

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE - FINANCIAL PLAN MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M.

Present: **Chair:** Mayor Leonard
Council: Councillors Brownoff, Cubberley, Derman, Gillespie, Ngai, Pickup, Wade, and Wergeland.
Staff: T. Wood, Municipal Administrator; P. Murray, Director of Finance.

2004 Budget - Overview **2004 BUDGET OVERVIEW**

The Director of Finance presented a brief overview of the 2004 budget, and responded to questions regarding the level of 2003 surplus carried forward and the method of calculating water rates.

Presentations **PRESENTATIONS**

Horticulture Centre of the Pacific Horticulture Centre of the Pacific - Past President Ruby Littlepage presented the Centre's 2004 request for \$90,000. Board Chair Mel Couvelier also requested an additional special grant of \$60,000 to fund the establishment of an Executive Director Position.

Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary - Chair Dannie Carsen and Vice Chair Larry Bomford presented the Sanctuary's 2004 grant request for \$220,573.

2004 Departmental Budgets **2004 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS**

Budget presentations were received from Administration, Clerks/Archives, Human Resources, Finance, Information Technology, Materials Management/Fleet and Land and Legal.

Chief Ward presented the Fire/Emergency Programs budget and provided an update on the status of building construction and soil remediation at Fire Hall #1.

MOVED by Councillor Gillespie and Seconded by Councillor Derman: "That it be recommended that Council approve the deferral of the seismic upgrading of Fire Hall #2 to 2005 and the use of those funds for the additional remediation and construction costs on Fire Hall #1 as proposed in the Fire Chiefs report dated March 1st 2004."

CARRIED

The Planning Services budget was presented. Due to the late hour, presentations on Water, Sewer and Public Works were deferred to the next meeting.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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CHAIR