
TOWN OF SIDNEY
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Monday, March 6, 2017
Council Chambers

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor C. McLennan
Mayor S. Price & Councillors: E. Bremner-Mitchell, T. Chad, B. Fallot, M. Lougher-Goodey
and P. Wainwright

Staff: R. Humble, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Hicik, Director of Corporate Services
T. Tanton, Director of Development Services, Engineering, Parks & Works
B. Mikkelsen, Fire Chief
S. Nelson, Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor M. Lougher-Goodey, seconded by Councillor B. Fallot, that the agenda be approved with the following amendments:

1. *by moving item 3b - CRD Arts Funding ahead of item 3a - 2016 SEAG Report;*
2. *adding to item 3b - email from C. Plant, CRD Director, dated March 2, 2017; and*
3. *adding to item 3b - email from B. Losie, Third Street, dated March 6, 2017.*

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. PRESENTATIONS

b. CRD Arts Funding

James Lam, Manager, CRD Arts Development Services, gave a PowerPoint presentation providing information on the Arts Development Services program (e.g. Operating grants, Project grants and IDEA grants) noting that they provide support to organizations, not individual artists. He advised funding assistance is only provide to organizations within the participating municipalities. Mr. Lam noted Sidney is a non-group 1 participant currently contributing \$15,000, which with the proposed bylaw amendment would require Sidney to increase its funding to \$38,636. He advised that the CRD Board has made regional arts a strategic priority and will be adding new initiatives to the program.

Mr. Colin Plant, Chair of CRD Arts Commission, encouraged Council to continue to participate in the program stressing the importance of funding the arts regionally, not just locally. He stated investment in regional arts not only has considerable economic benefits, but also brings energy and vitality to the community and improves the quality of life to residents. He advised that over 30 organizations received grant funding in 2016 and while he does acknowledge most are based in Victoria audiences throughout the region benefit. Mr. Plant advised that the purpose of the increase in funding is to create equity and meaningful contributions to the program.

Committee members discussed regional vs. local funding of the arts, and expressed concerns regarding the proposed increase to \$38,636 and the lack of a withdrawal provision in the bylaw.

Moved by Mayor S. Price, seconded by Councillor M. Lougher-Goodey, that the Committee recommend to Council that Council support Bylaw No. 4127 – Arts & Culture Support Service Establishment Bylaw 1, 2001, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 2017, subject to a withdrawal provision being included in the bylaw.

OPPOSED: Councillor T. Chad
MOTION CARRIED: 6:1

a. 2016 SEAG Report

Ms. Susan Simosko, Chair of the Sidney Event Advisory Group (SEAG) and President of the Sidney Business Improvement Area Society, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the activities and accomplishments of SEAG, which was formed in 2013 to provide advice, identify resources and support to the Event Liaison/Facilitator. She advised that the group, representing 14 various community organizations, meets monthly to collaboratively evaluate, support and initiate various events throughout the community (currently more than 20 major events). Ms. Simosko reported that the problem of duplication and cross-over of event dates has been solved and that they have been able to attract even more events and conferences, noting that Sidney is becoming a regional event hub. She thanked Council and staff for their continued support and looks forward to promoting Sidney events through the Sidney Visitor Information Centre.

Moved by Councillor M. Lougher-Goodey, seconded by Councillor B. Fallot, that the Committee recommend to Council that the Sidney Event Advisory Group's final report on activities and accomplishments in 2016, be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

a. Review of Policies – Council/Committees

Moved by Councillor M. Lougher-Goodey, seconded by Councillor B. Fallot, that the Committee recommend to Council:

1. *That the Council & Committee policies: CC-001 (Access to Files); CC-011 (Bylaws-Reconsideration); and CC-012 (Reimbursement for Councillors Unable to Drive) be rescinded; and*
2. *That remaining Council & Committee policies be approved as presented and re-numbered accordingly.*

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. PARKS & INFRASTRUCTURE

6. PROTECTIVE SERVICES

7. DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

a. Sidney Crossing & Sandown Traffic Impacts

Committee members expressed concerns regarding the individual traffic analysis, and Councillor P. Wainwright expressed the need for a traffic analysis that incorporates the impacts of the Sandown development into Sidney.

Mr. Randy Humble, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that based upon discussions with the developer for Sidney Crossing, he was informed that the Sandown traffic impact study would be forwarded on to their traffic consultant for review.

Moved by Councillor M. Lougher-Goodey, seconded by Councillor T. Chad, that the Committee recommend to Council that the staff report dated March 6, 2017, presenting the traffic impact studies for both Sidney Crossing (Gateway) and Sandown developments, be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 8. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- 9. **NEW BUSINESS**
- 10. **MOTION TO GO “IN-CAMERA” (closed meeting) - Not required.**
- 11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor M. Lougher-Goodey, seconded by Councillor T. Chad, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR

CORPORATE OFFICER