

DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH

Minutes of the meeting of Committee of the Whole

Monday, August 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chair	R. Commandeur
Mayor	A. Finall
Councillors	P. Chandler
	S. Fea
	C. Green
	A. Scoones
	B. Shaw

ATTENDING:

Chief Administrative Officer	B. C. Williams
Director of Financial Services	R. M. Gillis
Director of Emergency Services	G. R. Wilton
Director of Development & Community Services	T. Olsen
Director of Infrastructure Services	P. O'Reilly (6:45 p.m.)
Manager of Corporate Services	C. Kingsley
Executive Secretary	C. R. Nash

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR CHANDLER

160-COW That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

HOUSING OPTIONS (PENINSULA PROPERTIES)

Roger Tinney, Project Planner, was in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding four proposed developments being undertaken by Peninsula Properties. He noted that with North Saanich Middle School being relocated across the street, it would be even more advantageous to develop the corner of John Road and McDonald Park Road in order to offer a commercial component to the community.

Councillor Shaw noted that Peninsula Properties has redesigned these projects based on the recommendations and suggestions made by the Advisory Planning Commission.

Councillor Fea expressed support for the proposed developments.

Councillor Green noted that she is concerned not just with increased density but also with affordable housing and whether or not it is realistic in certain areas of North Saanich such as waterfront properties.

Mayor Finall advised that she supports the Official Community Plan and has concerns with increased density, and questioned what the overriding benefit would be to the community in approving these projects. She also advised that she is hoping to see a significant amount of affordable housing in the projects and that higher density quite often does not mean affordability.

Councillor Chandler noted that increased density often leads to negative ramifications such as increased traffic and congestion, and that he supports the guidelines in the Official Community Plan and the Regional Growth Strategy.

Mayor Finall reminded everyone that North Saanich is outside of the Urban Containment Boundary and that it is defined as a rural residential community.

Councillor Fea suggested that the developer hold community meetings in order to gauge public interest in the proposals.

REFERRALS / REPORTS

REVIEW OF BURNING REGULATIONS

Peter Miller, 9378 Glenelg Avenue, expressed support for the Municipal Pit operations and asked that Council not increase the number of burning days.

Councillor Scoones requested additional weekday openings of the Municipal Drop Off Pit, and the Works Superintendent was requested to address this in his upcoming report to Council.

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FEA

161-COW That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council that the report dated August 11, 2009 from the Director of Emergency Services regarding "Review of Burning Regulations" be received, and that Staff be directed to:

- a) Continue the year-round ban on all outdoor yard waste burning for the Dean Park area;
- b) Permit lot clearing burning to occur anytime during the burning season depending on the provincial smoke venting index;
- c) Permit the use of manufactured chimineas, or similar types of contained patio fire appliances that contain a fire no larger than 1'x1'x1' for the purpose of cooking and social activities. These appliances must have screen covers or spark arrestors installed and may be used year round unless a complete ban is in effect. An annual permit is required and they are not to be used to burn yard or household materials;
- d) Authorize the use of burning appliances in the Dean Park area as noted above in recommendation (c);

- e) Continue the weekday green waste program in addition to the Saturday openings;
- f) Implement a year round smoking ban in all municipal parks and trails.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: MAYOR FINALL

162-COW That Staff be directed to continue the current inspections and fees for burning permits, however change the collection of fees to every two years.

CARRIED

MOTION DEFEATED

MOVED BY: MAYOR FINALL

163-COW That burning be allowed, during the burning season, on every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR COMMANDEUR, COUNCILLOR GREEN, COUNCILLOR FEA, COUNCILLOR SHAW, COUNCILLOR CHANDLER, COUNCILLOR SCOONES

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR CHANDLER

164-COW That burning, during the burning season, be allowed on the first and third Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the month.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR SHAW AND MAYOR FINALL

WAIN ROAD TRAFFIC

Garnum Peters, 11401 West View Place, noted that visibility and speed are both significant problems at the intersection of Wain Road and the McDonald Park Road overpass, and suggested that some trees and bush should be cut to help alleviate this problem.

Elvina Bowker, 1690 Wain Road, also noted that the intersection is dangerous and suggested speed bumps on Wain Road.

MOVED BY: MAYOR FINALL

165-COW That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council that the report dated July 29, 2009 from the Director of Infrastructure Services regarding "Wain Road Traffic" be received, that Council authorize Staff to finalize the design and install the speeding mitigation measures on Wain Road as

outlined in the report with the expenditure of \$40,000 to be funded from contingency, and that Staff request the Ministry of Transportation to install pedestrian activated flashing lights at the pedestrian crossings on Wain Road.

CARRIED

KELSET SCHOOL PARKING UPDATE

Candace Ross, 8898 Haro Park Terrace, noted that the recent traffic count may have been misleading because the traffic counter was placed too far west and did not collect data on vehicles travelling west from East Saanich Road past Kelset Elementary School. She also requested that the Peninsula Recreation Commission be requested to provide 20 parking spaces with a set time limit of 15 minutes in the north parking lot of the Recreation Centre.

Suzanne Morphet, Dean Park resident, suggested that sidewalks be installed on both sides of Dean Park Road, Forest Park Drive and Barrett Drive to encourage people to start walking and stop driving. She also suggested that the CRD right-of-way be developed into a trail which would offer walkers a more direct route to the school.

Colin Ross, 8898 Haro Park Terrace, asked that something be done to discourage parents from exiting with their children on the driver's side of vehicles.

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GREEN

166-COW That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council that the report dated July 23, 2009 from the Director of Infrastructure Services regarding "Kelset School Parking Update" be received, and that:

- a) Staff complete the construction required for providing parking on the south side of Forest Park Drive, and that the expenditure of \$30,000 be funded from contingency;
- b) Mayor and Staff meet with the Principal of Kelset School to discuss strategies and measures to dissuade parents from using Haro Park Terrace when dropping off and picking up their children from school; and,
- c) Staff request cooperation from Staff at the Panorama Recreation Centre with a view to utilizing off peak parking capacity, if available, at the Recreation Centre.

CARRIED

PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR KELSET SCHOOL

Colin Ross, 8898 Haro Park Terrace, noted that the portable at Kelset Elementary School is being used as a daycare facility, not a classroom facility. He also advised that he visited a number of schools in Greater Victoria and that in 42% of the cases there are "Residential Parking Only" signs in place on the residential streets adjacent to the schools.

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR CHANDLER

167-COW That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council that the report dated August 12, 2009 from the Director of Development and Community Services regarding "Parking Requirements for Kelset School" be received for information only.

CARRIED

REQUEST TO PERMIT POOL COVERS IN PLACE OF FENCING ENCLOSING SWIMMING POOLS

Garnum Peters, 11401 West View Place, provided a presentation and information supporting the safety of pool covers as opposed to perimeter fencing.

Councillor Green noted that the District should require fencing or pool covers and that the decision should be up to the home owner.

Councillor Shaw suggested that the District review liability issues and consult with the Town of Sidney regarding their bylaw requirements pertaining to this issue, in order to determine what liability issues they have encountered.

Councillor Chandler and Mayor Finall suggested that both pool covers and fencing be required.

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR SCOONES

168-COW That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council that the report dated August 12, 2009 from the Director of Development and Community Services regarding "Request to Permit Pool Covers in place of Fencing Enclosing Swimming Pools" be received, that Staff be directed to prepare a report on the feasibility of requiring certified safety covers ASTM F1346 or pool fencing, and that Staff also investigate the liability issues associated with amending the Building and Plumbing Bylaw No. 1150 as noted.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: MAYOR FINALL

SEMI-AUTOMATED TELEPHONE ANSWERING SYSTEM

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GREEN

169-COW That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council that the report dated August 11, 2009 from the Manager of Financial Services and the Senior Accountant regarding "Semi-automated Telephone Answering System" be received, and that the District convert the existing telephone service to a semi-automated telephone answering system for incoming calls to the District's main switchboard using Option 2 for a six month trial basis.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR CHANDLER

170-COW That the meeting be adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Commandeur