

DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH

Minutes of the meeting of Committee of the Whole

Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chair	B. Shaw
Mayor	T. Daly
Councillors	S. Fea
	C. Green
	A. Scoones
	B. Williamson

ABSENT:

Councillor	P. Chandler
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ATTENDING:

Chief Administrative Officer	B. C. Williams
Director of Corporate Services	S. M. Bowden
Director of Development & Community Services	T. Olsen
Works Superintendent	B. T. Robinson
Executive Secretary	C. R. Nash

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He noted that two late e-mails were received with regard to the North Saanich Cycle Plan, and these were added to the agenda under item 4(e).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GREEN
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR FEA

54-COW That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FEA
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GREEN

55-COW That the minutes of the March 10, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

2007 VICTORIA AIRPORT AUTHORITY REPORT TO NOMINATORS

Peter Dolezal, Director, Victoria Airport Authority, introduced Chad Rintoul, Richard Paquette and Terry Stewart of the Victoria Airport Authority (VAA), who were also in attendance. He thanked Council and Staff for their ongoing positive relationship with the VAA. He noted that passenger traffic for 2007 was up 6.6% over the previous year, and that the overall debt was reduced from \$18 million to \$16.6 million. An independent audit conducted in 2007 determined that the VAA has the lowest operating cost of any airport of comparable size in Canada.

Chad Rintoul, Director, Victoria Airport Authority, advised that access to the airport continues to be a challenge, and that the VAA will be committing funding of \$3 million to the interchange project. The Master Plan, completed in early 2008, recommended an extended runway to allow for non-stop flights to Europe. Mr. Rintoul noted that 140 parking spots are being added to the airport, and discussions are underway with BC Transit to provide more frequent service to and from the airport. Construction for phase 1 of Thrifty Foods' warehouse on airport land will begin in 2009, and he again confirmed that the VAA is committed to funding the construction of a bicycle path along Mills Road.

Richard Paquette, President, Victoria Airport Authority, advised that VAA is planning for the preparation of a Greenhouse Gas budget and will be making a contribution to the reduction of greenhouse gases in the airline industry. He noted that an extensive project to improve runoff to Reay Creek was undertaken in 2007.

REFERRALS / REPORTS

PROPOSED SPAY AND NEUTER BYLAW

Val Boswell, Brentwood Bay, noted that the proposal for a spay and neuter bylaw has been presented to over half of the 13 local governments in the Capital Regional District, and asked that Council proceed with a spay and neuter bylaw for cats in the District of North Saanich.

Eileen Thomson, 1319 Bond Street, advised that the proposed spay and neuter bylaw has been amended to apply only to cats, not dogs.

Sue Wilson, 10622 McDonald Park Road, owner of Animals for Life, advised that she has taken in over 500 homeless cats in the last 4 years. She also noted that there is not a sufficient amount of cat-friendly housing in the area, and encouraged Council to consider the proposed spay and neuter bylaw for cats.

Beverly Archer, 775 Dogwood Road, representing Cats Cradle Animal Rescue, advised that her group is significantly overloaded with rescuing and finding homes for unwanted cats, and asked Council to proceed with a spay and neuter bylaw for cats.

Marilyn Clayton, 1299 Maple Road, advised that she does not support a spay and neuter bylaw for dogs. She also noted that she represents the North Saanich Dog Obedience Training Club, which contributes to many local events and awareness programs.

Rosemarie Wilson, President, Victoria City Kennel Club, expressed support for most of the recommendations proposed in the staff report and encouraged increased public awareness for spay and neutering.

Daleen Thomas, 7237 Brentview Drive, noted that she feels that the spay and neuter bylaw is not necessary as the SPCA and many other animal shelters already provide financial incentives to have pets spayed or neutered. She also suggested that groups work together to inventory feral cat populations in the Greater Victoria area.

Dawne Deeley, 11060 Rosborough Road, expressed support for public awareness and continuing education for responsible dog ownership.

Helen Moulden, 576 Obe Crescent, asked how a spay and neuter bylaw for cats will be enforced, and encouraged a comprehensive education program.

Irene Copus, 1444 McTavish Road, advised that she does not support a spay and neuter bylaw for dogs.

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR SCOONES
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR FEA

56-COW That the report dated April 7, 2008 from the Director of Corporate Services regarding "Proposed Spay and Neuter Bylaw" be received, and that:

- (a) The District of North Saanich Animal Control Bylaw not be amended to include mandatory spaying and neutering of dogs in the District of North Saanich;
- (b) North Saanich initiate a public awareness program regarding the benefits of spaying and neutering cats;
- (c) A letter be sent to the Capital Regional District (CRD) in support of the CRD's petition to the Province for additional power for authority to control cats; and,
- (d) The District of North Saanich implement mandatory spay and neuter regulations for cats only.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR GREEN

REZONING AND OCP AMENDMENT APPLICATION – 10664 AND 10682 McDONALD PARK ROAD

Art Finlayson, Architect, asked that the property at 10664 and 10682 be included in the Official Community Plan as the property affords an excellent location for mixed multi-family use which is near parks, schools and public transportation.

