council

DERELICT OR ABANDONED VESSELS

Xref: 1220-20
Derelict vessel
program

Report from Councillor Brownoff dated February 5, 2016 recommending that Council endorse the resolution as outlined in the report for consideration at the 2016 Convention of the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities.

MOVED by Councillor Brownoff and Seconded by Councillor Haynes:
“That Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the 2016 Convention of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities:

WHEREAS the November 2012 Transport Canada Study recommends the establishment of an inter-jurisdictional working group that would address and provide recommendations on issues related to abandoned and derelict vessels, including potential sources of funding to remove abandoned and derelict vessels;

AND WHEREAS the incidents of vessels left abandoned or derelict by owners through neglect or lack of financial resources to dispose of the vessel cause municipalities serious concerns for public safety and the potential harm to the environment and have significant financial impact to taxpayers for removal and cleanup:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, Union of British Columbia Municipalities and

Federation of Canadian Municipalities urge the Federal and Provincial governments to proceed with recommendations of the 2012 Transport Canada Study to establish an “Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Program” funded through reasonable fees sourced from vessel purchases, registration, insurance and moorage, and that such funds be available for disposition costs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal and Provincial governments further establish an “End of Life” Vessel Disposal Program that is sustainable and protects the environment, including appropriate facilities and coordination with local landfills and private sector for proper disposal methods.”

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- Many communities are impacted by abandoned vessels and the problem is costly to address.
- Pleasure boaters do not pay fees whereas commercial and passenger boaters do; a flat fee for all boat owners would assist in funds being available to address the issue including the proper disposition of vessels by the Coast Guard.
- She is pleased that Private Members Bill C219 has been resurrected which would have the Coast Guard become the receiver of derelict vessels.
- She supports an “End of Life” Vessel Disposal Program.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- He appreciates the inclusion of an “End of Life” Vessel Disposal Program and that there are options for senior levels of government to consider.
- The decal/permit concept should be explored; it could be compared to paying a recycling fee similar to when electronics are purchased.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- He is pleased that the issue of derelict vessels is separate from live-aboards.

Councillor Derman stated:

- He is pleased with the support received from the boating industry.
- Requiring a small fee from boaters is logical and appropriate to address derelict vessels.

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

1410-04
Report - Council

HOME RENOVATION TAX CREDITS

2140-50
Home renovation
tax credits

Report from Councillor Haynes dated February 9, 2016 recommending that Council endorse the resolution as outlined in the report for consideration at the 2016 Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) Convention and that letters be sent to the Federal Ministers responsible for Housing outlining these same concerns.

The Legislative Manager stated there was a 2015 resolution submitted directly to the UBCM without going through the AVICC. The resolution was recently

endorsed as amended by the UBCM Executive Committee, and it is suggested that the resolution be forwarded to the AVICC for endorsement.

MOVED by Councillor Haynes and Seconded by Councillor Plant: "That:

- 1. Council endorse the resolution for consideration at the 2016 Convention of the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) and requesting the AVICC endorse the resolution and urge the UBCM to continue their advocacy of new tax credit program:**

WHEREAS the Quebec government has recently announced a new tax credit to encourage home renovations, and the Official Community Plan of Saanich and of municipalities across British Columbia and Canada recognize the importance of home renovations, housing variety, affordability and adaptability in their communities' quality of life, health, sustainability and economy;

AND WHEREAS housing renovations are recognized to help seniors stay at home, help the special needs of a family member or convert a house to an intergenerational home, and create skilled employment for young people, and the use of refundable tax credits for renovations is known to boost energy efficiency, local economies and reduce off-permit renovations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Union of British Columbia Municipalities urge the governments of the Province of British Columbia and Canada to create new tax credit programs for consumers to help encourage home renovations that focus on energy efficiency, improved mobility and aging in place projects, that are over \$1,000;

- 2. Letters be sent to the Federal Ministers responsible for Housing outlining these same concerns."**

Councillor Haynes stated:

- The resolution was recently endorsed by the UBCM and should be forwarded to the AVICC for endorsement also.
- Affordable housing, seniors aging in place, retrofits for energy efficiency and climate change are important issues that will benefit from tax credit programs.

