

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
OF THE WHOLE - FINANCIAL PLAN MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M.**

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**Chair:** Mayor Leonard

**Council:** Councillors Brownoff, Cubberley, Derman, Gillespie, Ngai, Pickup, Wade, and Wergeland.

**Staff:** T. Wood, Municipal Administrator; P. Murray, Director of Finance.

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### **GREATER VICTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTATION**

Library Chair John Barton presented the GVPL 2004 budget submission which represented a 5.6% increase over 2003. Mr Barton responded to questions from committee concerning GST revenues and the level of provincial funding.

### **2004 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS**

Recreation Director Ken Krieger presented a proposal to upgrade irrigation facilities at Cedar Hill Golf Course and fund the cost of the work from debt financing over a fifteen year term. A fee increase was also proposed to offset the majority of the cost.

**MOVED by Councillor Wade and Seconded by Councillor Wergeland: "That it be recommended that Council approve:**

- 1. The drainage and capital improvements proposed for the Cedar Hill Golf Course, as outlined in the report of the Director of Recreation Services dated February 19, 2004;**
- 2. A loan authorization bylaw for \$2,000,000 to complete the work;**
- 3. All golf course profits to be retained by the Golf Course for the capital improvements and/or debt servicing and revisited as per recommendation #5;**
- 4. The 2004 Golf Course fees as endorsed by the Cedar Hill Golf Course Advisory Committee and outlined in the schedule attached to the report of the Director of Recreation Services dated February 19, 2004; and**
- 5. The re-evaluation of Golf Course profit distribution and fees upon completion of one year of full Golf Course operation (2007)."**

**CARRIED**

Director Krieger presented the 2004 recreation and facilities budgets, noting that two retention requests for a pottery kiln and totem refinishing work could be deleted. Mr Krieger noted that Recreation recovers the highest revenue of all municipal Parks and Recreation functions in the Province at 55% and highlighted capital requests including planned work at Pearkes, Cedar Hill and Commonwealth Place.

Due to the length of preceding discussions it was agreed to defer the balance of departmental presentations to the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Special Committee of the Whole meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9.05 p.m.

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CHAIR