

DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH

Minutes of the meeting of Committee of the Whole

Monday, June 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

ATTENDING:

Chief Administrative Officer	B. C. Williams
Director of Financial Services	R. M. Gillis
Director of Development & Community Services	T. Olsen
Director of Infrastructure Services	P. O'Reilly
Manager of Corporate Services	C. Kingsley
Executive Secretary	C. R. Nash

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She noted the following late items that were added to the agenda for Council's consideration:

Notice of Motion – Derelict Boats and Barges in Tod Inlet

Councillor Green requested that the following Notice of Motion be added to the agenda:

That the District of North Saanich moves to request the municipality of Central Saanich and the Town of Sidney to join North Saanich in writing a letter of concern and urgency, related to derelict boats and other vessels currently abandoned in Tod Inlet, adjacent to Gowland-Tod Provincial Park, and requesting MP Gary Lunn and MLA Murray Coell to urge their governments to take immediate action to protect the Saanich Inlet and its sensitive shoreline and ocean environments, by removing as soon as possible, all derelict vessels and mitigating any subsequent environmental damage. Further, North Saanich recommends that copies of this letter be addressed to the appropriate provincial and federal authorities responsible for parks, oceans and fisheries and the environment, to Saanich Inlet Protection Society and to Peninsula Streams, as well as to the Chiefs and Councils of Tsartlip, Pauquachin and Tseycum First Nations.

Information Item – Vancouver Island Regional Library: Development of a Consolidated Facility Master Plan

Councillor Fea noted that she would be reporting on this initiative which is currently being undertaken by the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board.

Proposed UBCM Resolutions – School Gardens and Agricultural Food Growing Production; and Amount of Parkland Donated to Municipalities for Development Applications

Councillor Scoones requested that Council consider formulating resolutions regarding the above topics for submission to the UBCM Annual General meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY: MAYOR FINALL

136-COW That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

CRYSTAL METH SOCIETY OF BC – COMMUNITY DRUGS PREVENTION

Mark McLaughlin, Executive Director, Crystal Meth Society of BC, was in attendance to provide a presentation to Council regarding the education awareness initiative currently being undertaken to warn children of the dangers of crystal meth. He noted that the Crystal Meth Society of BC is requesting a grant in aid of \$1,000 to continue with the education awareness campaign. Staff was directed to review what resolutions have been submitted to UBCM with regards to crystal meth awareness, and draft a resolution for Council to consider at the June 29, 2009 Special Council meeting.

MOVED BY: MAYOR FINALL

137-COW That the correspondence received May 25, 2009 from the Crystal Meth Society of BC requesting a grant in aid of \$1,000 be received and referred to Budget Committee deliberations in the Fall.

CARRIED

MARY WINSPEAR CENTRE AND BLUE HERON PARK UPDATE

Ian Hennigar, Executive Director, Mary Winspear Centre, was in attendance to provide an update with regards to the Mary Winspear Centre and Blue Heron Park enhancements. He noted that Blue Heron Park has 4 athletic fields, one running track, and extensive walking trails, and that over \$800,000 of upgrades have been completed to the fields in the park at no cost to North Saanich. The park is used on a regular basis by a number of athletic groups and there is no revenue generated from this usage. Mr. Hennigar noted that the grant received from North Saanich is only 10% of the amount received by Panorama Recreation Centre. Gross sales at the Mary Winspear Centre are up 25% over 2008 and staff are working diligently to manage the financial situation. Mr. Hennigar requested that the annual grant be increased to \$160,000 to assist the Centre with its operating costs.

EMPLOYEE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

Denis Paquette and Ian Brown, Saanich Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, were in attendance to advise Council that there is a housing crisis on the Saanich Peninsula. Mr. Brown noted that housing is most needed for low to moderate income families, and that

multi-family housing is the most sought after affordable option. It was noted that many people who work on the Peninsula choose not to live here due to the lack of amenities in comparison to areas such as Langford, and Council asked that it be clarified exactly how many employees in North Saanich are seeking affordable housing here.

Christina Peacock, Community Council, advised that they would be compiling more data as requested by Council.

REFERRALS / REPORTS

BUILDING CANADA FUND INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT APPLICATIONS 2009

MOVED BY: MAYOR FINALL

138-COW That the report dated June 19, 2009 from the Director of Infrastructure Services regarding “Building Canada Fund Infrastructure Grant Applications 2009” be received, and:

- a) That Council approves an application for a Building Canada Fund Infrastructure grant for the “Roundabout at McDonald Park Road and John Road project” and, if the grant is approved, identify the District share of the funding as from Statutory Reserve Funds; and
- b) That Council approves an application for a Building Canada Fund Infrastructure grant for the “McDonald Park Road Storm Drain project” and, if the grant is approved, identify the District share of the funding as from Statutory Reserve Funds.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR CHANDLER

McTAVISH INTERCHANGE COMMUNITY LIAISON

Councillor Shaw suggested that there may be times that the Committee is required to meet In Camera, such as discussions involving land acquisition or expropriation.

Bryan Bailey, 8916 Haro Park Terrace, asked if the Request for Proposals has been issued for the interchange design. He also expressed concern that Federal and Provincial politicians are not responding to concerns expressed by residents.

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR COMMANDEUR

139-COW That the report dated June 16, 2009 from the Director of Infrastructure Services regarding “McTavish Interchange Community Liaison” be received, and that Council approves the Terms of Reference for the McTavish Interchange Community Liaison Task Force.

CARRIED

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GREEN

140-COW That the report dated June 16, 2009 from the Manager of Corporate Services regarding “Christmas Closure” be received, and that Council endorses the closure of Municipal Hall, Public Works and Utilities operations to the public commencing at 12:00 noon on December 24, 2009 with Municipal facilities reopening at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 4, 2010.

CARRIED

REQUEST FROM THE RCMP TO ENACT A “SECURITY ALARM SYSTEM BYLAW” (FOR FALSE ALARMS)

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that the RCMP have documented how many false alarms were received from North Saanich homes in 2008. It was noted that Sidney’s bylaw is over 10 years old and that if North Saanich is to draft a similar bylaw that it should be updated accordingly to reflect current legislation.

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GREEN

141-COW That the report dated May 20, 2009 from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding “Request from the RCMP to enact a ‘Security Alarm System Bylaw’ (for false alarms)” be received, that Council directs Staff to prepare a ‘Security Alarm System Bylaw’ similar to that of the Town of Sidney, and that the District undertake a public awareness campaign prior to enforcing the provisions of the bylaw.

CARRIED

REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT’S POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL – REPORT #2

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR COMMANDEUR

142-COW That the report dated June 9, 2009 from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding “Review of the District’s Policy and Procedures Manual – Report #2” be postponed to the July 20, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED

DERELICT BOATS AND BARGES IN TOD INLET

Staff was directed to consult with Central Saanich to determine what, if any, restrictions have been placed on live-aboard vessels in Tod Inlet.

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GREEN

143-COW That the District of North Saanich moves to request the municipality of Central Saanich, District of Highlands, City of Langford and the Town of Sidney to join North Saanich in writing a letter of concern and urgency,

related to derelict boats and other vessels currently abandoned in Tod Inlet, adjacent to Gowland-Tod Provincial Park, and requesting MP Gary Lunn and MLA Murray Coell to urge their governments to take immediate action to protect the Saanich Inlet and its sensitive shoreline and ocean environments, by removing as soon as possible, all derelict vessels and mitigating any subsequent environmental damage. Further, North Saanich recommends that copies of this letter be addressed to the appropriate provincial and federal authorities responsible for parks, oceans and fisheries and the environment, to Saanich Inlet Protection Society and to Peninsula Streams, as well as to the Chiefs and Councils of Tsartlip, Pauquachin and Tseycum First Nations.

CARRIED

VANCOUVER ISLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY: DEVELOPMENT OF A CONSOLIDATED FACILITY MASTER PLAN

Councillor Fea briefed Council on the Vancouver Island Regional Library decision regarding the Request for Proposal #2009-01-02 "Development of Consolidated Facility Master Plan" and that it was awarded to David Naime & Associates/Diamond + Schmitt Architects Inc. at a cost of \$186,070.00 which includes funding of \$61,070.00 from the Facilities Reserve.

SCHOOL GARDENS AND AGRICULTURAL FOOD GROWING PRODUCTION

Staff was directed to draft a resolution to UBCM for Council's consideration at the June 29, 2009 Special Council meeting asking that School Districts be encouraged to develop school gardens and develop curriculum to teach elementary school children the importance of agricultural food growing production.

AMOUNT OF PARKLAND DONATED TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Staff was directed to draft a resolution to UBCM for Council's consideration at the June 29, 2009 Special Council meeting to increase the amount of parkland donated to municipalities for development applications from 5% to 10%.

MINUTES

MOVED BY: MAYOR FINALL

- 144-COW That the following minutes be received:
- a) May 7, 2009 Agricultural Advisory Commission minutes;
 - b) May 6, 2009 Free Ride Park Committee minutes;
 - c) May 21, 2009 Parks Commission minutes; and,
 - d) May 28, 2009 Peninsula Committee Task Force minutes.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

MOVED BY: MAYOR FINALL

145-COW That the remainder of the meeting be held In Camera.

CARRIED

Councillor Fea