

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE  
**MONDAY, MAY 30, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M.**

Present: **Chair:** Mayor Leonard  
**Council:** Councillors Brownoff, Cubberley; Derman, Gillespie, Ngai, Wade and Wergeland  
**Staff:** Tim Wood, Administrator; Chris Nation, Municipal Solicitor; Russ Fuoco, Director of Planning; Colin Doyle, Director of Engineering; Margaret Trotter, Deputy Municipal Clerk; and Shirley Leggett, Senior Committee Clerk.

Minutes

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOVED by Councillor Wergeland and Seconded by Councillor Gillespie: "That the Minutes of the Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings held May 9, 2005 and the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held May 3, 2005, be adopted."**

**CARRIED**

**BYLAWS**

No. 187  
Dupplin Road  
Bylaw 8676

**450 DUPPLIN ROAD.**

First Reading of the "Zoning Bylaw, 2003, Amendment Bylaw, 2005, No. 8676". Rezoning from RS-6 to M-1DW.

**MOVED by Councillor Ngai and Seconded by Councillor Gillespie: "That Bylaw No. 8676 be introduced and read."**

**CARRIED**

No. 188  
Ridgegrove Ave.  
Bylaw 8677

**588 RIDGEGROVE AVENUE.**

First Reading of the "Zoning Bylaw, 2003, Amendment Bylaw, 2005, No. 8677". Rezoning from A-1 to P-1R.

**MOVED by Councillor Brownoff and Seconded by Councillor Gillespie: "That Bylaw No. 8677 be introduced and read."**

**CARRIED**

No. 189  
PLD60/  
XRef: Cadboro  
Bay Rd.  
Bylaw 8678

**3855 CADBORO BAY ROAD.**

First Reading of the "Official Community Plan Bylaw, 1993, Amendment Bylaw, 2005, No. 8678". To amend the Development Permit Areas Justifications and Guidelines to include the property in the Cadboro Bay Village Development Permit Area.

**MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff: "That Bylaw No. 8678 be introduced and read."**

**CARRIED**

No. 190  
ADM40  
Bylaw 8679

**3855 CADBORO BAY ROAD.**

First Reading of the "Zoning Bylaw, 2003, Amendment Bylaw, 2005, No. 8679". Rezoning from RS-10 to C-2.

**MOVED by Councillor Wergeland and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff: "That Bylaw No. 8679 be introduced and read."**

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION**

No. 191  
PQS100  
 Tender 21/05

**TENDER 21/05 – FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE.**  
 Report of the Director of Purchasing dated May 17, 2005 recommending Tender 21/05 for one vehicle (Ford Excursion) for the Fire Department be awarded to Richport Ford Lincoln Ltd. in the amount of \$52,634.68.

**MOVED by Councillor Gillespie and Seconded by Councillor Cubberley: “That Tender 21/05 for one vehicle (Ford Excursion) for the Fire Department be awarded to Richport Ford Lincoln Ltd. in the amount of \$52,634.68.”**

**CARRIED**

No. 192  
PQS100  
 Tender 19/05

**TENDER 19/05 – SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK.**  
 Report of the Director of Purchasing dated May 20, 2005 recommending Tender 19/05 for one 16,330 KG GVW single axle dump truck be awarded to Island Freightliner in the amount of \$111,258.27.

**MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Wergeland: “That Tender 19/05 for one 16,330 KG GVW single axle dump truck be awarded to Island Freightliner in the amount of \$111,258.27.”**

**CARRIED**

No. 193  
PQS100  
 Tender 20/05

**TENDER 20/05 – TANDEM DUMP TRUCK.**  
 Report of the Director of Purchasing dated May 20, 2005 recommending Tender 20/05 for one 26,500 KG GVW tandem dump truck be awarded to Island Freightliner in the amount of \$123,140.79.

**MOVED by Councillor Wade and Seconded by Councillor Gillespie: “That Tender 20/05 for one 26,500 KG GVW tandem dump truck be awarded to Island Freightliner in the amount of \$123,140.79.”**

**CARRIED**

No. 194  
PQS100  
 Purchase of  
 Kinesis Machine

**PURCHASE OF KINESIS MACHINE FOR SAANICH COMMONWEALTH PLACE.**  
 Report of the Director of Parks and Recreation dated May 25, 2005 recommending Council waive the tendering process as Technogym is the sole source of “Kinesis”, and approve the purchase of the Technogym “Kinesis” machine for the new fitness centre at Saanich Commonwealth Place at a cost of \$48,750 (US funds)/\$61,620 (Canadian funds).

**MOVED by Councillor Gillespie and Seconded by Councillor Wade: “That:**

- 1. Council waive the tendering process as Technogym is the sole source of “Kinesis”; and**
- 2. Council approve the purchase of the Technogym “Kinesis” machine for the new fitness centre at Saanich Commonwealth Place, at a cost of \$48,750 (US funds) or \$61,620 (Canadian funds).”**

**CARRIED**

Adjournment            On a motion from Councillor Gillespie, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.  
  
The Meeting reconvened at 10:16 p.m.

*From the Committee of the Whole Meeting held May 30, 2005.*

No. 195  
PQS100  
Tender 13/05

**TENDER 13/05 – FITNESS EQUIPMENT**

**MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Gillespie:**  
**“That Tender 13/05 for fitness equipment for Saanich Commonwealth Place, Gordon Head, Cedar Hill and G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centres be awarded to Life Fitness Western Canada in the amount of \$228,915.”**

**CARRIED**

No. 196  
Creed Road  
Golf Course Trail

**CREED ROAD GOLF COURSE TRAIL STUDY**

**MOVED by Councillor Gillespie and Seconded by Councillor Cubberley: “That:**

- 1. Council accept the trail study and endorse the conclusion of the optimum route as shown on Map 2;**
- 2. A public access easement be registered by Goodwill Investments Ltd. in the name of the Capital Regional District; and**
- 3. A \$10,000 bond/letter of credit be deposited pending construction of the trail from Creed Road to the proposed Bridge.”**

**CARRIED**

No. 197  
Creed Road  
Provision of Sewer Service

**CREED ROAD GOLF COURSE – PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICE BY VIEW ROYAL**

**MOVED by Councillor Gillespie and Seconded by Councillor Cubberley: “That:**

- 1. Council consent to the “Town of View Royal/District of Saanich Intermunicipal Sanitary Sewer Service Establishment Bylaw No. 596, 2005; and**
- 2. Council rescind the following resolution from the April 9, 2002 Public Hearing:**
  - a) The area proposed to be zoned C-10 be included in the Sewer Enterprise Boundary; and**
  - b) A cross-boundary sewer service agreement be entered into with the Town of View Royal.”**

**CARRIED**

No. 198  
Brookleigh Road  
Temporary Road  
Closure for  
Triathlon

**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NEW BALANCE HALF IRON TRIATHLON (JUNE 19, 2005) - REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BROOKLEIGH ROAD**

**Moved by Councillor Gillespie and Seconded by Councillor Wergeland: "That Council approve the temporary closure of Brookleigh Road between Hamsterly Beach and Oldfield Road between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Sunday, June 19, 2005, for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Half Iron Triathlon, subject to the conditions outlined in the report of the Administrative Traffic Committee dated May 12, 2005."**

**CARRIED**

No. 199  
PKA35  
Gorge Soccer  
Association - Loan

**GORGE SOCCER ASSOCIATION – REQUEST FOR INTEREST FREE LOAN FOR ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD IN HAMPTON PARK**

**MOVED by Councillor Ngai and Seconded by Councillor Gillespie: "That Council approve an interest free loan to the Gorge Soccer Association for the Artificial Turf Field Project in Hampton Park in an amount up to and including \$250,000 with a five (5) year repayment schedule."**

**CARRIED**

In Camera Motion:

**MOVED by Councillor Gillespie and Seconded by Councillor Wade: "That the following meeting be closed to the public as the subject matter being discussed relates to the proposed acquisition of land and/or improvements, and to personal information about an identifiable individual being considered for appointment."**

**CARRIED**

Adjournment

On a motion from Councillor Ngai, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

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MAYOR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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MUNICIPAL CLERK

THE FOLLOWING WAS REPORTED FROM THE "IN CAMERA"  
COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 9, 2005.

Royal Oak Drive  
Proposed  
Purchase

**1159 ROYAL OAK DRIVE – PROPOSED PURCHASE OF THE  
OUTERBRIDGE PROPERTY**

**MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Pickup:  
"That:**

- 1. Council approve the purchase of Lot 3, Section 24, Lake District, Plan 69536 (1159 Royal Oak Drive) on the terms negotiated; and**
- 2. Council confirm that it is the Municipality's intent to honour Mrs. Outerbridge's vision for the property as described in the Restrictive Covenants."**

**CARRIED**

Blenkinsop Road  
Proposed  
Purchase

**4090 BLENKINSOP ROAD – PROPOSED PURCHASE OF A PORTION  
FOR THE CENTENNIAL TRAIL PROJECT**

**MOVED by Councillor Gillespie and Seconded by Councillor Derman:  
"That Council approve the purchase of a portion of:**

- 1. Lot 6, Section 32, Victoria District, Plan 907, Except Parcel A (DD1411361) and the Southerly 375 feet;**
- 2. Lot 5, Section 32, Victoria District, Plan 907, Except Parcel A (DD1411361);**
- 3. Lot 4, Section 32, Victoria District, Plan 907, Except Parcel A (DD1411361); and**
- 4. Lot A (DD2173291 of Section 32, Victoria District, Plan 907**

**Lying to the Northwest of a line and its extensions parallel to and perpendicularly distant 10.0m Southeasterly from the Northwesterly boundary of said Lots 6, 5, 4 and A containing +/- 1.2 acres (4090 Blenkinsop Road), for the sum of \$58,000."**

**CARRIED**

Lakehill Place  
Offer to Purchase

**4031 LAKEHILL PLACE – OFFER TO PURCHASE**

**MOVED by Councillor Gillespie and Seconded by Councillor Derman:  
"That Council direct staff to advise the proposed purchaser that Lot 29, Section 32, Victoria District, Plan 1676 (4031 Lakehill Place), is not for sale at this time."**

**CARRIED**

Admirals Road  
Proposed  
Acquisition

**3015 ADMIRALS ROAD – PROPOSED ACQUISITION**

**MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff:  
"That Council approve the purchase of a portion of Lot 1, Section 21, Victoria District, Plan 5849, containing +/- 27m<sup>2</sup> (3015 Admirals Road), for the sum of \$10,000."**

**CARRIED**



and there have been no concerns.

- A Life Fitness service rep can respond within 24 hours and replacement parts are available within two days versus other companies that have a 48-hour response time with five days for replacement parts.

**MOTION: MOVED by Mayor Leonard and Seconded by Councillor Ngai: “That it be recommended that Tender 13/05 for fitness equipment for Saanich Commonwealth Place, Gordon Head, Cedar Hill and G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centres be awarded to Life Fitness Western Canada in the amount of \$228,915.”**

**CARRIED**

Wilkinson Road/  
XRef: PLD60  
Official Community  
Plan Amendment

**3884 WILKINSON ROAD – OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT – EMIL PANZEBOEK/ZULU CONSTRUCTION.**

Report of the Director of Planning dated May 2, 2005 recommending the proposed amendment to the Official Community Plan not be supported.

Mr. E. Panzeboek, Zulu Construction, applicant, stated:

- It is his understanding that at the time the rezoning was considered in 2002, the Engineering Department recommended that the path not be constructed because of the steepness of the terrain and the location.
- It was recommended in his preliminary subdivision approval that he construct the path and dedicate the land.
- He submitted engineered drawings showing the profile of the stairs and how the path was going to be constructed and then met with Engineering staff; he was asked to remove some of the stairs because they were too steep.
- When the neighbour to the south of the subject property purchased her house she was not informed by the vendor that there was going to be a path constructed close to her house; she is opposed to the path.
- He is prepared to consider alternate options such as cash-in-lieu that could be used in another area of the trail system.

Ms. K. Hutchinson, 3870 Wilkinson Road, stated:

- She bought her property because of the privacy it offered.
- The proposed trail will run adjacent to her deck area; she is concerned that her privacy and property values will be impacted, and for the safety of her two children.
- There is already another path located about 200 metres away and constructing another one so close is not necessary.

Responding to questions from Council, the Parks Manager stated:

- There are other areas in the Municipality such as beach accesses where the stairs are steep.

**MOTION: MOVED by Councillor Gillespie and Seconded by Councillor Wergeland: “That a Public Hearing be called.”**

Councillor Gillespie stated:

- He visited the subject property and thinks the terrain is too steep for a trail with stairs; there could be potential safety issues and there is already a path close by that people can use.

Councillor Wergeland stated:

- It does not make sense to construct another path when there is one only 200 metres away.

Mayor Leonard stated:

- The public good is better served by having paths and linkages throughout the Municipality.
- The trail is not optional; it was a requirement that the applicant agreed to when he was given approval to rezone the property in 2002.

Councillor Wade stated:

- A condition of rezoning approval for the subject property was the acquisition and construction of the trail connection at the applicant's expense.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- This path will provide an opportunity for pedestrian movement in the area.
- She does not support an amendment to the Official Community Plan.

Councillor Derman stated:

- There is an element of redundancy in constructing another path so close to the existing one.
- Safety, privacy and steep terrain are issues that need to be taken into consideration.
- He would rather take the land dedication and cash-in-lieu, wait for a period of time and then determine if the path is necessary.

**The Motion was then PUT and DEFEATED, with Mayor Leonard and Councillors Brownoff, Cubberley, Derman, Ngai and Wade voting against.**

**MOTION:**

**MOVED by Councillor Wade and Seconded by Councillor Ngai: "That:**

- 1. The proposed amendment to the Official Community Plan to eliminate the planned trail running between Wilkinson Road and the existing trail right-of-way connecting to Mildred Street not be supported; and**
- 2. Council maintain the requirement for dedication and construction of the trail within a 2 metre (6.6 feet) wide trail corridor as per the rezoning application approved in November, 2002."**

**CARRIED,**  
**with Councillors Gillespie and Wergeland voting against.**

Mt. Douglas X Rd.  
Rezoning

**1504 MT. DOUGLAS X ROAD – REZONING APPLICATION – STEVE AND JO-ANN RADOS.**

Report of the Director of Planning dated May 3, 2005 recommending the rezoning from RS-18 to RS-8 and Development Variance Permit DVP2005-00011 be approved, and that the property be included in the Sewer Enterprise Boundary providing the owner agrees to bear the full cost of extending the infrastructure required to service the proposed lots. Mr. S. Rados, applicant, 948 Boulderwood Rise, stated:

- He canvassed the neighbourhood regarding the proposed development and received many letters and signatures in support.
- When he found out he should contact the Gordon Head Residents' Association he telephoned and left a message for the president but he did not get a call back.

Ms. S. Cosby, 4111 Glendenning Road, stated:

- She supports the proposed development.

Mr. K. Whitcroft, 1044 Inverness Road, stated:

- The Director of Engineering has stated there is a concept plan for Mt. Douglas Cross Road.
- At the present time Mt. Douglas Cross Road has grass swales to provide stormwater management; he would like to know if they will remain or if they will be changed to curb and gutter.

In response to questions, the Director of Planning stated:

- The concept plan is not sufficiently detailed to show particular aspects of the design; Engineering standards that were in force at the time of construction would be the first option, but grass swales and other alternatives for stormwater management could be considered for Mt. Douglas Cross Road.
- In cases where there may be constraints on where a house is located, staff try not to dictate a specific location for where a driveway should be located.
- The intent is not to undertake and road improvements at this time; future improvements to the alignment of Mt. Douglas Cross Road will provide adequate site distances for the proposed driveways.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED by Mayor Leonard and Seconded by Councillor Ngai: "That a Public Hearing be called."**

Mayor Leonard stated:

- Perhaps the applicant and staff can provide more information on the issue of the proposed driveways at the Public Hearing.

Councillor Ngai stated:

- The proposed development will mean improvements to the alignment of Mt. Douglas Cross Road.
- The applicant made a good effort to contact the neighbours and Community Association.

Councillor Cubberley stated:

- At the Public Hearing it would helpful to see where the building envelopes are for all three proposed lots as well as a tree retention plan indicating which of the trees will remain.
- He is not opposed to the proposed road dedication but he does not see an advantage to reconfiguring the road as it will just make it easier for motorists to speed.
- The sidewalk on the south side of Mt. Douglas Cross Road should be extended; it is a major connector route from Gordon Head Road.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- She is also concerned about reconfiguring the corner of Mt. Douglas Cross Road and Glendenning Road and agrees that it could

encourage motorists to speed.

- At the Public Hearing she would like more information on the proposed driveways, as well as some assurance that there will be covenants to control house design and siting, fencing, tree preservation and planting of replacement trees, as well as restrictions on driveway and underground utility locations.

Councillor Derman stated:

- He agrees that any improvements to the corner of Mt. Douglas Cross Road and Glendenning Road are not advisable at this time.
- At the Public Hearing he would like to see a detailed landscape plan, a vegetation retention plan, and more information on house size and siting.

**The Motion was then PUT and CARRIED**

Creed Road  
Golf Course Trail  
and Provision of  
Sewer Service

**CREED ROAD GOLF COURSE TRAIL STUDY.**

Report of the Director of Planning dated May 2, 2005 recommending Council accept the trail study and endorse the conclusion of the optimum trail route as shown on Map 2, that a public access easement be in the name of the Capital Regional District and that a \$10,000 bond/letter of credit be held pending construction of the trail from Creed Road to the proposed Bridge.

**CREED ROAD GOLF COURSE – PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICE BY VIEW ROYAL.**

Report of the Municipal Solicitor dated May 5, 2005 recommending Council consent to the “Town of View Royal/District of Saanich Intermunicipal Sanitary Sewer Service Establishment Bylaw #596, 2005”, and rescind a previous resolution to include a portion of the subject property within the Sewer Enterprise Boundary.

Ms. A. Plasterer, Director, Goodwill Investments Ltd., applicant, advised that she was present to respond to any questions

**MOTION:**

**MOVED by Mayor Leonard and Seconded by Councillor Gillespie: “That it be recommended that:**

- 1. Council accept the trail study and endorse the conclusion of the optimum route as shown on Map 2;**
- 2. A public access easement be registered by Goodwill Investments Ltd. in the name of the Capital Regional District; and**
- 3. A \$10,000 bond/letter of credit be deposited pending construction of the trail from Creed Road to the proposed Bridge.”**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:                    MOVED by Mayor Leonard and Seconded by Councillor Gillespie:  
“That it be recommended that:**

- 1. **Council consent to the “Town of View Royal/District of Saanich Intermunicipal Sanitary Sewer Service Establishment Bylaw No. 596, 2005; and**
- 2. **Council rescind the following resolution from the April 9, 2002 Public Hearing:**
  - a) **The area proposed to be zoned C-10 be included in the Sewer Enterprise Boundary; and**
  - b) **A cross-boundary sewer service agreement be entered into with the Town of View Royal.”**

**CARRIED**

Brookleigh Road  
Temporary Road  
Closure for  
Triathlon

**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NEW BALANCE HALF IRON TRIATHLON (JUNE 19, 2005) - REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BROOKLEIGH ROAD.**

Report of the Administrative Traffic Committee dated May 12, 2005 further to a letter from Multi-Sport Promotions dated March 22, 2005, recommending the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual New Balance Half Iron Triathlon proceed as proposed provided that all the conditions outlined are followed, and asking Council to endorse the temporary closure of Brookleigh Road between Hamsterly Beach and Oldfield Road between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 Noon on Sunday, June 19, 2005.

In response to a question from Council, the Municipal Solicitor stated:

- The Streets and Traffic Bylaw requires that all road closures be approved by Council; this could be delegated to the Police Chief or another staff member.

Mr. N. Thibault, Race Director, Multi-Sport Promotions, stated:

- The race sold out in 10 days with cyclists competing from all over the world.
- There are no changes to the race format from last year; they do not anticipate any problems.

**MOTION:                    Moved by Councillor Wade and Seconded by Councillor Wergeland:  
“That it be recommended that Council approve the temporary closure of Brookleigh Road between Hamsterly Beach and Oldfield Road between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Sunday, June 19, 2005, for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Half Iron Triathlon, subject to the conditions outlined in the report of the Administrative Traffic Committee dated May 12, 2005.”**

**CARRIED**

Gorge Soccer  
Association - Loan

**LOAN FOR ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD IN HAMPTON PARK.**

Report of the Parks Manager dated May 11, 2005 further to a letter from the Gorge Soccer Association, recommending Council approve in principle an interest free loan to the Gorge Soccer Association for the artificial turf field project at Kulai Field in Hampton Park in an amount up to and including \$250,000 with a five (5) year repayment schedule.

Mr. T. Marra, Gorge Soccer Association, stated:

- The Association's Gaming Commission Grant fell short by \$200,000 so they have undertaken an emergency fundraising campaign to make up the difference.
- Ocean Cement has donated the cement for the retaining wall around the park which is in the range of \$40,000; they have also applied for an Olympic Infrastructure grant and so far have received positive feedback.
- They are requesting a loan for \$250,000 over five years, but they feel that they will be able to repay it in one or two years.

Mr. P. Gerrard, president, Gorge Tillicum Community Association, stated:

- If the Soccer Association does not receive their loan from Saanich they will lose their in-kind donation of \$236,000 from Field Turf Inc.
- The Gorge Soccer Association has a great reputation and is well respected; he hopes that Saanich will support their request.

Mr. K. Whitcroft, 1044 Inverness Road, stated:

- He supports the Soccer Association's loan request.

Mr. R. Warden, president, North Quadra Land Use Protection Association, stated:

- The Association supports the loan request.
- They would like to know if the artificial turf will be monitored for water runoff.
- They would also like to know if the field will be fenced.

Mr. R. Roer, Parks Manager, stated:

- Staff has been monitoring the performance of this kind of artificial turf in other areas where it is used and can report that it has had good success.
- The soccer field is being fenced in order to protect it from vehicles driving across it; the gate will be left open for users to access it.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED by Councillor Ngai and Seconded by Councillor Gillespie: "That it be recommended that Council approve an interest free loan to the Gorge Soccer Association for the Artificial Turf Field Project in Hampton Park in an amount up to and including \$250,000 with a five (5) year repayment schedule."**

Councillor Ngai stated:

- The Parks and Recreation Committee reviewed the new technology that is used in this kind of artificial turf and it is very innovative; it is a good investment.

Councillor Derman stated:

- This kind of artificial turf is a state of the art product that is used in places like BC Place, Toronto, the United States and Europe; it is

better than the older products and is safer than grass to play on.

**The Motion was then Put and CARRIED**

ADM115 – CRD  
Economic  
Development  
Opportunities  
Blueprint

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES BLUEPRINT,  
OCTOBER 2004.**

Report of the Director of Finance dated May 2, 2005 further to a letter from the Capital Regional District dated April 7, 2005, recommending Council endorse the Economic Development Opportunities Blueprint, October 2004 Update subject to the conditions outlined, and encourage the Greater Victoria Enterprise Partnership Society (GVEPS) to begin a less costly broad brush implementation review with particular focus on governance and ongoing funding, and approach Federal and Provincial levels of government for start up funding assistance.

Mr. L. Whyte, Tourism Victoria, Co-Chair, Greater Victoria Enterprise Partnership Society (GVEPS), stated:

- The project was initiated by the Greater Victoria Enterprise Partnership Society (GVEPS) and was jointly funded by the GVEPS, Western Economic Diversification, the Capital Regional District and Coast Capital Savings Credit Union.
- The Steering Committee is comprised of representatives from various Chambers of Commerce, Tourism Victoria, Greater Victoria Harbour Authority, Western Economic Diversification Canada, Victoria Airport Authority, Victoria Real Estate Board, Victoria Film Commission, Thrifty Foods, VIATeC, CRD, and the Greater Victoria Economic Development Commission.
- The Blueprint identifies a number of initiatives for improving the local business climate for building on our assets and strengths to enhance regional prosperity.
- The Blueprint's overall strategic aims are to overcome problems that are negatively affecting the local business climate, and enhance existing or develop new business enterprises that are compatible with the region's commitment to sustainability.

Mr. B. Carter, Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce, stated:

- The Economic Blueprint was circulated to all member Councils and electoral areas for review and comment, and for feedback regarding the potential role of local government.
- The Blueprint is a document that outlines the economic strengths, challenges and opportunities in the Capital Regional District.
- We need to improve interjurisdictional cooperation, address labor force issues, revitalize the metropolitan core, foster positive attitudes towards economic development, and establish a regional economic development agency to champion regional economic development.
- Six sectors are identified in the report: Advanced Technology; Tourism; Marine Science and Industry; Sports, Art and Cultural; Agriculture; and Education and Research.
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- An important component of moving forward with the Blueprint is the establishment of a process for monitoring the success of the region in achieving its economic prosperity, goals and vision.
- They are hoping that Municipalities will endorse the recommendations

in the report, request the CRD to continue to develop a strategic regional economic development strategy as part of regional growth, and support the implementation strategy that the Blueprint recommends.

Mr. R. Warden, president, North Quadra Land Use Protection Association, stated:

- There is no mention of amenities being an important component of economic development in the Blueprint; without those amenities you will not get high tech, high paying innovative businesses to locate in the region.
- Reducing reliance on the residential tax base will only work if we promote small local businesses.
- What is the strategy for addressing the challenges of production of food and agriculture on Vancouver Island?
- Page 14 of the Blueprint states: *“Negative resident attitudes towards economic development and change”.....large numbers of well-organized NIMBY (Not in My Backyard) organizations.....*:This language is inflammatory and should be rewritten.
- Under Marine Science and Industry there is no mention of recreational diving; it is part of marine science and is also linked to tourism.
- With regard to agriculture, what is the strategy to encourage local businesses to buy produce from Island farmers?

Ms. V. Sanders, president, Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association, stated:

- The document is very vague and has a negative attitude towards Community Associations and local governments.
- The report is a veiled endorsement for amalgamation.
- There is always going to be labor force shortages because of the high cost of living in Victoria.
- Using negative statements like NIMBY is only going to encourage a negative attitude.
- With regard to tourism, the document only refers to Ogden Point – there are other great tourist attractions in the CRD.
- The majority of the industrial lands that used to support a thriving ship building industry in Victoria have been turned into housing.
- With regard to agriculture, farms do not create more employment because they have become automated and mechanized in order to save labor costs.
- The document is weak and the group that compiled it had a limited amount of broad knowledge; she would like to know who the community representatives were.
- The report is a discussion document with no data or backup statements.
- She hopes that Council will not endorse it.

Ms. K. Whitworth, 4580 Viewmont Avenue, stated:

- The document talks about labor force shortages and poor linkages between training programs and labor force requirements; there was no representation on the GVEPS Steering Committee from either educational stakeholders or employment counsellors.
- Economic development such as new housing starts is not mentioned

in the document; these are residents that buy gas, groceries and pay taxes.