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FEA
SECONDED: MAYOR DALY

57-COW That the report dated September 5, 2007 from the Director of Development and Community Services regarding "Rezoning and OCP Amendment

Application for 10664 and 10682 McDonald Park Road” be received and referred to the Advisory Planning Commission.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION – 1830 McMICKEN ROAD

Barry Horn, on behalf of the owner of 1830 McMicken Road, advised of the owners desire to construct a multi-purpose room from the existing crawlspace.

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMSON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR SCOONES

58-COW That the report dated April 8, 2008 from the Director of Development and Community Services regarding “Development Variance Permit Application for 1830 McMicken Road” be received and that Staff be directed to proceed with the statutory notifications to adjacent property owners.

CARRIED

852 WAIN ROAD

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR SCOONES
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GREEN

59-COW That the report dated April 8, 2008 from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding “852 Wain Road” be received, and that:

- (a) 852 Wain Road (Parcel ID: 006-721-044; Block 51, Section 19, Range 2 West, North Saanich District, Plan 1211) be subdivided into two parcels in accordance with the District’s bylaws, one parcel containing the house and outbuildings and one vacant parcel;
- (b) The process to rezone the vacant parcel from R2 (Single Family Residential) to P4 (Park) be undertaken;
- (c) An appraisal be obtained for both subdivided parcels;
- (d) Upon completion of the rezoning process, the subdivided vacant parcel be added to the Wain Road Park;
- (e) The subdivided parcel containing the house and outbuildings be sold in accordance with the notice provisions of the *Community Charter*;
- (f) The funds from the sale of the parcel containing the house and outbuildings be allocated to the Parks Acquisition Reserve and Works and New Equipment Reserve Fund; and,
- (g) Use a portion of the proceeds for the Downey Road Beach access project (\$100,000), repaving of the Cy Hampson parking lot (\$30,000) and rebuilding of the Wain Road tennis court (\$150,000) as per the 2008 Parks and Recreation General Capital Budget.

CARRIED

DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH CYCLE PLAN

Floyd Mailhot, Member of the Cycling Sub-Committee, asked that Council consider approval of the Final Draft Cycling Plan for the District of North Saanich and responded to questions from Council.

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMSON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR SCOONES

60-COW That the memo from Farrell Boyce, Chair, Cycling Sub-Committee, regarding the Final Draft (April 2008) of the North Saanich Cycling Sub-Committee Multi-Year Cycling Network Plan be received and the Cycling Network Plan be approved in principle; and further that the plan be updated to reflect comments made by Council and the Final North Saanich Multi-Year Cycling Network Plan be presented at a future Committee of the Whole meeting for final adoption.

CARRIED

JOHN ROAD TRAIL

The Works Superintendent provided Council with an update on outstanding issues pertaining to the development of the John Road Trail.

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMSON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR SCOONES

61-COW That the development of the John Road trail be approved in principle and that Staff be directed to prepare a report regarding the trail development and that the report outline the costs of developing the trail including the provision of adequate screening along the right-of-way.

CARRIED

REAY CREEK STAIRS

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR SCOONES
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMSON

62-COW That Staff be directed to notify the property owner of 9270 Lochside Drive that the stairs located on their property leading to the beach are in dangerous condition with no warning that the stairs are located on private property.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR FEA

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION LIAISON TO THE
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION**

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FEA
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GREEN

63-COW That Jock Von Kaldenberg be nominated as the Environmental Advisory Commission's Liaison to the Agricultural Advisory Commission.

CARRIED

UPDATE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GREEN
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR FEA

64-COW That the Environmental Advisory Commission's Climate Change Update report on suggestions for climate mitigation involving residents in addressing climate change be distributed to Staff for information.

CARRIED

NORTH SAANICH FLAVOUR TRAIL

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR SCOONES
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR FEA

65-COW That the Agricultural Advisory Commission be authorized to apply for grant funding to assist with the 2008 North Saanich Flavour Trail.

CARRIED

THE BUSINESS OF FARMING

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR SCOONES
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GREEN

66-COW That Mark Robbins, Agrologist, be invited to a future Committee of the Whole meeting to make a presentation with respect to the business of farming and how agricultural activities benefit the community and that Agricultural Advisory Commission members be encouraged to attend the meeting.

CARRIED

MINUTES

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FEA
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GREEN

- 67-COW That the following minutes be received:
- March 26, 2008 Advisory Planning Commission minutes;
 - March 6, 2008 and April 3, 2008 Agricultural Advisory Commission minutes;
 - March 19, 2008 Environmental Advisory Commission minutes;
 - March 5, 2008 Heritage Advisory Commission minutes;
 - February 21, 2008 and March 20, 2008 Parks Commission minutes
 - March 11, 2008 Deep Cove/Pat Bay/McDonald Park Road Sewer Area Residents Liaison Committee minutes;
 - March 19, 2008 Mountain Bike Park Committee minutes;
 - March 20, 2008 Tree and Hedgerow Committee minutes; and,
 - March 4, 2008 Marine Task Force minutes.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FEA
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR WILLIAMSON

- 68-COW That the meeting be adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Shaw