

DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH

Minutes of the meeting of Committee of the Whole

Monday, June 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chair B. Williamson
Mayor T. Daly
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, Development & Community Services T. Olsen
Director of Infrastructure Services P. O'Reilly
Works Superintendent B. T. Robinson
Executive Secretary C. R. Nash

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noted that the presentation with regards to "CRD Parks – Land Acquisition Fund" has been deferred to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FEA
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GREEN

103-COW That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Peter Kerr, 10664 Madrona Drive, on behalf of the Peninsula Riparian Property Association, requested an amendment to motion 95-COW from the June 9, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting to include the following statement: "Staff will consult with the RCMP and Fire Department to identify and recommend specific courses of action to address safety and security at beach accesses."

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR FEA
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR SHAW

104-COW That the minutes of the June 9, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting be amended as requested.

CARRIED

REFERRALS / REPORTS

REVIEW OF BURNING REGULATIONS

Grant Nicolls, 8573 Moxon Terrace, asked that burning continue to be allowed in North Saanich.

Peter Gibson, 1466 Tatlow Road, thanked the Fire Chief for the report on burning regulations and noted that there is a need to safeguard fire safety in North Saanich.

John Anderson, 624 Downey Road, encouraged Council to undertake a comprehensive education program with regards to the benefits of outdoor burning.

Elaine Little, 773 Ardmore Drive, advised that she is against a complete burning ban.

Sandra Phillips, 1640 Mills Road, expressed concern with transporting a large quantity of burnables to the Municipal pit, and asked that Council not ban burning.

David Bartlett, McTavish Road, also asked that safe and efficient burning continue to be allowed in North Saanich.

Bill Chisholm, 9735 Briarwood Place, noted that he and his neighbours are avid gardeners and that burning is necessary a few times a year, and suggested that the only alternative to burning would be curbside pickup of burnables.

Steve Donaldson, 8651 Lochside Drive, advised that curbside pickup of burnables would be very costly and would leave a significant carbon footprint.

Craig Mearns, 909 Towner Park Road, gave an example of the significant cost involved in transporting burnables off of private property and asked that burning regulations be expanded.

Ted Irving, 9363 Carnoustie Crescent, suggested that burnables left on the road allowances and on municipal land poses a fire hazard, and asked that burning not be banned.

Art Whitford, 11330 Elderberry Way, also asked that allowable burning days be increased to give residents more opportunities to burn safely and without annoyance to neighbours.

Joan Marsh, 11274 Chalet Road, noted that an alternative to burning is chipping, but expressed concern with the cost and noise involved in chipping.

Fred Sanford, 658 Braemar Avenue, provided some examples of efficient and effective burning of yard waste and urged Council not to ban burning.

Ulf Soehngen, 11172 Calypso Lane, advised that stockpiling yard waste creates the potential for wildfires and suggested that burning days be increased to allow for safer burning with less smoke.

Janice Martinez, 1291 Laurel Road, expressed support for safe and efficient burning.

Joanne Williams, 688 Braemar Avenue, asked that burning days be increased so that more options for adequate burning days are provided to residents.

Peter Miller, 9378 Glenelg Avenue, advised that he is against burning and suggested some alternatives to the proposed burning regulations.

Councillor Green noted that she does not support a complete burning ban.

Councillor Chandler thanked the Fire Chief for his report and expressed agreement with the recommendations in the report.

Councillor Fea expressed concern with those people who may continue to burn improperly and asked that enforcement and ongoing monitoring be undertaken by the Fire Department.

Councillor Scoones advised that she supports the recommendations as proposed by the Fire Chief.

Councillor Shaw also expressed support for the recommendations as outlined in the Staff report and encouraged further education on how to burn properly

Mayor Daly noted that he does not support increasing the allowable burning days but that he does support expanding the municipal drop off program and pursuing alternatives to burning.

Councillor Williamson noted that the Staff recommendation will allow residents 42 burning days per year to burn their garden debris and expressed support for the Staff report.

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR SCOONES
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR CHANDLER

105-COW That the report dated June 18, 2008 from the Director of Emergency Services regarding "Review of Burning Regulations" be received, and that Council endorses the following:

- a) Continuation of the year-round ban on all outdoor burning for the Dean Park area;
- b) Continuation of issuance of annual burning permits and inspections;
- c) Consideration of expanding the Municipal Burnables Drop Off Program to include one weekday morning;
- d) Authorize Staff to proceed with amending the "North Saanich Fire Prevention Regulation Bylaw No. 962" to:
 - i. Include restrictions, fines and withdrawal of permits for causing nuisance smoke from both outdoor and indoor fires (i.e. woodstoves and fireplaces);
 - ii. Add Thursdays to the twice monthly Friday and Saturday burning days; and,
 - iii. Add leaves to the prohibited burning materials.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: MAYOR DALY

HOUSING STRATEGY

Linda Allen, CitySpaces Consulting, gave an overview of the sections in the Official Community Plan that pertain to housing. She noted that a needs assessment was undertaken followed by significant community engagement to allow residents input into the process. She also provided some statistics relating to property ownership and the types of housing available in North Saanich.

Based on the information obtained from the various workshops, the two goals identified are:

- *To gradually broaden the range of housing choices in North Saanich without compromising its rural, agricultural and marine character.*
- *To raise awareness of housing initiatives provided through the Capital Region, the provincial and federal governments, and non-profit housing providers.*

She also noted that the nine items identified to meet the goals are:

1. *Education and advocacy;*
2. *New construction secondary suites;*
3. *Existing secondary suites;*
4. *New secondary dwelling;*
5. *Smaller lot detached homes;*
6. *Low density multi-unit housing*
7. *Medium density multi-unit housing;*
8. *Amendments to the OCP*
9. *Implementation of the strategy;*

Sheila Irving, 9363 Carnoustie Crescent, noted that there was insufficient notice of the housing strategy process and that, with respect to the questionnaire distributed at the last open house, there was no space for “no agreement” to any of the recommendations. She also suggested that the recommendations as outlined by Linda Allen are not what were agreed to by the participants of the various workshops and open houses.

Yoon Chee advised that he attended a number of workshops concerning the Housing Strategy and concurred with the recommendations as outlined by Linda Allen, and in conclusion encouraged Council to proceed quickly with a housing strategy.

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GREEN

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR FEA

106-COW That the report dated June 18, 2008 from the Director of Development and Community Services regarding “Housing Strategy” be received for information, that comments provided by Council be incorporated into the final report, and that when the final report is received from CitySpaces Consulting it will be shared with all District Commissions for information and comment.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR FEA AND MAYOR DALY

MANAGEMENT OF ONSITE SEWAGE SYSTEMS

Peter Miller, 9378 Glenelg Avenue, expressed concerns with the CRD's Management of Onsite Sewage Systems in that it specifies that type 2 and type 3 systems are to be maintained annually yet type 1 systems will require pumping out only once every five years.

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR SHAW
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR FEA

107-COW That the report dated June 16, 2008 from the Director of Infrastructure Services regarding "Management of Onsite Sewage Systems" be received, and that the District of North Saanich participate in the Capital Regional District program for management of onsite sewage systems.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR GREEN AND COUNCILLOR CHANDLER

ENERGY SAVING MEASURES FOR THE DISTRICT, HOME OWNERS AND BUILDERS

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GREEN
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR SCOONES

108-COW That the report dated June 18, 2008 from the Assistant Planner regarding "Energy Saving Measures for the District, Home Owners and Builders" be deferred to the July 21, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED

FLEET REPLACEMENT FROM 2008 CAPITAL RESERVES – UNIT #6310

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR CHANDLER
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GREEN

109-COW That the report dated June 13, 2008 from the Works Superintendent regarding "Fleet Replacement from 2008 Capital Reserves – Unit #6310" be received, and that Staff be directed to proceed with the purchase of a 2008 Ford E450 Cut-away van with Stahl industries service body from Ken Evans Ford in Duncan for the total cost of \$63,456.41 and that the funds be taken from the North Saanich Water Utilities Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR CHANDLER
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR SCOONES

110-COW That the following recommendation from the Advisory Planning Commission be received but that Council maintain its position and ask for comments and not recommendations on development applications until such time as the Housing Strategy is complete:

The Advisory Planning Commission recommends to Council that referrals be sent to the Advisory Planning Commission for recommendations and not for comments.

CARRIED

TREE PROTECTION BYLAW

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR SCOONES
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR CHANDLER

111-COW That:

- The draft bylaw to provide for the protection and preservation of trees dated April 10, 2008 be referred to the Director of Development and Community Services for a report to identify human and financial resources required to effectively administer the bylaw;
- The draft bylaw also be subject to a public engagement process to provide an opportunity for the public and service providers to have input prior to final adoption from Council; and,
- That the draft bylaw be referred to the Parks Commission, Environmental Advisory Commission, Heritage Advisory Commission, Advisory Planning Commission and Agricultural Advisory Commission for information.

CARRIED

MINUTES

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GREEN
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR FEA

112-COW That the following minutes be received:

- May 28, 2008 Advisory Planning Commission minutes;
- June 5, 2008 Agricultural Advisory Commission minutes;
- June 4, 2008 Heritage Advisory Commission minutes;
- June 10, 2008 Deep Cove / Pat Bay / McDonald Park Road Sewer Area Residents Liaison Committee minutes;
- May 28, 2008 and June 11, 2008 Mountain Bike Park Committee minutes;
- April 10, 2008 Tree and Hedgerow Committee minutes; and,
- May 6, 2008 and May 27, 2008 Marine Task Force minutes.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR CHANDLER
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR GREEN

113-COW That the meeting be adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Williamson