- There are currently 18 projects being constructed in the Royal Oak area; this is an indication that Community Associations do accept economic development.
- She agrees that there should be a more balanced emphasis on major employment centres in the region rather than a focus on the metropolitan core.
- She strongly disagrees with establishing a non-profit, private sector driven and funded organization; why is GVEPS not using their own organization to fulfill the objectives in their Blueprint?

Mr. I. Graeme, 2615 Dean Avenue, stated:

- He was surprised to see that there was no representation on the GVEPS Steering Committee from Royal Roads University, UVic and Camosun College.

Mr. P. Gerrard, 2878 Inlet Avenue, stated:

- Most people in Saanich probably support the Regional Growth Strategy; models that incorporate funding from Federal and Provincial governments such as the Housing Trust Fund are a positive example of leveraging funds from senior levels of government.
- We need to make Saanich not only economically viable but sustainable as well; there are opportunities that Saanich should pursue independently and with the rest of the Capital Regional District.

Ms. S. MacPherson, president, Prospect Lake Community Association, stated:

- The Association was not able to discuss the Blueprint at their regular meeting because of the short notice.
- Community Associations do a lot of volunteer work in their communities and the comments on Page 14 of the Blueprint pertaining to Community Associations are dismissive and unappreciative.
- The document needs more work before Council endorses it.

Mr. K. Whitcroft, 1044 Inverness Road, stated:

- Page 4 of the Blueprint states "Reduce reliance on the residential tax base....." Saanich is already mainly developed so where are new commercial and industrial areas going to be located in order to create a commercial tax base?
- He thinks the document needs more work.

Mayor Leonard stated:

- We need to focus on areas that we agree on and not just those we disagree on; we need to remember our goals and why we are pursuing economic development.
- Postponing further consideration of the Blueprint because of the remarks made on Page 14 will not serve economic development or the young people graduating from high school who will be looking for

jobs.

**MOTION:                   MOVED by Mayor Leonard and Seconded by Councillor Wade: “That Council:**

- 1.   Endorse the Economic Development Opportunities Blueprint, October 2004 Update subject to:**
  - a) Inclusion of a more balanced emphasis on major employment centres in the region rather than a focus on the metropolitan core;**
  - b) Inclusion of a phased implementation with a first step focused on establishing a non-profit, private sector driven and funded organizational structure; and**
  
- 2.   Encourage the Greater Victoria Enterprise Partnership Society (GVEPS) to begin a less costly broad brush implementation review with particular focus on governance and ongoing funding, and approach Federal and Provincial levels of Government for start up funding assistance.”**

Councillor Wade stated:

- She is sorry that the Blueprint has been offensive to some people but she thinks there is some valuable information contained in the document and that Saanich should support it.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- The Steering Committee has done a lot of work putting the Blueprint together.
- Quality of life for the Capital Region should be defined in the document; quality of life and economic development are linked.
- The document should also highlight areas where there have been intermunicipal partnerships.
- The document should mention timelines and how the strategies will be achieved.

Councillor Cubberley stated:

- Land development is always going to be controversial especially when it steps outside of approved local community plans; when we work within community plans and with community associations we tend to get better results.
- The downtown core and all major centres should be linked with a high quality public transit system.
- We need to approach the Provincial and Federal levels of government as a group to get them to support what local governments are trying achieve as a region.

Councillor Ngai stated:

- The region needs an economic development strategy; we need to move forward and look at a balanced regional approach.

Councillor Wergeland stated:

- We should not focus on the negative but on the initiatives that the Municipality has achieved.

Councillor Gillespie stated:

- Saanich has done a good job of showing leadership
- He supports regional partnerships.

Councillor Derman stated:

- He supports economic development but he does not support the Blueprint in its present form; it needs more work.
- The document focuses on the downtown core and fails to address economic development in the rest of the region.
- Some of the language in the document is inflammatory and not appropriate.

**CARRIED,  
with Councillors Derman and Gillespie voting against.**

Adjournment

On a motion from Councillor Gillespie, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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