

Business – Saanich Native Plants

- Saanich Native Plants, owned and operated by Kristen and James Miskelly, was honoured for achievements as the only local business dedicated to native plants, organic nursery growing practices and for extensive community support.
- Kristen and James donate more than 25% of their annual income as in-kind to other projects.
- Their volunteer efforts include community education, youth outreach, leadership on the Haliburton Biodiversity Project and hosting the Victoria Natural Science's botany night.

Biodiversity/Conservation – Purnima Govindarajulu

- Ms. Govindarajulu was honoured for her achievements in biodiversity conservation, providing "countless" volunteer hours.
- Since 2007, she has been the inspirational leader of the Urban Biodiversity Enhancement and Restoration Project at Haliburton Farm in Saanich, which has created and restored ephemeral ponds and other habitats.
- Her work has left a legacy for rare and endangered species, including through the Amphibian Monitoring Program, BC Community Bat program and invasive bullfrog outreach programs.
- She also mentors young girls as future biologists and sits on the boards of local conservation organizations.

Long Term Achievement – Everett and Merle Peterson

- Everett and Merle Peterson received this award in honour of their leadership and volunteer efforts in restoring the Goward House woodlands.
- They have been removing ivy at the site since 1990 and since 2004 have led weekly volunteer restoration activities of the woodlands and Haro Creek.
- They have created photo archives, led educational visits and presentations, pioneered new techniques and inspired volunteers with their knowledge and stewardship.

Sustainability – Goldstream Volunteer Salmonid Enhancement Association

- The Association was honoured for their achievements in providing salmonid hatchery support in creeks in Saanich.
- These volunteers oversee the eggs to hatching, then provide coho and chum fry in different lifecycles to local creeks and to the Salmonid in the Classroom program.
- They have worked with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) on transplanting fish carcasses from one watershed to another – the first permitted project in Canada.

MOVED by Mayor Atwell and Seconded by Councillor Brice: "That Council take a ten minute recess."

CARRIED

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Wergeland: “That Council adopt the minutes of the May 31, 2016 Special Council and Special Committee of the Whole meetings.”

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR FINAL READING

2860-40
Sheridan Avenue

1720 SHERIDAN AVENUE – DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

From the January 25, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting. Ratification of Development Variance Permit DVP00365 to vary the minimum lot width for a proposed subdivision to create one additional lot.

MOVED by Councillor Brice and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff: “That Council approve and issue Development Variance Permit DVP00365 on Lot 26, Section 41, Victoria District, Plan 15292 (1720 Sheridan Avenue).”

CARRIED

2870-30
Enterprise
Crescent

ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT – NEW ZONE M-3B/D

Final Reading of the “Zoning Bylaw, 2003, Amendment Bylaw, 2016, No. 9387”. To create a new M-3B/D (Industrial Park Brewery/Distillery Retail Sales) zone.

MOVED by Councillor Haynes and Seconded by Councillor Wergeland: “That Bylaw No. 9387 be adopted by Council and the Seal of the Corporation be attached thereto.”

CARRIED

2870-30
Enterprise
Crescent

761 ENTERPRISE CRESCENT – REZONING TO M-3B/D

Final Reading of “Zoning Bylaw, 2003, Amendment Bylaw, 2016, No. 9388”. To rezone from M-3 (Industrial Park) zone to M-3B/D (Industrial Park Brewery/Distillery Retail Sales) zone for a proposed brewery/distillery.

MOVED by Councillor Plant and Seconded by Councillor Brice: “That Bylaw No. 9388 be adopted by Council and the Seal of the Corporation be attached thereto.”

CARRIED

PUBLIC INPUT ON COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Public Input on
Council Agenda
Items

K. Harper, Bonair Place:
2015 Annual Report:

- She questions what statistical sampling methodology was used for the Annual Report.

1300-50
BCLC

1970-30
2015 Annual
Report

R. Wickson, President, Gorge Tillicum Community Association:

BCLC – Gaming Facility Expression of Interest:

- The Community Association had not been made aware, in advance, that the item would be coming to Council, nor were they asked to provide feedback; a casino should not be located in close proximity to a residential neighbourhood.

H. Charania, President, North Quadra Community Association:

2015 Annual Report:

- The addition of an Executive Summary or Highlights of 2015 Accomplishments to the Annual Report may be helpful; more resources, implementation plans and timelines are needed to enhance invasive species management.
- There is a lack of transit services from the University of Victoria to the Western Communities; the Community Association would like to be included in discussions in relation to land acquisitions to create a trail connection between Beckwith Park and the Lochside Trail.

BCLC – Gaming Facility Expression of Interest:

- He is opposed to having a casino in Saanich.

BYLAWS

6840-20
Holland Avenue

4134 AND 4138 HOLLAND AVENUE – SEWER SERVICE AREA INCLUSION
Three Readings of the “Sanitary Sewer Bylaw, 2006, Amendment Bylaw, 2016, No. 9391”. To include the subject properties in the Sewer Service Area.

MOVED by Councillor Haynes and Seconded by Councillor Plant: “That Bylaw No. 9391 be introduced and read.”

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Haynes and Seconded by Councillor Plant: “That Bylaw No. 9391 be read a second time.”

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Haynes and Seconded by Councillor Plant: “That Bylaw No. 9391 be now passed.”

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

1410-04
Report - Council

PRIDE VICTORIA EVENTS

Motion from Councillor Plant dated June 8, 2016 recommending that Council endorse the participation of the District of Saanich in Pride Victoria events, and that Saanich fly the Pride and Transgender flags from July 1-10, 2016 at the Saanich Municipal Hall.

MOVED by Councillor Plant and Seconded by Councillor Haynes: “That the District of Saanich participate in Pride Victoria events, and that Saanich fly the Pride and Transgender flags from July 1-10, 2016 at Saanich Municipal Hall.”

Councillor Plant stated:

- Council could participate in Pride events representing Saanich; there is no policy forbidding flying the flags and the cost for purchasing the flags is not prohibitive.
- Participating in Pride events demonstrates that Saanich is an inclusive and welcoming community.
- The motion would allow the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee to use committee funds to participate in the Pride parade; if a banner or other material are created they would comply with the Visual Identity guidelines.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- Other corporations and municipalities have included messages or branding in support of the Pride movement; Saanich departments could use creative means to express themselves in supporting Pride.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- This is a step in acknowledging and supporting Pride events in Greater Victoria.

Councillor Brice stated:

- It is a small investment in supporting the community.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- The motion is supportable; in future, more information in relation to the financial implications would have been helpful.

Councillor Wergeland stated:

- More details in relation to the specific asks and costs would have been useful; the motion is supportable.

Councillor Sanders stated:

- More information in relation to the potential costs would have been helpful; further discussion in relation to a policy around flying flags should be considered.

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

- It is likely that the Pride flags would fly on the same flagpole as the Saanich flag.

Councillor Plant stated:

- The Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee (HSAC) will finalize the details in relation to the funding; there are sufficient committee funds to cover the Pride Parade registration fee and related expenses.

Mayor Atwell stated:

- Councillor Plant is to be commended on his initiative; the motion is supportable.

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

1410-04
Report – Planning

xref: 1300-50
BCLC

BRITISH COLUMBIA LOTTERY CORPORATION (BCLC) – GAMING FACILITY EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Report of the Director of Planning dated June 3, 2016 recommending that Council receive the report for information and that Council direct staff to forward the attached response to BCLC, including any amendments, by the June 23, 2016 deadline.

MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Haynes: “That the report of the Director of Planning dated June 3, 2016 be received for information, and that Council direct staff to forward the response to the British Columbia Lottery Corporation, including any amendments, by the June 23, 2016 deadline.”

Councillor Derman stated:

- A gaming facility in Saanich would be a potential revenue source.
- It is still early in the process; there will be a number of opportunities throughout the process for public input.

Councillor Brice stated:

- BCLC has requested further information in relation to the Expression of Interest process; there will be opportunities for public input if Saanich is chosen as a host site.
- It is a potential revenue stream that is worthy of further discussion.

Councillor Wergeland stated:

- In the past, Council has opposed the expansion of legalized gambling; it is not appropriate to support anything that supports social ill.
- Raising money through this means is not supportable.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- An intensive public feedback process will be required if Saanich is chosen for hosting a gaming facility; this is the next step in the Expression of Interest process.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- BCLC has identified that the market will sustain an additional gaming facility; there is a tourist aspect to a gaming facility.
- Regardless of where a casino is located, many Saanich residents will attend; revenue generated from a gaming facility would be beneficial to Saanich.

Councillor Sanders stated:

- This is the next step in the Expression of Interest process; if Saanich is chosen to host a gaming facility, public consultation will take place.
- A gaming facility could be promoted as a tourist destination.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- If Saanich is chosen to host a gaming facility, public consultation would be part of the process and decisions would be made based on the merits of an application.
- He looks forward to receiving further detailed information from BCLC.

MOVED by Councillor Plant and Seconded by Councillor Haynes: “That the motion be amended so that the letter include that if the current bingo hall at 3400 Tillicum Road is being considered as a potential location for a gaming facility, only Option A – Community Gaming Centre would be appropriate.”

Councillor Plant stated:

- Having a full casino at the current bingo hall location at 3400 Tillicum Road is not supportable; a casino would only be appropriate at the former Mayfair Lanes site.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- It is not appropriate for Council to arbitrarily dictate to BCLC what should be considered; a casino in the Gorge Tillicum neighbourhood is not supportable.
- The public should be given the opportunity to discuss options.

Councillor Sanders stated:

- This is not the time to discuss locations; the public should have the opportunity to provide input into potential locations.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- BCLC needs to do analysis on potential locations; the letter to BCLC advises that Saanich’s Official Community Plan policies would be supportive if a gaming facility was proposed within an identified major “centre”.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- It may not be appropriate for a casino to be located in the Gorge Tillicum neighbourhood; the letter could identify the five major centres that could be considered.
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Mayor Atwell stated:

- It is too soon in the process to identify what locations should and should not be considered.

**The Amendment to the Motion was DEFEATED
with Mayor Atwell and Councillors Brice, Brownoff, Derman, Haynes,
Murdock, Sanders, and Wergeland OPPOSED**

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

- Based on policy, it would be plausible to make an argument that all five major centres should be considered; the draft letter was prepared based on information received from BCLC and their desired geographic region.
- BCLC is looking for a gaming facility to be located close to the City of Victoria.

Councillor Derman stated:

- There has been a considerable expansion of gaming in BC over the years; regardless of his personal opinion of gambling, consideration must be given to the net benefits to Saanich.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- Revenue from a gaming facility would benefit the residents of Saanich.

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

1300-20
AVICC
Membership
Dues

2016 ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES MEMBERSHIP DUES

Invoice from the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) requesting payment of annual membership dues in the amount of \$9,587.48.

MOVED by Councillor Brice and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff: "That Council approve payment of the invoice from the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) for the 2016 annual membership dues in the amount of \$9,587.48."

CARRIED

1410-04
Report – Fire

xref: 1050-20
Fire Services
Agreement

FIRE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH, THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT, THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH, THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY AND THE TOWN OF VIEW ROYAL

Report of the Fire Chief dated May 16, 2016 recommending that Council authorize the Fire Services Agreement for the provision of resources by a party to another party to respond to an emergency incident, class of event or category as determined by the Fire Services Committee pursuant to this agreement.

MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff: "That Council authorize the Fire Services Agreement between the Corporation of the District of Central Saanich, the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt, the Corporation of the District of Saanich, the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay and the Town of View Royal for the provision of resources by a party to another party to respond to an emergency incident, class of event or category as determined by the Fire Services Committee pursuant to this Agreement."

The Fire Chief stated:

- The Agreement is a result of collaborative and consultative discussions between the Fire Chiefs of the five municipalities; it is intended to enhance the level of fire protection and life safety resources within the participating communities without incurring additional costs and in an equitable manner that ensures no one community unfairly benefits or receives services at the expense of another.
- The Agreement establishes a framework to identify further efficiencies and operations mutually beneficial to the communities.
- It will be a five-year agreement with the option of an additional five years.
- The agreement is a positive step forward in regional cooperation, maximizing available municipal resources and enhancing public safety within the participating communities.

In response to questions from Council, the Fire Chief stated:

- Automatic aid means that there is a pre-established agreement to respond automatically to a report of fire or alarm; mutual aid means that a Fire Department responds to an emergency or event that may exceed existing capacity or available resources.
- Education in relation to the risks of wild land fires will be undertaken; there is also the ability to establish automatic aid responses to wild land fires, if needed.
- Other municipalities could be added to the Agreement if they wished to participate.
- He will provide further information in relation to increased liability insurance costs or if there could be cost-sharing mechanisms amongst the parties.
- The Agreement may result in a reduction of overtime and the costs to backfill positions during significant or large events.
- Saanich's Superior Water Shuttle Certification resulted in a reduction in fire insurance costs for residents in the west and rural areas of Saanich; the Agreement will mean that there are additional resources available which may result in other municipalities achieving higher ratings and their residents also receiving a reduction in fire insurance rates.
- Discussions are currently underway between Saanich, Victoria, Esquimalt and Oak Bay for a Core Services Agreement.
- The Capital Regional District (CRD) has a wild land firefighting team which is a resource available to Saanich; joint training does not take place between Saanich and the CRD but both teams are trained to the same standards.

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

1410-04
Report – Parks

xref: 5170-20
Canada 150
Community
Infrastructure
Program

CANADA 150 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Report of the Director of Parks and Recreation dated June 7, 2016 recommending that Council approve two applications to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for:

- a) Rutledge Park splash pad and washrooms in the amount of \$425,000 with \$212,000 drawn from Saanich Parks 2017 annual capital program as the required matching funds; and
- b) GR Pearkes accessibility ramp in the amount of \$150,000 with \$75,000 drawn from Saanich Recreation 2016 annual capital program as the required matching funds.

MOVED by Councillor Haynes and Seconded by Councillor Brice: “That Council approve two applications to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for:

- a) Rutledge Park splash pad and washrooms in the amount of \$425,000 with \$212,000 drawn from Saanich Parks 2017 annual capital program as the required matching funds; and**
- b) GR Pearkes accessibility ramp in the amount of \$150,000 with \$75,000 drawn from Saanich Recreation 2016 annual capital program as the required matching funds.”**

The Director of Parks and Recreation stated:

- Funding of up to \$500,000 and representing no more than 50% of the project cost is available; it is difficult to find infrastructure projects within that limit.
- The Lambrick Park Project is a complex project and should be considered as a Master Planning concept.
- There are funds available for new infrastructure; therefore a band shell could be considered in the future.

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

1970-30
2015 Annual
Report

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Presentation of the Annual Report to Council.

In response to questions from Council, the Corporate Projects Coordinator stated:

- In 2015, Forum Research conducted Business and Citizens Surveys in Saanich which included questions in relation to quality of life and participation levels at Recreation Centres; some of these results have been incorporated into the Annual Report.
- The Annual Report does not specifically say where the data sampling came from.
- A brochure highlighting accomplishments is being prepared for distribution.

In response to questions from Council, the Director of Engineering stated:

- The Active Transportation Plan will look at how many curb returns there are in the municipality.
- Staff are working with the Police Department to look how changes to infrastructure could help to lower accident rates.

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

- She can provide further detail on the increased number of building permits in 2015.
- Further discussion on the targets for shelter beds is needed.
- Parking standards in villages and major centres will be considered in Q4 in 2016.

In response to questions from Council, the Director of Finance stated:

- There has been an upgrade to the business licensing software which will result in a higher degree of accuracy in reporting in the future.

Councillor Plant stated:

- He appreciates all the work that goes into the preparation of the Annual Report; there should be some notation in the document to state the source of statistics.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- He is supportive of including a paragraph outlining how the statistical data was collected; he believes this is the best version of the Annual Report that he has seen; it is an impressive and comprehensive document.
- He is pleased to see that the amount of public participation has increased over the past 18 months.

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

- There is no set template for annual reporting therefore it is difficult to compare against other municipalities.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- A note in the brochure to say how the statistical data was gathered would be appreciated.

In response to questions from Council, the Sustainability Coordinator stated:

- It is difficult to find accurate data to measure community and energy emissions; Saanich focuses more on project outcomes and results.
- Trend data from ICBC shows that the number of electric vehicles is doubling every year; in 2020 that number could reach 4,800.
- There should be sufficient charging stations available because trends shows that most people charge at home in the evening; the next focus will be the installation of charging stations in multi-family buildings.
- Current vehicles have the potential range of 120-140 kilometers on a single charge and 2017 vehicles could have up to 300-400 kilometers on a single charge.

Councillor Derman stated:

- The 2015 Annual Report is a well-designed and organized document; it presents well and there is a large amount of information.
- The Strategic Planning process has historically moved incrementally towards sustainability; it may be necessary to move more quickly.

Mayor Atwell stated:

- Reports coming to Council should outline the impact to climate change.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- The money generated from a casino could be used toward initiatives to address climate change.

APPLICANT:

T. Lee, Tri-Eagle Plaza Inc., M. Power, de Hoog and Kierulf Architects, and B. Windjack, LADR Landscapes presented to Council and highlighted:

- The public were in favour of having residential apartments on the first storey of the building.
- A pathway along the northern portion of the property would provide pedestrian and cycling access from West Saanich Road to the BC Hydro facility and the Royal Oak Shopping Centre.
- 60 residential units are proposed with one and two bedrooms suites.
- There would be 12 visitor surface stalls and one surface disabled parking stall; one additional disabled stall would be available underground.
- Also underground would be the resident amenities including one bike parking and one storage unit per suite; sustainability features include eight underground parking stalls roughed in for electrical charging stations, solar ready conduits and a green roof proposed for the main entry roof canopy.
- The major hedge along West Saanich Road will be retained; at grade units will have private fenced gardens.
- Stormwater management includes permeable pavers for surface parking and rain gardens.
- A height variance is requested in order to construct suites with 9 foot interior ceiling heights.

In response to questions from Council, the applicants stated:

- Discussion took place regarding creating a public space to grow gardens but there is a lack of outdoor space with proper light.
- Suites on the ground floor will have private yards that can be used to plant and some planting can be done on balconies.
- Consideration was given in regards to a green roof but it is difficult to get insurance for a green roof over a wooden habitable building; the proposed small green roof is over the parking garage.
- There are ongoing negotiations in relation to a public footpath on the hydro easement.
- Discussion has taken place regarding affordable housing opportunities on other developments that have been constructed; construction quality appears to be too high to allow BC Housing participation.
- Discussions are ongoing in relation to the type of heating and cooling systems to be installed in suites.
- LED fixtures will be installed within the suites; credit for embodied energy will be sought.
- Cisterns have been considered for watering the property but there is limited outdoor space; rooftop amenity space is not a part of this proposal but could be considered in future development.
- Allowing rental suites is appropriate; eight electric charging stations should be sufficient for this development; more charging stations could be added in the future, if needed.
- There should not be an impact on traffic as a result of the proposed development; improvements to West Saanich Road should alleviate any traffic concerns.

PUBLIC INPUT:

M. Henderson, President, Royal Oak Community Association, stated:

- The Association has no objection to the proposed development; there is a concern with increased traffic and speeding.

The Director of Engineering stated:

- There is active development in this area which may be the cause of some of the congestion; road enhancements should help to alleviate traffic concerns.

COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS:**Motion:**

MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff: “That:

- a) it be recommended that Council approve Development Permit Amendment DPA00852 on Lot 1, Section 8-A, Lake District, Plan VIP84197 (4396 West Saanich Road);**
- b) ratification of the Development Permit Amendment be withheld pending registration of a covenant securing the construction to a BUILT GREEN® Gold or equivalent energy efficient standard;**
- c) ratification of the Development Permit Amendment be withheld pending registration of a statutory right-of-way for the pedestrian/cycling pathway along the northern portion of the property; and**
- d) ratification of the Development Permit Amendment be withheld pending registration of a housing agreement to prohibit a Strata Bylaw or Strata Council from restricting rental of an apartment dwelling unit for residential purposes.”**

Councillor Plant stated:

- The design and height of the proposed building is sensitive to the neighbourhood; Council’s commitment to affordable housing should be a consideration of development.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- The proposed development is an attractive addition to the neighbourhood; the proposed landscaping, the connectivity and pedestrian links to the neighbourhood and the ground level suites with gardens are appreciated.

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

- The Housing Agreement will prohibit a Strata from restricting rental units.

Councillor Wergeland stated:

- He appreciates the quality of the proposed development.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- The quality of public participation resulted in little opposition to the proposed development; the landscaping and sustainability features are appreciated.

Councillor Sanders stated:

- The green roof is an impressive addition to the proposed development.

Councillor Haynes stated:

- The park-like setting and connectivity to the community is appreciated.

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

Adjournment On a motion from Councillor Derman, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate

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DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK