

## Dean Park/South East Quadrant Neighbourhood Meeting Notes: March 29th, 2010

Present: Mayor Finall and Council  
Attendance: Approximately 70 - 90 residents.

### *ISSUE ONE:*

*Traffic Solutions to Flow, Speed, Noise, Congestion, Safety in the Bazan Bay/McTavish Road Area and South East Quadrant Neighbourhood:*

The majority of residents expressed concerns over this issue of traffic diversions due to construction, increased traffic in general plus potential increased from nearby development (in Central Saanich), and inappropriate traffic controls such as the three-way stop and new lights on East Saanich Road and Forest Park.

### Traffic concerns also included:

- \*Noise levels and greater fuel consumption due to numerous stop signs (which force drivers to continually stop, and then start up).
- \*Loss of "family neighbourhood" ambience due to increase noise and speed of vehicles using the "through roads".
- \*Safety concerns for children and pets.
- \*Specific "through road" road closures may lead to increased traffic on the other roads.

### Residents Suggested These Possible Solutions:

- \*Look into alternate traffic control such as a small round-a-bout at East Saanich and Forest Park, or an "on demand" light.
  - \*Study the use of the flashing yellow light at specific locations.
  - \*Embark on a neighbourhood review to look at traffic calming solutions in the South East Quadrant neighbourhood.
  - \*Look into the use of low impact speed bumps and humps and small neighbourhood round-a-bouts.
- Note - some concerns were expressed by residents as to the discomfort, noise and inefficiencies of speed bumps and humps.
- \*Increase radar and/or RCMP enforcement.
  - \*Lower speed limits.
  - \*Discuss traffic diversion options for traffic flow in Central Saanich developments. (This could be discussed at the May Tri-Municipal meeting).
  - \*Communicate with, and notify residents as to the status of road construction and traffic diversions during the McTavish

Interchange project. This is a job for our engineering staff.

We could send newsletters, post details on our web site.

- \*Communicate with, and notify residents when North Saanich staff begins looking at their neighbourhood traffic issues to obtain input and suggestions

### *OTHER ISSUES:*

1. Residents very pleased with the increased *bike paths* along East Saanich Road.
2. *Is there a Noise By-law or other by-law which assures building completion within a time limit* - a resident asked if there was compensation to neighbours who have to put up with the inconvenience and noise of continual building developments with no sign of conclusion.

**3. *Pesticide By-Law* to limit the use of cosmetic pesticides:**

Council has embarked on a detailed and thorough educational campaign on the harm of chemical pesticides. No pesticides are used on public or school lands.

North Saanich has concerns on how to enforce the by-law with limited staff but will be watching Saanich as to the effects and monitoring of their pesticide by-law.

**4. *Dunsmuir Lodge*: Residents were informed of the recent agreement between u-Vic and the First Nations.**

Communication between u-Vic and North Saanich has been minimal but Mayor Finall intends to "keep on top of the issue". North Saanich has excellent relations with our two local First Nations bands.

On the Dunsmuir Lands, the First Nations will not have "Reserve Status", and North Saanich has zoning authority.

**5. *Parking at John Dean Park*: Many residents who hike in John Dean Park have been parking in the lower parking lot at Dunsmuir Lodge which is now closed.**

Hikers are now parking on Carmanah Terrace, a residential street, so they may use the lower trails of John Dean Park.

Residents expressed a desire to retain the Dunsmuir parking lot.

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