

MINUTES of a Special meeting of the MUNICIPAL COUNCIL of The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay, held in the Council Chambers, Oak Bay Municipal Hall, 2167 Oak Bay Avenue, Victoria, B.C., on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 12:15 P.M.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is in the traditional territory of the Coast and Straits Salish Peoples. Specifically we recognize the Lekwungen speaking people, known today as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, and that their historic connections to these lands continue to this day.

PRESENT: Mayor K. Murdoch, Chair  
Councillor A. Appleton \*  
Councillor H. Braithwaite \*  
Councillor C. Green \*  
Councillor T. Ney \*  
Councillor E. Paterson \*  
Councillor E.W. Zhelka \*

STAFF: Chief Administrative Officer, L. Varela  
Director of Corporate Services, D. Hopkins  
Director of Building and Planning, B. Anderson  
Recorder, A. Nurvo \*

[\* joined the meeting remotely via telephone conference call]

#### CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Murdoch called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m.

#### MAYOR'S REMARKS:

##### 1. **Mayor's Remarks**

Mayor Murdoch thanked all those who are assisting the District in maintaining its important operations as much as possible.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

##### 2. **Use of Campers for Self-isolation Purposes**

The Director of Building and Planning reviewed his report and recommendation and answered questions from Council.

Council asked whether this will also apply to campers parked on the street or in multi-unit parking lots or people sleeping in vehicles. Staff advised that this motion only deals with relaxing the Zoning Bylaw to accommodate the use of campers on private single family residential properties for the purpose of self-isolation. Parking of campers on the street or

sleeping in vehicles is dealt with under the Streets and Traffic Bylaw and staff would have to review those issues further.

Council questioned whether there would be any violation of privacy by asking the community to report to staff if anyone is using campers for self-isolation purposes. Staff confirmed that any information provided to the District will be kept confidential. It was also noted that many are self-isolating as a precautionary measure, and that it is not an indication of disease.

MOVED and seconded: That Council direct staff to temporarily relax enforcement of the zoning bylaw regulations contained in Section 5.1 that prohibits the use of campers, and to Section 4.13 that restricts the location of campers on residential property, so that residents may be permitted to use one camper per single family residential property as temporary accommodation for the specific purpose of self-isolation by person(s) required to adhere to the Orders of the Provincial Health Officer during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS/REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES:

**3. New Business & Verbal Reports**

- New Business

There was no new business.

- Report on the Capital Regional District

Mayor Murdoch advised that he did not have any updates from the CRD to report.

- Other Verbal Reports

There were no other reports from Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

**4. Motion to Adjourn to In Camera:**

MOVED and seconded: That in accordance with Section 90(1) (a) and (c) of the Community Charter, the open portion of the meeting of Council be adjourned at 12:45 p.m. and that a closed session be convened to discuss personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality, and labour relations or other employee relations.

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:

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Mayor

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Director of Corporate Services