Councillor Derman stated:

- People who can utilize credit programs are often the people who can afford to undergo renovations.

Councillor Brice stated:

- Many seniors do not have the income to benefit from tax credits and need grants.

The Mayor stated:

- He believes the resolution will receive support at the UBCM.

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

1410-04
Report – Council

Xref: 2140-30
Housing

REVIEW OF “DOWN-LOADED” BUILDING CODES

Report from Councillor Haynes dated February 10, 2016 recommending that Council endorse the resolution contained in the report for consideration at the 2016 AVICC Convention and that letters be sent to the Federal Ministers responsible for Housing outlining these same concerns.

MOVED by Councillor Haynes and Seconded by Councillor Brice: “That:

1. **Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the 2016 Convention of the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC):**

WHEREAS after much debate about the accuracy and effectiveness of the code revision process, under recent changes to the BC Building Code, national building regulations now apply to smaller two-storey homes under 2,000 square feet, while previously these regulations applied only to larger buildings;

AND WHEREAS the Victoria Residential Builders Association has expressed concern to local governments that applying additional new regulations to two-storey homes under 2,000 square feet will drive construction costs upwards, thereby triggering extinction of affordable housing for the average BC family;

AND WHEREAS the affordability of new housing, particularly work-force housing such as smaller two-storey homes under 2,000 square feet, is a key component to local government economic vibrancy and sustainability:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AVICC urge the Governments of British Columbia and Canada to engage a qualified, independent third party to undertake a cost-benefit review of the impacts on affordability, as well as on safety and energy efficiency, of applying future new national building regulations to two-storey homes under 2,000 square feet.

2. **Letters be sent to the Federal Ministers responsible for Housing outlining these same concerns.”**

Councillor Haynes stated:

- New building codes should be explored in terms of the impact on affordable housing; homes under 2,000 square feet are identified as being generally more affordable.

Councillor Brice stated:

- She supports engaging an independent third party to undertake a cost-benefit review of the impacts on affordability.

Councillor Sanders stated:

- She is pleased with the new wording of the resolution.

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

Adjournment On a motion from Councillor Brownoff, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:58 p.m.

RECOMMENDATIONS

From the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 15, 2016

1410-04
Report – Planning

805 CLOVERDALE AVENUE – DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AMENDMENT APPLICATION (RED ROBIN)

Xref: 2860-20
Cloverdale

MOVED by Councillor Brownoff and Seconded by Councillor Derman: “That Council approve and issue Development Permit Amendment DPA00849 on Lot 1 (DD EH109213), Section 7, Victoria District, Plan 46337 (805 Cloverdale Avenue).”

CARRIED

1410-04
Report – Parks
and Recreation

PARK MANAGEMENT PLANS PROCESS

Xref: 2150-20

MOVED by Councillor Plant and Seconded by Councillor Brice: “That Council endorse the following park management plan schedule, and endorse the criteria that would assist staff in determining needs and priorities for future park management plans as outlined in the report of the Director of Parks and Recreation dated February 1, 2016 :

- 2016 – 2017: i) Haro Woods
ii) Cedar Hill Park (assessment of plan scope relative to established park uses)**
- 2018 – 2019: Mount Douglas Park.**

CARRIED

1410-04
Report – Parks
and Recreation

SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPAL GROUNDS

Xref: 2560-50

MOVED by Councillor Brownoff and Seconded by Councillor Plant: “That the report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated February 1, 2016 regarding Sustainable Municipal Grounds be received for information and that staff report on progress as part of the overall reporting on sustainability.”

CARRIED

Adjournment

On a motion from Councillor Brice, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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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
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Staff: Paul Thorkelsson, Chief Administrative Officer; Sharon Hvozdzanski, Director of Planning; Harley Machielse, Director of Engineering; Donna Dupas, Legislative Manager; and Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Councillor Murdock left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

1410-04
Report –
Planning

805 CLOVERDALE AVENUE – DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AMENDMENT APPLICATION (RED ROBIN)

Xref: 2860-20
Cloverdale

Report of the Director of Planning dated January 27, 2016 recommending that Council approve Development Permit Amendment DPA00849 for proposed tenant improvements to the existing Red Robin restaurant.

Tom Moore, Architect, stated:

- The Advisory Design Panel has approved the application.

In response to a question from Council, Mr. Moore confirmed that there will be outdoor seating provided.

Motion: **MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff: “That it be recommended that Council approve and issue Development Permit Amendment DPA00849 on Lot 1 (DD EH109213), Section 7, Victoria District, Plan 46337 (805 Cloverdale Avenue).”**

CARRIED

Councillor Murdock returned to the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

1410-04
Report - Parks
and Recreation

574 WALTER AVENUE

Xref: 2150-20
Walter

Report of the Director of Parks and Recreation dated January 29, 2016 recommending that Council support the removal of the subject property from the heritage registry; direct staff to advertise the dwelling for sale as outlined in the report; direct staff to periodically maintain the property; rezone the property from RS-6 (Single Family Dwelling) to P-4N (Natural Park); and direct staff to establish and operate the land as a natural park.

Councillor Derman stated:

- If the building cannot be sold, it would be preferable to deconstruct the dwelling instead of demolishing it.

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

- A range of professionals could assess a building's condition depending upon the project. In most cases the Saanich Heritage Foundation would be involved and if specialists are needed then they would be sought out.

Councillor Sanders stated:

- The Heritage Management Plan oversees the process and therefore materials of historical significance will be salvaged first.

Public Input:

B. Schuya, President of the Saanich Heritage Foundation stated,

- The Foundation regrettably supports the recommendation.
- The exterior condition of the building is reasonable but the interior is destroyed and unrepairable. There is not enough merit to try to rehabilitate the dwelling.

R. Wickson, Gorge Tillicum Community Association stated:

- Building elements could remain on the site such as a bench made from reclaimed wood or art from the building.
- The Association looks forward to working with staff on this project.

MOVED by Councillor Sanders and Seconded by Councillor Derman: "That Council:

- a) Support the removal of 574 Walter Avenue from the Saanich Heritage Registry;**
- b) Direct staff to advertise the dwelling for sale with moving costs to be incurred by the purchaser. In the event that no purchaser comes forward within 30 days of the advertisement, staff shall remove the house and any other improvements from the property;**
- c) Direct staff to make the site safe and undertake periodic maintenance as needed;**
- d) Undertake the necessary steps to rezone the property from RS6 to P4N, natural park zone; and,**
- e) Direct staff to establish and operate the land as a natural park with only modest and discrete improvements based on a tightly scoped park planning process.**

Councillor Sanders stated:

- She toured the house and can confirm its state of disrepair; the metal roof should be saved if possible.
- She supports the Community Association's idea of using reclaimed wood for benches onsite.
- The location would be great for a natural park; the Pulling Together Program could work to clean up the site and make it a neighbourhood park.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- He is pleased to see the eagerness from the Community Association; this will be a future asset to the neighbourhood.
- He is grateful to the family for this gift to the Municipality.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- He is grateful to the family for this gift to the community.

- The Community Association's ideas should be considered while still keeping it a natural area.

In response to a question from Councillor Plant, the Chief Administrative Officer advised that there is restrictive language surrounding land bequeathment; it must be used as a natural state park.

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

1410-04
Report – Parks
and Recreation

Xref: 2150-20

PARK MANAGEMENT PLANS PROCESS

Report of the Director of Parks and Recreation dated February 1, 2016 recommending that Council endorse the park management plan schedule outlined in the report and endorse the criteria that would assist staff in determining the needs and priorities for future park management plans.

In response to questions of Council the Director of Parks and Recreation stated that due to the configuration of the lands, staff felt it was worthwhile to establish a management plan for the park site while being aware of the potential for sewage treatment use within the middle of it. The issue of bike-park use is also present in the area and engagement with youth will occur. In terms of switching priorities, Mount Doug Park is established within the community while Haro Woods is relatively new in terms of being a formal park and access is only one component.

PUBLIC INPUT:

E. Dalhi, Cadboro Bay Residents Association, stated:

- The 10 year vision in the 1999 Local Area Plan identifies Haro Woods as a park; the Association looks forward to working with staff to achieve this vision.

P. Hadden, Friends of Cedar Hill Park, stated:

- The Master Plan needs a vision and should be a product of collaboration with the community; the Master Plan should also contain a list of future park projects.
- The importance of parks which should be reflected in strategy and planning documents.

D. Dixon, Monarch Place stated:

- She is pleased that the vision for Haro Woods will be worked on.
- She questioned why parks and trails are identified as part of a transportation system;
- Some of the timelines are confusing and some reports are not in alignment.

D. Wick, Friends of Mount Douglas Park stated:

- He is pleased to see the planning process begin.
- The public will have more expectations from the Parks Department and they need more funding to accomplish their goals.

A. Beck, Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association stated:

- He is interested in seeing the vision for Cedar Hill Park.

COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS:

MOVED by Councillor Brice and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff: “That it be recommended that Council endorse the following park management plan schedule, and endorse the criteria that would assist staff in determining needs and priorities for future park management plans as outlined in the report of the Director of Parks and Recreation dated February 1, 2016 :

- 2016 – 2017: i) Haro Woods
 ii) Cedar Hill Park (assessment of plan scope relative to established park uses)**
2018 – 2019: Mount Douglas Park.”

Councillor Brice stated:

- She is would have liked to have seen a complete future plan for Haro Woods and Cedar Hill Parks however, she is confident that all future management plans will be carefully vetted by staff.

Councillor Derman stated:

- It is critical to establish a vision for what our parks will become; the zoning needs to be appropriate and plans should reflect the broader objectives of Council, the municipality and its citizens.
- The Parks Department requires additional funding to complete their objectives.

Councillor Sanders stated:

- She supports the order of the park management plan schedule, is impressed with the community involvement aspect, and agrees that more funding is needed for the Parks Department.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- He is impressed with how staff and the community have worked together and has full confidence that the public consultation will be well done.

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

1410-04

Report – Parks
and Recreation

Xref: 2560-50

SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPAL GROUNDS

Report of the Director of Parks and Recreation dated February 1, 2016 recommending that Council receive the report and direct staff to report on progress as part of the overall reporting on sustainability.

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

- Staff are able to report annually on sustainability and items of significance would be brought to Council through the advisory committees.
- The costs for the ponds are not known at this time, it depends on the scope of work; further research is needed.
- The water running through the ponds is not metered but it is recycled water; water costs will need to be determined.

The Manager of Urban Forestry, Horticulture and Natural Areas noted that the major issue with the pond is with the willow tree.

PUBLIC INPUT:

H. Wolf, Kincaid Street stated:

- He commended staff on the progress made over the years however, there is still a long way to go; he would like to see more edible plantings on municipal grounds.
- A large portion of municipal grounds are paved; there should be a moratorium on more parking and a requirement impermeable parking spaces.

COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS:

MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Brice: “That it be recommended that the report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated February 1, 2016 regarding Sustainable Municipal Grounds be received for information and that staff report on progress as part of the overall reporting on sustainability.”

Councillor Murdock stated:

- The report shows the ongoing evolution of sustainability of municipal grounds.
- The sustainability message conveyed by Saanich to the public needs to also be reflected in its grounds; sustainable does not mean unattractive.

Councillor Brice stated:

- She is pleased to see the improvements and noted the high costs of water to maintain the grounds.
- Saanich should showcase native and local species in its grounds; palm trees are inappropriate.

Councillor Derman stated:

- The Parks Department is trying to reach a balance and edible landscaping or food production can result in high watering costs.
- There are heritage values to the grounds and the public sees it as a centrepiece of the municipality.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- How Saanich maintain its grounds sends a message and vision to the community.
- Storing rainwater could be included in the plan.

The Mayor stated:

- The work undertaken by staff on the municipal grounds is appreciated; there is much to be proud of.

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

Adjournment

On a motion from Councillor Plant the meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm.

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CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate

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MUNICIPAL CLERK