

TOWN OF SIDNEY



OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES of June 22, 2021

Meeting held via Videoconferencing

PRESENT:

Chairperson:	Mayor Cliff McNeil-Smith
Members:	David Calveley, Denny Gelinias, Hannah Nawroth, Marie Savage, Bernardine van der Meer , Gae VanSiri, Todd Weibe
Council Liaison:	Councillor Peter Wainwright
Staff:	Randy Humble, Chief Administrative Officer Corey Newcomb, Senior Manager of Long Range Planning Kira Gill-Maher, Climate Action Coordinator
Recording Secretary	Kelly Albuca, Development & Administrative Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. Territorial Acknowledgement.

The Mayor respectfully acknowledged that this afternoon's meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ First Nation; the Tsawout, Tsartlip, Pauquachin, and Tseycum.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Moved by: M. Savage
Seconded: D. Gelinias

That the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Moved by: D. Calveley
Seconded: T. Weibe

That the Minutes of January 26, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Climate Action and the Official Community Plan

Senior Manager of Long Term Planning C. Newcomb introduced new Climate Action Coordinator Kira Gill-Maher, who gave a presentation regarding how the new Official Community Plan will incorporate climate action initiatives and legislative requirements.

Committee members then discussed aspects of the presentation, including the following:

P. Wainwright noted that biological impacts (e.g. to trees and plants) from climate change should be considered as well. Chair McNeil-Smith advised that Council has adopted an Urban Forest Strategy which will help consider the need for species change as the climate changes.

A committee member requested an overview of GHG emission inventories between Sidney and the other CRD municipalities. K. Gill-Maher will provide this information to the committee by email following the meeting.

As climate change vulnerabilities are identified and adaptation strategies developed, staff noted that collaboration amongst many different organizations will be required. The Saanich Peninsula municipalities will need to have a collaborative approach to be successful in meeting regional targets and addressing the need for actions like minimum flood construction levels. Staff confirmed that they are working with peninsula municipalities to try to develop a harmonized approach to climate action across the region.

Staff also noted that the BC Step Code “Step 3” will be mandatory by 2022, which will improve the energy efficiency of buildings in the community.

6. OCP Review Project Update and Next Steps

C. Newcomb gave a brief update of the recent activities of the OCP review project:

- Phase 2 community engagement activities were very successful:
 - 710 unique “Community Design Survey” responses received representing over 5% of Sidney residents.
 - 160 “OCPizza Night” workbooks were submitted by residents.
 - Meetings held with community groups, including students at Parkland Secondary.
- Next Step: Key Directions Report to Council
 - This is the final deliverable of Phase 2 and will form the basis for Phase 3 work drafting the OCP document itself.
 - Modus is currently assessing engagement feedback and options for moving forward and will be compiling this report over the next several weeks.
 - Key Directions Report will come forward to Council in July or August.

Chair McNeil-Smith advised that a planned forum between the three Saanich Peninsula municipalities and First Nations representatives would be taking place tonight with staff and mayors of all three municipalities attending.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

That the meeting be adjourned by unanimous consent at 3:40 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON