

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2007 AT 7:30 P.M.

Present:

Chair: Mayor Leonard
Council: Councillors Brice, Brownoff, Derman, Gillespie, Hunter; Ngai, and Sanders
Staff: Tim Wood, Administrator; Russ Fuoco, Director of Planning; Colin Doyle, Director of Engineering; Carrie MacPhee, Manager of Legislative Services; and Shirley Leggett, Senior Committee Clerk.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER “OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW, 1993, AMENDMENT BYLAW, 2007, NO. 8860”

No. 158
Bylaw 8860
PLD60

PROPOSED HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENTS TO THE STREAMSIDE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA

The intent of the proposed bylaw is to amend the Streamside Development Permit Area, Justification and Guidelines, to include wording changes and additions of a housekeeping nature to improve clarity and consistency.

The Notice of Public Hearing; and report of the Manager of Environmental Services dated May 4, 2007, recommending Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Streamside Development Permit Area, were introduced.

APPLICANT:

The Corporation of the District of Saanich.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Mr. K. Whitcroft, on behalf of the Saanich Environmental Advisory Committee, the Bowker Creek Initiative, and the Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association, stated:

- Under Section 1 – “Area” of the Proposed Amendments: *“The Streamside Development Permit Area does not apply to streams that have been enclosed with the approval of the Municipality”*; he is concerned that we may lose potential future opportunities to daylight streams.
- He thinks the proposed amendment should be worded differently so that watersheds are respected regardless of whether or not they are enclosed or open.
- We need to look ahead to the future and consider the benefits to our environment by keeping our waterways open.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- She recalls that at the Committee of the Whole Meeting there was some discussion pertaining to the proposed wording, and that some members of Council had expressed concerns that it should be more flexible.

Councillor Hunter stated:

- He is not comfortable with the proposed wording either and thought that staff were going to modify it.

Councillor Derman stated:

- The proposed wording stems from past history; times and Councils change and if the wording is not amended, the intent to restore the health of our watersheds will be lost.

Councillor Sanders stated:

- She would like to see the wording changed so that it does not preclude opportunities for future restoration of watersheds and streams.

Councillor Brice stated:

- She would also like to see some future language applied that captures the intent of restoring the health of our watersheds.

APPLICANT’S RESPONSE:

The Manager of Legislative Services stated:

- The motion from the May 28, 2007 Committee of the Whole Meeting was for staff to see if there are future opportunities to add wording that indicates that Saanich is committed to restoring the health of its streams and watersheds.
- The wording of the proposed amendments as outlined in the report of the Manager of Environmental Services was to be left unchanged to allow this amendment to move forward.

MOTION:

MOVED by Councillor Ngai and Seconded by Councillor Gillespie: “That “Official Community Plan Bylaw, 1993, Amendment Bylaw, 2007, No. 8860” be adopted.”

CARRIED

No. 159
Bylaw 8860
PLD60

“OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW, 1993, AMENDMENT BYLAW, 2007, NO. 8860”
Second, Third, and Final Readings.

MOVED by Councillor Ngai and Seconded by Councillor Gillespie: “That Bylaw No. 8860 be read a second time.”

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Ngai and Seconded by Councillor Ngai: “That Bylaw No. 8860 be now passed.”

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Ngai and Seconded by Councillor Gillespie: “That Bylaw No. 8860 be adopted by Council and the Seal of the Corporation be attached thereto.”

CARRIED

Minutes

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Brownoff and Seconded by Councillor Gillespie: "That the Minutes of the Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings held June 18, 2007, and the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting held June 12, 2007, be adopted."

CARRIED

Bylaws

BYLAWS

No. 160
Bethune Ave.
Bylaw 8859

HOUSING AGREEMENT AUTHORIZATION BYLAW (3494 BETHUNE AVENUE).

Final Reading of the "Housing Agreement Authorization Bylaw, 2007, No. 8859". To reflect the owner as Habitat for Humanity and repeal Bylaw No. 8778.

MOVED by Councillor Ngai and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff: "That Bylaw No. 8859 be adopted by Council and the Seal of the Corporation be attached thereto."

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

From the Finance and Personnel Standing Committee Meeting held May 23, 2007.

No. 161
FIN120
2006 Audit and
Financial Reports

2006 AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT, AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Standing Committee Meeting held May 23, 2007 recommending the 2006 Reports be approved.

MOVED by Councillor Ngai and Seconded by Councillor Brice: "That:

- 1. The 2006 Audit Findings Report be received and the 2006 Audited Financial Statements be accepted; and**
- 2. The 2006 Statement of Financial Information be approved."**

CARRIED

From the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held April 26, 2007.

No. 162
PKA35
Park Naming

PARK NAMING – SOUTH PROSPECT LAKE PARK

Recommendation from the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held April 26, 2007 recommending Council approve the revised name of "South Prospect Lake Park" for the new park area between Estelline Park and South Prospect Lake Park.

MOVED by Councillor Hunter and Seconded by Councillor Gillespie: "That the revised name of "South Prospect Lake Park" be approved for the new park area between Estelline Park and South Prospect Lake Park."

CARRIED

From the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held May 24, 2007.

No. 163
RSF00
Fees and Charges

PROPOSED 2007/2008 PARKS AND RECREATION FEES AND CHARGES SCHEDULE

Recommendation from the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held May 24, 2007 recommending that Council approve the proposed 2007/2008 Fees and Charges as outlined in the May 14, 2007 report of the Director of Parks and Recreation.

MOVED by Councillor Gillespie and Seconded by Councillor Hunter: "That Council approve the 2007/2008 Recreation Fees and Charges Schedule as outlined in the May 14, 2007 report of the Director of Parks and Recreation."

CARRIED

From the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee Meeting held June 20, 2007.

No. 164
ADM115 – UBCM
Proposed
Resolution

PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO UBCM - AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Recommendation from the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee Meeting held June 20, 2007 recommending Council support forwarding the resolution outlined to the Union of BC Municipalities for consideration.

MOVED by Councillor Brice and Seconded by Councillor Derman: "That Council forward the following resolution to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for consideration at the 2007 Annual Convention:

WHEREAS British Columbia's population of seniors is growing rapidly, leaving many communities with challenges to address such as physical and social barriers that affect the safety, independence and general ability of seniors to participate in society, and that negatively impact the overall health, quality of life and longevity of seniors;

AND WHEREAS the World Health Organization, in partnership with the federal government, the province of British Columbia, and the Municipalities of Saanich, Alert Bay, and Lumby, are presently working together to develop tools that will guide local planners and policy makers in identifying and managing such physical and social barriers to seniors' health and well-being; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urge the provincial government to support in a coordinated manner across the province the implementation of age-friendly tools by local governments, which will help adapt the built, physical and social environments of their communities to support the needs of seniors."

Councillor Brice stated:

- Since 2006, BC's Ministry of Health has been working with the Public Health Agency of Canada and the World Health Organization (WHO)

on the development of a Global Age-Friendly Cities Guide; the project is led by WHO and involves 35 cities from around the world, including Saanich as one of the four Canadian cities.

- Both the provincial and federal governments are simultaneously working on the development of the Canadian Age-Friendly Rural and Remote Communities Guide; Alert Bay and Lumby were selected as part of the initiative.
- With both of these projects currently underway, there is an opportunity for Saanich to forward a resolution to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' (UBCM) upcoming Annual Convention, urging the Province to support the implementation of a coordinated and collaborative approach for making all BC communities more age friendly; the Councils of Alert Bay and Lumby are also proposing to forward the same resolution to UBCM.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- It is her understanding that there were a number of recommendations on aging in the 2006 "Report of the Premier's Council on Aging and Seniors' Issues"; perhaps in the proposed resolution to UBCM, that Report should be referenced as well.
- There are many very good recommendations in the Report and she has heard that other municipalities in BC will be supporting it.

Councillor Brice stated:

- Perhaps we could capture the support for the work that is being done by the Province, by asking the UBCM to frame the motions when they are presented at the convention to also reflect the Report of the Premier's Council.
- The deadline for agenda items for the UBCM Annual Convention is June 30th; she is concerned there may not be enough time to coordinate a revised motion with both Alert Bay and Lumby.

Mayor Leonard stated:

- We could ask the resolution committee to consider referencing the Report of the Premier's Council.

The Motion was then PUT and CARRIED

No. 165
ADM115 – CRD
CRD Activities

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Council members provided updates on a variety of Capital Regional District initiatives.

Adjournment

On a Motion from Councillor Hunter, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:51 p.m.

From the Committee of the Whole Meeting held June 25, 2007

No. 166
ADM75 - Perpetual
Annual Report

ANNUAL REPORT – “OUR STRATEGIC PROGRESS DURING 2006”

**MOVED by Councillor Gillespie and Seconded by Councillor Sanders:
“That Council endorse the Annual Report – “Our Strategic Progress
During 2006”.”**

CARRIED

Adjournment

On a motion from Councillor Gillespie, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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MAYOR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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MUNICIPAL CLERK

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2007 AT 8:40 P.M.

Present: **Chair:** Mayor Leonard
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 Staff: Tim Wood, Administrator; Russ Fuoco, Director of Planning; Colin Doyle, Director of Engineering; Carrie MacPhee, Manager of Legislative Services; and Shirley Leggett, Senior Committee Clerk.

ADM75 - Perpetual
Annual Report

ANNUAL REPORT – “OUR STRATEGIC PROGRESS DURING 2006”
Annual Report for Council consideration.

Mayor Leonard provided the following highlights of the accomplishments achieved in Saanich’s six theme areas outlined in the third annual progress report entitled “Our Strategic Progress During 2006”:

Healthy Community

- The Healthy Community theme seeks to promote an active, balanced, and secure lifestyle for all of our residents.
- The citizen satisfaction rating of recreation and cultural services went from 67 percent in 2003 to 71 percent in 2006; at the same time the citizen quality of life rating increased from 80 percent to 88 percent.
- The Heritage Action Plan was completed in 2006 and provides the framework to implement and fulfill the recommendations and policies of our Heritage Management Plan.
- Saanich continues to improve community infrastructure with the redevelopment of G.R. Pearkes Community Recreation Centre, Gordon Head Middle School, and the start of the Layritz Park Sport Field and Trail Development Project.

Sustainable Environment

- As we progress toward a Sustainable Environment, our many climate change initiatives will become increasingly important.
- Saanich worked with the CRD to complete a Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory, which established community-wide and corporate GHG and Energy baselines from which to measure future reductions.
- In order to address the Riparian Area Regulation and ensure stewardship of the environment, a new Streamside Development Permit Area was adopted in 2006; this flexible system offers land owners two different approaches to meet or exceed the Regulation.

Vibrant, Connected Economy

- Three of the initiatives undertaken to support a vibrant, connected economy include:
- Establishment of a Community Tourism Program with Provincial Funding; in addition to direct assistance to Saanich, this program assisted the Glendale Gardens and the Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary.

- Implementation of a sustainability checklist to bring awareness to the economic impact of development proposals.
- Initiation of the BizPal Project in partnership with the Province in order to streamline and increase one-stop online access to business and development related information 24/7.

Safe Community

- Increasing our emergency preparedness using a multi-faceted approach will ensure that Saanich is a safe community now and in the future.
- In 2006 work continued on the Post Disaster Response initiative including the training of personnel, the purchase of supplies, and construction of the post disaster dispatch communication centre which is 60 percent complete.
- Another important initiative was the Extreme Weather Protocol in which Saanich worked with the Victoria Native Friendship Centre to establish 25 beds.

Balanced Transportation

- As our municipality and region continue to grow, the Balanced Transportation theme undertakes initiatives to keep "People in Motion".
- The West Saanich Road Streetscape project is the culmination of more than five years of planning, design and construction and will enhance the public amenities for residents and businesses.
- The changes in road design have resulted in additional green space, sidewalks and bicycle lanes, and have helped to reduce traffic speed through this busy area.
- Stage 2 of the Interurban Rail Trail was completed in 2006; this multi-use trail section between Hartland Avenue and Wallace Drive makes the Centennial Trail link between the urban and rural areas of Saanich.
- With other sections of the Centennial Trail soon to be completed, residents can look forward to travel from some of our major centres, such as Royal Oak and McKenzie/Quadra to rural farmland, all in the safety and enjoyment that such a trail provides.

Service Excellence

- In Saanich we believe that the heart of service is people.
 - The many initiatives of the Service Excellence theme along with those of our other themes were instrumental in improving our 2006 citizen satisfaction ratings in areas such as citizen engagement, value for money, and customer service which achieved 80 percent.
 - Saanich enhanced its service delivery last year in a number of areas, including harmonized development application forms with the core municipalities, and a unified customer call tracking and response system for Public Works service requests.
- He would like to acknowledge the contributions of those who developed the 2006–2010 strategic focus and those whose efforts saw the completion and progression of 88 percent of the 82 priority initiatives.

- He would also like to thank everyone involved including Council, advisory committees, community associations, employees and citizens.

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

- He commends everyone who was involved in the development of the strategic focus; there are many great initiatives.
- Under *Sustainable Environment – Managing Growth*: “The large number (487) of new multi-family dwelling units added during 2006...”; he would like to know how many were in major centres, how many were affordable, and how many single family dwellings were constructed.
- Under *Protecting and Enhancing Air, Water and Land Quality*: The Urban Forest Initiative continues to be delayed and in the meantime there is a continuous loss of trees; it is difficult to develop a baseline.

Mr. D. Murdock, Sierra Club Victoria, stated:

- He commends staff for the excellent progress that has been made with regard to the completion and progression of the priority initiatives.
- The CRD Energy Plan is identified within the document; he is concerned that the initiative may not be progressing as quickly as predicted.
- Under *Balanced Transportation – Enhancing Transportation Alternatives*: “Over 1,200 meters of sidewalks were upgraded and constructed.....”; although the Sierra Club promotes safety as a priority, they believe that augmenting the labyrinth of concrete and asphalt does not necessarily enhance transportation alternatives.
- The Sierra Club hopes that as the annual progress reports come forward, that Saanich will continue to show leadership in creating a pedestrian and cycling friendly environment.

MOTION:

MOVED by Councillor Gillespie and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff: “That it be recommended that Council endorse the Annual Report – “Our Strategic Progress During 2006”.”

Councillor Sanders stated:

- She is impressed with the professional look of the Annual Report and the statistics of the Eco-Audit shown on the back cover of the document.

The Motion was then PUT and CARRIED

Adjournment On a motion from Councillor Gillespie, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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