

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.

Present: **Chair:** Mayor Leonard
Council: Councillors Brice, Brownoff, Derman, Gillespie, Hunter, Sanders and Wergeland
Staff: Tim Wood, Administrator; Russ Fuoco, Director of Planning; Von Bishop, Manager, Development & Municipal Facilities; Donna Dupas, Deputy Manager of Legislative Services; and Shirley Leggett, Senior Committee Clerk

Minutes

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Brownoff and Seconded by Councillor Wergeland: "That the Minutes of the Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings held June 16, 2008, and the Special Council Meeting held June 10, 2008, be adopted."

CARRIED

BYLAWS

No. 165
ADM40
Bylaw 8933

DEPOSIT OF FILL BYLAW AMENDMENT – DEFINITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF "DIKE" AND DEPOSIT OF FILL WITHIN THE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE

Final Reading of the "Deposit of Fill Bylaw, 1993, Amendment Bylaw, 2008, No. 8933". To include a new definition of "dike" to prohibit the construction of a dike within a floodplain, and to regulate the deposit of fill within the Agricultural Land Reserve.

MOVED by Councillor Hunter and Seconded by Councillor Brice: "That Bylaw No. 8933 be adopted by Council and the Seal of the Corporation be attached thereto."

CARRIED

No. 166
ADM40
Bylaw 8936

PAWNBROKERS AND SECOND HAND DEALERS BYLAW – HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENT

Final Reading of the "Pawnbrokers and Second Hand Dealers Bylaw, 1983, Amendment Bylaw, 2008, No. 8936". Housekeeping amendment to remove the obligation on pawnbrokers to physically deliver reports to the Police on a daily basis.

MOVED by Councillor Sanders and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff: "That Bylaw No. 8936 be adopted by Council and the Seal of the Corporation be attached thereto."

CARRIED

No. 167
PLD60
Bylaw 8940

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW (2008)

Rescind the June 16, 2008 first reading of the "Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2008, No. 8940";

MOVED by Councillor Wergeland and Seconded by Councillor Derman: "That Council rescind the June 16, 2008 first reading of the "Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2008, No. 8940."

CARRIED

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW (2008)

First Reading of the "Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2008, No. 8940". To adopt a new Official Community Plan.

MOVED by Councillor Wergeland and Seconded by Councillor Gillespie: "That Bylaw No. 8940 be introduced and read."

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

From the Finance and Personnel Standing Committee Meeting held May 27, 2008

No. 168
FIN120
Audit and Financial Statements

2007 AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT, AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Standing Committee Meeting held May 27, 2008 recommending the 2007 Reports be approved.

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

- 1. The 2007 Audit Findings Report be received and the 2007 Audited Financial Statements be accepted; and**
- 2. The 2007 Statement of Financial Information be approved."**

CARRIED

Adjournment

On a motion from Councillor Hunter, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. p.m.

The Meeting reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

From the Committee of the Whole Meeting held June 23, 2008

Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS

No. 169
Dupplin Road
Development Permit

647 DUPPLIN ROAD – DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AMENDMENT – KUSTOM TOWING LTD. (PAT SAMPLE)

Moved by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Brice: "That Council approve and issue amended Development Permit P/55/87 on the Westerly 33.53m of Lot A, Plan 45459, Section 7, Victoria District (647 Road)."

CARRIED

No. 170
ADM75 - Perpetual
Annual Report

ANNUAL REPORT – “OUR STRATEGIC PROGRESS DURING 2007”

MOVED by Councillor Gillespie and Seconded by Councillor Wergeland: “That Council endorse the Annual Report – “Our Strategic Progress During 2007”.”

CARRIED

In Camera Motion

MOVED by Councillor Hunter and Seconded by Councillor Gillespie: “That the following meeting be closed to the public as the subject matter being discussed relates to labour relations or other employee relations; to an administrative tribunal hearing or potential administrative tribunal hearing affecting the District; to litigation or potential litigation affecting the District, and to the provision of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege.”

CARRIED

Adjournment

On a motion from Councillor Gillespie, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 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 23, 2008 AT 7:37 P.M.

Present:

- Chair:** Councillor Sanders
- Council:** Mayor Leonard and Councillors Brice, Brownoff, Derman, Gillespie, Hunter, and Wergeland
- Staff:** Tim Wood, Administrator; Russ Fuoco, Director of Planning; Von Bishop, Manager, Development & Municipal Facilities; Donna Dupas, Deputy Manager of Legislative Services; and Shirley Leggett, Senior Committee Clerk.

Dupplin Road
Development Permit

647 DUPPLIN ROAD – DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AMENDMENT – KUSTOM TOWING LTD. (PAT SAMPLE)

Report of the Director of Planning dated June 9, 2008 recommending Development Permit Amendment DPA2008-00023 be approved.

Ms. P. Sample, Kustom Towing Ltd., applicant, stated:

- The application is for a temporary portable building with an attached covered porch which will be used for storage and a dispatch office.
- If the Development Permit application is approved, they will enter into a three year lease agreement with the property owners.

MOTION:

Moved by Councillor Gillespie and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff: “That it be recommended that Council approve and issue amended Development Permit P/55/87 on the Westerly 33.53m of Lot A, Plan 45459, Section 7, Victoria District (647 Road).”

CARRIED

ADM75 - Perpetual
Annual Report

ANNUAL REPORT – “OUR STRATEGIC PROCESS DURING 2007”

Annual Report for Council consideration.

Mr. M. Brown, president, Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association, stated:

- The Association is not certain that the various progress measures are an accurate reflection as a result of action on the part of the Municipality; e.g. one of the measures is the percentage of Saanich residents with a post secondary education - is there an active program to encourage post-secondary education for citizens, and if so, is this a municipal issue?
- There are significant measures of Accessibility that are not addressed in the Report such as pedestrian routes and sidewalks that connect neighborhoods to parks and services; there appears to be greater funding being allocated to bicycle routes compared to pedestrian routes even though statistics show pedestrian travel exceeds bicycle travel.
- While they applaud the Greenways and Blueways Initiative, they recommend that a coherent plan for pedestrians in neighborhoods be developed; new sidewalks are often random and intermittent.
- Saanich is not doing a very good job providing affordable housing nor are they doing a very good job measuring affordability.
- It would be beneficial to collect data on a more routine basis; the problem with longer term surveys is that while the data may be more comprehensive, it takes longer to analyze and longer for any action to occur.
- There are more than a few aspects of the Report that show a less than strategic approach to significant issues in the Municipality such as the lack of community involvement; the decision to update local area plans by Municipal staff effectively excluded communities from one of the more fundamental aspects of citizen participation.

Mr. S. Brygadyr, secretary, North Quadra Land Use Protection Association, stated:

- The Association would like to thank engineering staff for the new section of sidewalk along Douglas Street which has not been

mentioned in the Report because the work commenced in 2007; they eagerly anticipate the completion of the sidewalk to Rogers Avenue as part of the 2009 budget process.

- Sidewalk construction and improvements are extremely important and the Association hopes that they will be given a top priority in the future.

Mr. D. Murdock, 405-899 Darwin Avenue, stated:

- He commends Council and staff on another tremendous year in a great community.
- He is pleased with the targets with respect to waste reduction under the Sustainable Environment section of the Report; compared to other municipalities in the region, Saanich saw a reduction in the amount of waste that made its way to the landfill; for next year's Report he suggests the inclusion of a measurement that separates organics.
- He is disappointed that the Climate Change and Energy Action Plan was delayed but he looks forward to working with staff on the community engagement portion of the Action Plan.
- He is pleased with the number of units within walking distance of major centres; however, perhaps we should look at better defining walking distance and the quality of the walking environment from those units to a major centre.
- It is regrettable that we missed the target on multi-family units; perhaps this is an indicator that we are locating density by virtue of infill rather than locating it in major centres.
- With regard to the collection of data with respect to greenhouse gas emissions, this is information that should be available annually if the CRD succeeds in instituting its monitoring function with respect to climate change.
- With respect to Balanced Transportation, he is pleased with the construction of new sidewalks but he is not confident that the indicator is appropriate; perhaps it would be useful to indicate how many metres of sidewalks start and stop sporadically on our major routes; he would also like to know if this measure is indicative of new development.
- He is pleased that Saanich exceeded its target for affordable housing with respect to Healthy Community, however, he would like to see some definition around the concept of affordability; he is not confident that housing units are reasonably available to people at 30 percent of their income.
- He is happy with the expansion of the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre; however, it is disappointing that we did not take advantage of the opportunity to create an art centre as part of the expansion.

Councillor Hunter stated:

- The Report is meant to be an overview of the Municipality's progress for 2007; it would not be practical to list every detail and staff have done a great job outlining the highlights.
- He feels that Saanich does a good job with respect to involving the community; there needs to be a balance between the consultation process and getting the job done otherwise issues will not get dealt with in a timely manner; Council has always valued and respected the comments from the community.

Councillor Derman stated:

- He thanks staff for their hard work; it is a very good document that will evolve over time.
- Saanich is ahead of many other municipalities in the region in terms of how much has been accomplished according to the Annual Report.
- Saanich needs to measure how successful it is in implementing its Regional Growth Strategy within the Municipality and how far we have gone in planning and implementing major centres.
- We need to look at the continuity and quality of pedestrian routes, as well as pedestrian travel in terms of infrastructure from an origin destination point of view.
- We should also be including an indicator for levels of congestion for our region and the Municipality; this would be a good indicator of whether or not we are meeting our balanced transportation goals and objectives.
- Perhaps it would be a good idea to send our indicators to the Advisory Committees and SCAN; they can look at them and provide input on what should be measured.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- The process continues to evolve; the Report is a good document and staff has started to move forward to some of the indicators.
- Saanich has evolved from the early 1980's; our Official Community Plan and Strategic Plan are being shared throughout other municipalities in the Province, and Saanich is seen as a leader in terms of a Healthy Community framework, and with moving forward on environmental and social initiatives.
- She is pleased to see that the number of business licenses that were issued in Saanich has increased significantly.
- The Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee is concerned that pedestrian accidents are increasing in Saanich and that some of the non-sidewalk environment is underserved; roads like Carey, Richmond, and Wilkinson carry a significant amount of traffic but are not safe for pedestrians.
- Some of the older areas in Saanich have sidewalks on both sides of the streets; however, there is a disconnect with sidewalks in neighborhoods with new development.
- The Safe Community theme within the Report is more comprehensive and shows some of the municipality's crime rate statistics; she would like to see more information pertaining to the Fire Department as well.
- Staff is doing the best they can with the tools they have; the indicators will evolve and next year's report will likely have climate action information as well.

Councillor Wergeland stated:

- Saanich has invested a lot of thought, planning, and money into amenities such as sidewalks and cycling lanes and will continue to do so in the future.
- Saanich has advanced with respect to how we report on our goals and objectives; it is easy to see how far we have progressed over the years and there are still opportunities for further improvements.

- He compliments staff on the Report; it is a very good document.

Councillor Gillespie stated:

- Saanich does a great job serving the people and staff continues to work very hard to make improvements throughout the Municipality; Saanich has some of the best recreation facilities on the Island.
- He is very proud of Saanich’s police and fire departments; they provide excellent security for the residents in our Municipality.
- He feels it is a sad situation when people have to commute from up Island to Victoria for work because they cannot afford the cost of housing; it is an issue that needs to be dealt with by all levels of government.

Mayor Leonard stated:

- Last year Saanich’s Strategic Progress Report was recognized with an award by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for the best document in the Province; it is seen as a very forward thinking document and other Municipalities look to Saanich to continue that leadership.
- He appreciates the input from the speakers tonight; we have also gotten input internally from the various Advisory and Standing Committees, as well as SCAN, but it may be time to engage the public more in the process; he suggests that during the next three year term of Council, that the annual meetings for the Progress Report be held out in the community at the recreation centres or schools.
- Perhaps we could focus on just two of the six themes in each of the three years, that way there could be more comprehensive information on two themes rather than an overview of all six themes.

**MOTION: MOVED by Mayor Leonard and Seconded by Councillor Gillespie:
 “That it be recommended that Council endorse the Annual Report –
 “Our Strategic Progress During 2007”.”**

CARRIED

Adjournment On a motion from Councillor Hunter, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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 CHAIR

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 MUNICIPAL CLERK