



TOWN OF SIDNEY

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 9, 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 (*electronically*)

Staff: R. Humble, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Hicik, Director of Corporate Services
J. Clary, Director of Engineering
A. Verhagen, Senior Manager of Current Planning
C. Newcomb, Senior Manager of Long Range Planning (*electronically*)
P. Kully, Executive Assistant

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 WSÁNEĆ First Nations.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2020.51.618 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that the agenda be approved with the addition of late item 14.b. Letter from R. Lapham, CRD and response from R. Humble, Town of Sidney.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. A. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD (*maximum 20 minutes*) (*Written submissions, if any, to be read aloud*)

Public submission(s) read aloud:

1. **Lynda Comber, Sidney BC** (email dated October 31, 2020) - questions and comments regarding the Town’s Tree bylaw and response from Town of Sidney Planning Technician, Kevin Webber.
2. **Valerie Howe and Bruce Stirling** (email dates November 2, 2020) – questions, concerns and comments regarding the Town’s Tree bylaw.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

C. PRESENTATIONS

i. Proposal to Expand Pickleball Facilities in Iroquois Park

Ms. Corine Reid, President of Saanich Peninsula Pickleball Association, provided some history of the Association, which began in 2017 and has 122 members. She detailed the benefits of the game and the great interest in the sport, the reasons for selecting Iroquois Park and outlined how tennis courts can be modified to accommodate pickleball. She also noted that inclusion of pickleball courts would allow Sidney to host tournaments that would benefit the community. Ms. Reid presented budget options and possible contributions from the Pickleball Association. The Association is hoping to have courts in place for the summer of 2021.

2020.51.619 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor B. Fallot, that Council receives the presentation and forwards the Saanich Peninsula Pickleball Association proposal to expand Pickleball facilities in Iroquois Park to staff for a report and recommendation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.
 - A. **BYLAWS**
 - B. **DEVELOPMENT PERMITS & DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMITS**

6. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. **Regular Council Meeting - October 26, 2020**

2020.51.620 Moved by Councillor Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 26, 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)*

9. **PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

10. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- On October 28, the Mayor attended CRD meetings where the CRD 2021 provisional budget was approved and the CRD Hospital Board 2021 capital budget and provisional budget was approved. The Mayor will bring a summary of both forward at the next Council meeting.
- October 30 the Mayor, Mayor Orr from North Saanich and Central Saanich CAO, Christine Culham attended a meeting with planning consultants Wisser Projects and Clean Tech Community Gateway who have worked with First Nations on housing. They were brought together, in part, to discuss the federal/provincial Rapid Housing initiative. The WSANIC Leadership Council supports in principle a region wide affordable housing on First Nations land or in the community.
- Read the Town's media release of today regarding Reay Creek Dam.
- Remembrance Day is not open to the public this year but it will be live-streamed from the Mary Winspear's Facebook page.

11. **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

- a. **Councillor C. Rintoul** - provided highlights of his written report including the impact of COVID, which caused a reduction in revenue. This amounts to a deficit of \$400,000, which was covered by capital reserves.
- b. **Councillor B. Fallot** - noted Council has set a priority to review library services in 4th quarter of 2022. Makes sense to work with our partner of North Saanich.

2020.51.621 Moved by Councillor B. Fallot, seconded by Councillor P. Wainwright, that the Mayor send a letter to the District of North Saanich Mayor and Council requesting that they consider as part of their upcoming Strategic Plan review for 2021 -2022, and to coincide with the Town of Sidney's 2021-2022 Strategic Plan, a review of options for library services.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. **COVID-19 Recovery Task Force - October 1, 2020**

2020.51.622 Moved by Councillor B. Fallot, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that Minutes of the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force Meeting of October 1, 2020, be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Beacon Wharf Select Committee - October 7, 2020

2020.51.623 Moved by Councillor S. Duncan, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that Minutes of the Beacon Wharf Select Committee Meeting of October 7, 2020, be received for information.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Economic Advisory Committee - October 23, 2020

2020.51.624 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that Minutes of the Economic Advisory Committee Meeting of October 23, 2020, be received for information.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes contain recommendation(s) regarding:

R.1 Long-Term Economic Strategy
2020.51.625 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the Town consider, as part of its budget deliberations, an appropriate budget to work with a contractor to develop a long-term economic strategy in 2021.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R.2 Business Support Project
2020.51.626 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the Town work in conjunction with the BIA and the Chamber to facilitate a follow up survey of businesses using the remaining \$5,000 in the Economic Development Fund and that the survey will be conducted during the first quarter of 2021.
OPPOSED: Councillors: B. Fallot & T. O'Keeffe
MOTION CARRIED 5:2

d. OCP Review Advisory Committee - October 27, 2020

2020.51.627 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that Minutes of the OCP Review Advisory Committee Meeting of October 27, 2020, be received for information.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. Committee of the Whole - November 2, 2020

2020.51.628 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 2, 2020, be received for information.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes contain recommendation(s) regarding:

R.1 Seaweed Festival in Spring 2021
2020.51.629 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the proposed Seaweed Festival in Sidney, from May 13-21, 2021, be approved in principle.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R.2 Property Tax Distribution Policy
2020.51.630 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the 2020 rates and multiples be used as a starting point for 2021 tax rates.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R.3 Amendment to Tree Preservation Bylaw
2020.51.631 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the staff report, dated October 27, 2020, be received for information and Bylaw No. 222 be brought forward for Council's consideration.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020.51.632 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that staff be directed to bring forward a 2021 budget item for a full-time Junior Arborist position.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f. Advisory Planning Commission - November 3, 2020

2020.51.633 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by C. Rintoul, that Minutes of the Advisory Planning Commission Meeting of November 3, 2020, be received for information.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. STAFF REPORTS

a. SHOAL Centre Common Facilities Maintenance & Repair Agreement

2020.51.634 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that the amended SHOAL Centre Common Facilities Maintenance and Repair Agreement (10031 Resthaven Drive) for a period of 5 years (from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025) be approved.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Library Agreement - District of North Saanich

2020.51.635 Moved by Councillor B. Fallot, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that the amended Library Agreement (10091 Resthaven Drive) between the Town and the District of North Saanich be approved.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments

2020.51.636 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that the staff report providing information on a significant Federal-Provincial COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant be received for information.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Lack of Heating Top-Up Rebate for Sidney

2020.51.637 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the email from T. Curran, dated October 24, 2020, requesting the Town to consider offering a rebate to property owners upgrading their homes to an energy efficient heating system, be received and referred to staff for a report.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Government of Canada Rapid Housing Program - Land Contribution Request

2020.51.638 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the letter from the Capital Regional District, dated October 30, 2020 regarding a land contribution request and the response from the Town of Sidney, be received for information.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

2020.51.639 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that the following correspondence be received for information:
1. Email from C. & M. Ruffles, regarding pedestrian access along Lochside Drive, dated August 31, 2020. Reply dated October 23, 2020.

2. Email from L. & S. Smith, regarding traffic speed, vehicle parking and sidewalks in the downtown, dated September 9, 2020. Reply dated October 22, 2020.
3. Email from C. Faulkner, regarding traffic congestion, dated October 16, 2020. Reply dated October 22, 2020.
4. Email from E. Westlake, regarding green space and Beacon Avenue, dated October 16, 2020. Reply dated October 28, 2020.
5. Email from Youth Parliament of BC Alumni Society, regarding the 92nd BC Youth Parliament Session, dated October 19, 2020.
6. Email from A. Stewart, regarding the Lochside walkway, dated October 22, 2020. Reply dated October 27, 2020.
7. Email from Western Canada Marine Response Corporation, regarding New Sidney Spill Response Base, dated October 22 2020.
8. Proclamation: Rising Economy Week - November 16-20, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. NOTICES OF MOTION

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

- 2020.51.640 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, That it is in the opinion of Council that the public interest requires that persons other than members of Council and Officers be excluded from the meeting to consider a confidential matter relating to a land issue and personal information, pursuant to section 90.1 (a) and (e) of the *Community Charter* and that Council continue the meeting in closed session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19. ADJOURNMENT

- 2020.51.641 Moved by Councillor Chad Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the open meeting be adjourned at 7:47 p.m. with the In-Camera portion to immediately follow.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER