



TOWN OF SIDNEY

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Monday, June 8, 2020 Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor C. McNeil-Smith
Councillors: S. Garnett and C. Rintoul
Councillors: S. Duncan, B. Fallot, T. O’Keeffe and P. Wainwright (*via electronically*)

Staff: R. Humble, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Hicik, Director of Corporate Services
J. Clary, Director of Engineering
B. Mikkelsen, Fire Chief
A. Verhagen, Senior Manager of Current Planning (*via electronically*)
C. Newcomb, Senior Manager of Long-Range Planning
S. Nelson, Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor respectfully acknowledged that this evening’s meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the WSÁNEC First Nations.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2020.24.289 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the agenda be approved with the following amendments:

1. item 16.6 be moved to under item 14 - Correspondence;
2. item 11bi - include additional report regarding Access Awareness Week; and
3. new item 13c - report from Councillor B. Fallot regarding the library.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. A. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD (*maximum 20 minutes*)

*No written submissions were received.
No registered speakers.*

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

C. PRESENTATIONS

i. Special Update - COVID-19

EOC Director/Fire Chief Brett Mikkelsen provided an update on the activities at the EOC over the past 2 weeks (remaining at Level 2):

- critical truck rest stop area has closed and parking lot re-opened to public
- shower facilities remain open; closure to be considered for on or before July 1
- continue wellness checks and enforcement of Town’s parks bylaw (i.e. no camping)
- continue site visits (175) providing guidance to those businesses re-opening
- Town parks and playgrounds have re-opened
- parking spaces adjacent to Sidney Bakery where closed and sidewalk expanded to provide adequate physical distancing; staff continue to monitor “pinch point” areas

- Town Hall has re-opened, but limited to property tax payments only
- continue to support extended care and nursing facilities
- continue communications with other municipalities, CRD, provincial ministries, etc.

Chief Mikkelsen advised that the business survey conducted by EOC staff has been completed and that the data is under review, however provided the following initial overview: 700 out of 981 licensed business were contacted by phone; 320 surveys were completed; 79% have been negatively affected by COVID-19; 5.5% positively affected; 15.5% no change; 65% had accessed funding assistance; out of the 79% negative impacted – 52% advised they laid off employees.

Chief Mikkelsen advised that a consultant has been re-engaged to assist in enhancing community sustainability, including a possible second way in the fall, and the scope of which is to establish a neighbor disaster resiliency program.

5. A. BYLAWS

i. Bylaw No. 2197 - Off-Street Parking & Loading, Amendment No. 3

2020.24.290 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that Bylaw No. 2197 - Off-Street Parking & Loading, Amendment No. 3, be introduced and given first reading.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that Bylaw No. 2197 - Off-Street Parking & Loading, Amendment No. 3, be given second reading.

2020.24.291 Moved by Councillor S. Duncan, seconded by Councillor T. O'Keefe, that Bylaw No. 2197 be amended as follows:

4.11.2 A maximum of 50% of required parking spaces for Restaurant (Class 1 or Class 2) uses may be used for outdoor seating area for patrons of the associated business, provided there is no reduction in the existing number of designated accessible parking spaces.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020.24.292 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that Bylaw No. 2197 - Off-Street Parking & Loading, Amendment No. 3, be given second reading as amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020.24.293 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that Bylaw No. 2197 - Off-Street Parking & Loading, Amendment No. 3, be given third reading.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020.24.294 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that Bylaw No. 2197 - Off-Street Parking & Loading, Amendment No. 3, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020.24.295 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that staff be directed to bring Bylaw No. 2197 back to Council for consideration of rescinding the bylaw no later than six months after the date of adoption.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020.24.296 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that the correspondence from K. Gray, dated May 25, 2020, expressing opposition to taking away parking spaces, be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ii. Bylaw No. 2198 - Sidewalk Café Regulations & Licensing, Amendment No. 1

2020.24.297 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that the correspondence from J. Richardt, dated June 2, 2020, expressing support for closing Beacon Avenue to traffic, be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020.24.298 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that Bylaw No. 2198 - Sidewalk Café Regulations & Licensing, Amendment No. 1, be introduced and given first reading.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020.24.299 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that Bylaw No. 2198 - Sidewalk Café Regulations & Licensing, Amendment No. 1, be given second reading.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020.24.300 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that Bylaw No. 2198 - Sidewalk Café Regulations & Licensing, Amendment No. 1, be given third reading.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020.24.301 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that Bylaw No. 2198 - Sidewalk Café Regulations & Licensing, Amendment No. 1, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020.24.302 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that staff be directed to bring Bylaw No. 2198 back to Council for consideration of rescinding the bylaw no later than six months after the date of adoption.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. DEVELOPMENT PERMITS & DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMITS

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Regular Council Meeting - May 25, 2020

2020.24.303 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 25, 2020, be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. BUSINESS NOT COMPLETED AT A PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only)

a. Council In-Camera Meeting - May 25, 2020

i. Citizen Appointment - Saanich Peninsula Water & Wastewater Commissions

Resolution: that Michael Williams be appointed to the Saanich Peninsula Water and Wastewater Commission to the end of December 2020.

ii. Appointments - Beacon Wharf Select Committee

Resolutions: 1. that Scott Dallimore and Rob Milne be appointed to the Beacon Wharf Select Committee; and 2. that Councillor S. Duncan and Councillor P. Wainwright be appointed to the Beacon Wharf Select Committee.

9. PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

Being the representative for the Peninsula on the South Island Prosperity Project's (SIPP) Economic Recovery Taskforce, the Mayor advised that he would be making a brief presentation to Council, and would be offering the presentation to the Districts of Central Saanich and North Saanich.

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

a. Councillor P. Wainwright

i. "Build Back Better" Measures

With respect to rapidly changing situations related to the COVID-19 pandemic, Councillor P. Wainwright suggested discussion respecting "Build Back Better" measures and whether there were any actions Council would like to consider taking over the next couple of months to encourage recovery and mitigate impacts. There was a suggestion that the list of capital projects be reviewed in preparation for accessing potential federal stimulus funding.

ii. Stimulus Funding Measures

Councillor P. Wainwright suggested discussion regarding stimulus measures - how much? what to consider? It was suggested that the surveys being conducted of businesses and residents could assist Council in focusing on some possible areas, and perhaps a review of the Town's expenses to determine what funding may be available.

iii. Repurposing of Public Spaces in Downtown

Councillor P. Wainwright suggest a discussion regarding repurposing of public spaces in the downtown. It was suggested that more information is needed from businesses, i.e. how many businesses are requesting expansion of their space, how much space, etc., as well as the need to gather input from the community.

b. Councillor T. O'Keeffe

i. Access Awareness Week - advised that last week was "National Accessibility Week" and noted the importance of accessibility, particularly inclusion in the workplace; that Destination BC has a new campaign focusing on accessible tourism; and that funding is available to local governments for accessibility projects and initiatives.

ii. Referral to Economic Advisory Committee

2020.24.304 Moved by Councillor T. O'Keeffe, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul:

Whereas many business sectors in the Town of Sidney have been negatively impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic AND

Whereas the Economic Advisory Committee represents a broad cross-section of business sectors and is well positioned to understand the impacts of the pandemic on the local economy AND

Whereas the Town desires to adapt and prosper as a diverse commercial centre for business and employment.

Be it resolved that, the EAC be convened to share lessons learned and best practices amongst EAC members and their respective sectors on matters related to the economic impact of the pandemic, and based on this, provide suggestions to Council on actions and initiatives to support economic recovery from the pandemic.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020.24.305 Moved Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the Mayor's presentation respecting the South Island Prosperity Project's (SIPP) Economic Recovery Taskforce be forwarded to the Economic Advisory Committee for information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c. **Councillor B. Fallot** – advised that the Library will be re-opening on Thursday, June 11 providing take-out services only, and encourage the public to access the many on-line services being offered.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. STAFF REPORTS

- a. **Official Community Plan Amendment Referral - North Saanich Bylaw No. 1487 - Panorama Recreation Centre (1885 Forest Park Drive)**

2020.24.306 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that staff be directed to reply to the District of North Saanich with a statement of no concerns regarding proposed North Saanich Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1130, Amendment Bylaw No. 1487 (1885 Forest Park Drive - Panorama Recreation Centre).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. **Temporary Expanded Service Area Authorization for Liquor Licences**

2020.24.307 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that staff be directed to advise the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch that the Town of Sidney wishes to participate in their expedited process for permitting the expansion of service areas.

OPPOSED: Mayor and Councillors: B. Fallot, S. Garnett, T. O'Keeffe, C. Rintoul & P. Wainwright

MOTION DEFEATED 6:1

- c. **Licence of Occupation - Entrance Feature at Beacon Avenue & Highway 17**

Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that the Licence of Occupation with the Airport Travelodge (0928818 BC Ltd.), for Town's use of the lands at the corner of Beacon Avenue and Highway 17 for a 2-year term (June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2022), be approved.

2020.24.308 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor B. Fallot, that the Licence of Occupation be amended to a 3-year term (June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2023).

OPPOSED: Councillor T. O'Keeffe
MOTION CARRIED 6:1

The question was called on the main motion as amended:

2020.24.309 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that the Licence of Occupation with the Airport Travelodge (0928818 BC Ltd.), for Town's use of the lands at the corner of Beacon Avenue and Highway 17 for a 3-year term (June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2023), be approved.

OPPOSED: Councillor T. O'Keeffe
MOTION CARRIED 6:1

- d. **Tender Award - Paving & Extruded Concrete Curb Program Contract No. 2020-003**

2020.24.310 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that Contract No. 2020-003 for the 2020 Paving and Extruded Concrete Curb Program be awarded to the low bidder, Capital City Paving Ltd. at a total cost of \$160,649.00 plus taxes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. 2020 Emergency Management Budget

2020.24.311 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that the staff report dated June 1, 2020, regarding the 2020 Emergency Management Budget, be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f. Monthly Building Permit Report - April 2020

2020.24.312 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the Monthly Building Permit Report for April 2020 be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor C. Rintoul advised that CREST has completed its major technology upgrade to a digital format (handling over 2,900 radios and 12.5 million transmissions) and stated it is a great example of partnership in the capital region.

2020.24.313 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that the email from CREST, providing a copy of their 2019 Annual Report, dated May 27, 2020, be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

2020.24.314 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that the following correspondence be received for information:

1. Email from D. Clarke, regarding traffic in Sidney, dated May 11, 2020. Reply dated May 22, 2020.
2. Email from G. Webber, regarding the Vancouver Island Rail Transit, dated May 20, 2020.
3. Letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing, advising of the next Request for Proposals for the Community Housing Fund, dated May 21, 2020.
4. Email from I. Bertrand, regarding the keeping of chickens in Sidney, dated May 25, 2020. Reply dated May 28, 2020.
5. Email from Victoria Residential Builders Association, regarding unintended consequences re: increasing energy efficiency, dated May 26, 2020.
6. *(Already dealt with - see item 14).*
7. Email from K. & S. Groom, regarding Town's library services, dated May 31, 2020. Reply dated June 2, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. NOTICES OF MOTION

18. MOTION TO GO "IN-CAMERA" (CLOSED MEETING)

19. ADJOURNMENT

2020.24.315 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY