

DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH

Minutes of the meeting of Committee of the Whole

Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Councillor B. Shaw

ATTENDING:

Chief Administrative Officer B. C. Williams
Manager of Corporate Services C. Kingsley
Assistant Planner A. Fitch
Executive Secretary C. R. Nash

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GREEN

27-COW That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

OCP GREENHOUSE GAS POLICY

Jon Munn, J. Munn & Co., was in attendance to provide Committee of the Whole with information on addressing greenhouse gas emissions in North Saanich. He noted that carbon dioxide and carbon dioxide equivalents have a dollar value so they may be bought, sold and traded at \$25 per tonne, and that North Saanich's operations (corporate inventory) have a current value of \$6,250 (250 tonnes). Mr. Munn also advised that the Province of BC has committed to 80% less emissions by 2050. He gave some examples of how North Saanich can decrease emissions, such as purchasing electrical vehicles for the fleet. Mr. Munn advised that an open house is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2010 where he will present draft policies and options for greenhouse gas reductions. Councillor Chandler asked that the open house be structured for a rural community with relevant options for reductions in emissions.

Scott Kirkland, member of the Agricultural Advisory Commission, asked if North Saanich taxpayers will be expected to pay for carbon offset costs in order for North Saanich to be carbon neutral by 2012.

Janet Rooke, 2100 Randles Lane, noted that ICBC's current young drivers program does not support carbon emission reductions by allowing only one other person in the vehicle of a novice driver.

Ian Norie, member of the Environmental Advisory Commission, suggested that Canada work with neighbouring countries to reduce carbon emissions and address emissions that originate in other parts of the world.

Jack Thornburgh, member of the Environmental Advisory Commission, suggested that home owners be provided with incentives in order to reduce carbon emissions.

Colin Ross, 8898 Haro Park Terrace, expressed concern with high BC Hydro prices.

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR SCOONES

28-COW That Mr. Munn's presentation regarding Greenhouse Gas Emissions and any other relevant information on the mandated climate change process be sent to all District Commissions for information and comment as soon as possible, and that the presentation be posted on the District's website and hard copies be provided at Municipal Hall.

CARRIED

REFERRALS / REPORTS

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION – 11184 HEDGEROW DRIVE

Roger Garside, 9145 Lochside Drive, addressed Council on behalf of the applicant and gave a brief overview of what is planned for the site. He asked that Council give prompt consideration to the Development Permit application.

It was noted that the environmental assessment report recommends that construction not take place from March 15 to August 15 in order to prevent disturbing nesting birds. It was also suggested that the applicant retain the services of the company who provided the environmental assessment to be on site while trees are being removed. Staff was directed to remove the words "generally" from the draft Development Permit Application.

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GREEN

29-COW That the report dated February 17, 2010 from the Assistant Planner regarding "Development Permit Application for 11184 Hedgerow Drive" be received, that the application be approved, and that the application be referred to the Environmental Advisory Commission for review as soon as possible.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION – 8709 LOCHSIDE DRIVE

Robert Stark, 8709 Lochside Drive, advised that a seawall is needed due to significant erosion problems occurring at his property.

Mayor Finall requested that the word “substantial” be removed from the draft Development Permit.

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FEA

30-COW That the report dated February 17, 2010 from the Assistant Planner regarding “Development Permit for 8709 Lochside Drive” be received and referred to the Environmental Advisory Commission.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION - 1988 MARINA WAY

Jonathan Craggs, on behalf of the owner, asked Council to approve the Development Permit application to allow for the construction of a swimming pool. Mayor Finall asked that the Environmental Advisory Commission and Advisory Planning Commission comment on the location of the planned swimming pool in relation to the original survey and the most recent survey.

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FEA

31-COW That the report dated February 17, 2010 from the Assistant Planner regarding “Development Permit Application for 1988 Marina Way” be received and referred to the Environmental Advisory Commission and the Advisory Planning Commission.

CARRIED

NORTH SAANICH FLAVOUR TRAIL 2010

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GREEN

32-COW That Budget Committee consider the request for funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the 2010 North Saanich Flavour Trail and an additional \$500 for other Commission expenses, and that Councillor Scoones be appointed Chair of the working group organizing the 2010 North Saanich Flavour Trail.

CARRIED

MINUTES

MOVED BY: MAYOR FINALL

33-COW That the minutes of the January 14, 2010 Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting and the minutes of the February 3, 2010 Heritage Advisory Commission meeting be received.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FEA

34-COW That the meeting be adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Commandeur