



## **DRAFT MINUTES**

### **Council Meeting**

**Monday, January 25, 2021 @ 7:00 PM**

Council Chambers

**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, S. Williams  
Director of Financial Services, C. Paine \*  
Director of Engineering and Public Works, D. Horan \*  
Fire Chief, D. Hughes \*  
Director of Strategic Initiatives, S. Bagh \*  
Deputy Director of Corporate Services, S. Morden \*  
Manager of Recreation and Culture, S. Meikle \*  
Manager of Parks Services, C. Hyde-Lay \*  
Manager of Engineering Services, S. Rennick \*  
Manager of Planning, D. Jensen \*  
Communications Specialist, H. Goodgrove \*  
Recorder, V. McKean

*\* attended via telephone conference*

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

*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 peoples, known today as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, and that their historic connections to these lands continue to this day.*

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#### **January 25, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda**

2021 - 010 **MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT the agenda for the January 25, 2021 Council Meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AND REPORTS OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Regular Council Minutes - January 11, 2021**

2021 - 011 **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the minutes from the Council Meeting held on January 11, 2021 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**Report of Public Hearing - January 14, 2021**

2021 – 012 **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the report of the Public Hearing held on January 14, 2021 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

2021 – 013 **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the minutes from the Regular Committee of the Whole held December 14, 2020 and the Special Committee of the Whole held December 17, 2020 be received.

**CARRIED**

**RISE AND REPORT**

**From the Closed Council Meeting on November 26, 2020**

*Councillor Paterson read the Rise and Report into the record:*

THAT the Memorandum from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture regarding a Wall of Fame Announcement and Recognition for Ms. Margaret Lidkea be received;

AND THAT staff move forward with an announcement of the Wall of Fame recognition of Ms. Margaret Lidkea and, once the District can hold an in person celebration, a more formal and public recognition be given.

**From the Closed Council Meeting on December 14, 2020**

*Councillor Paterson read the Rise and Report into the record:*

THAT the appointment of Debra Hopkins as Director of Corporate Services/Corporate Officer be rescinded;

AND THAT the appointment of Anja Nurvo as Interim Deputy Corporate Officer be rescinded;

AND FURTHER THAT the appointment of Joanna Winter as Corporate Services Advisor/Interim Deputy Director of Corporate Services be rescinded.

## **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

*Mayor Murdoch noted that the District has taken out a standing half-page advertisement in the Oak Bay News where the District will communicate out a variety of information and updates. Mayor Murdoch said that renovations to the Municipal Hall will begin in the spring and noted that the District's parking lot will largely be closed to accommodate temporary working structures.*

## **REPORTS AND MEMORANDUMS**

### **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**

*Staff responded to questions from Council with respect to which of the shortlisted companies was selected and indicated that ChargePoint was recommended by staff.*

#### 2021 - 014     **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT staff procure 3 electric vehicle charging stations to replace the existing station at Municipal Hall and to install at 2 additional locations;

AND THAT the stations charge a \$1 per hour user fee, with the fee to be reviewed at the end of 2021.

**CARRIED**

### **City of Victoria - Jubilee Cycling Route**

#### 2021 – 015     **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT staff prepare a response to the request for input that communicates the District's preferred option is the Fort Street alignment connecting to Cadboro Bay Road;

AND THAT the Leighton Road option is unsuitable as it does not connect to potential corridors outlined in the District's Active Transportation Strategy;

AND FURTHER, THAT the communication convey the District's interest in developing a shared approach to design of Active Transportation improvements to Oak Bay Avenue in keeping with the District's planned Village Planning process.

**CARRIED**

## **Annual Arts Alive Program Update**

*Staff responded to questions from Council.*

### **2021 – 016 MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT staff recall the recent request for further sponsorship sent to business sponsors of the 2020 ArtsAlive sculpture pieces;

AND THAT an extension of the current slate of ArtsAlive sculpture installations be approved to August 2021 (from April);

AND THAT staff request permission, from the Artists of the 2020 sculptures, to have those remain in place to the end of August 2021, resulting in a full year of display;

AND FURTHER, THAT staff examine the existing and alternative options for the allocated budget of \$20,000 for the 2021 ArtsAlive program in a subsequent report to Council.

**CARRIED**

## **Gas Powered Landscaping Equipment**

*The Manager of Parks Services provided an overview of the report. Staff responded to questions from Council regarding economic, social, and environmental cost and the viability of switching all District greenspace maintenance work to utilize electric equipment, the cost of this switch as well as maintaining current service levels.*

*The Mayor called for public input:*

*T. Bondaroff, Saanich, addressed Council and expressed their concern that the staff discussion that occurred at the Council table tonight were not reflected in the report. Mr. Bondaroff questioned how the maintenance costs were arrived at and noted that these costs have changed – they cited the most up to date technology. They noted that in the region, the City of Victoria has committed to be renewably powered by 2025 and the recommendations in this report is not ambitious enough for Oak Bay. They noted that gas emissions, climate change, noise pollution, and worker health and safety is not included in the report and stated that Council cannot have these conversations without including it in the report. He recommended that this report be sent back, reviewed, and updated to include what he believes is missing in the report.*

*Staff responded to questions from Council regarding the date of the figures provided in the staff report, as well as the scope and intent of the staff report before Council.*

*Andrea Careless, Oak Bay, offered her support for the comments made by Council and other members of the public. She suggested that the report be sent back for it to be updated with a wider scope of information and analysis including social and environmental impacts. They noted that Oak Bay has declared a climate emergency and committed to applying a climate lens to all*

*decisions made by Council. They highlighted their personal experience working in the Ministry of Environment, noted their distress that this is not being actioned at the community level, and that the District seems to not be acting on this item.*

*Discussion resumed at the Council table, Council expressed their appreciation to staff for the report before them.*

2021 - 017 **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT staff plan a small engine reduction or replacement strategy, intended to green municipal operations by reducing energy consumption and pollution over the next 5 years, including a review of District landscaping and maintenance standards, decrease the parks service levels should it be required to maintain the current parks operating budget during the execution of this strategy;

*A discussion occurred at the Council table.*

**DEFEATED**

Mayor Murdoch and Councillors Braithwaite, Green, Ney, and Paterson opposed

2021 - 018 **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT staff plan a small engine reduction or replacement strategy, intended to green municipal operations by reducing energy consumption and pollution over the next 5 years, including a review of District landscaping and maintenance standards, proceeding on the condition that service levels are not impacted, and no incremental operational financial impacts are incurred.

*A discussion occurred at the Council table.*

**CARRIED**

Councillors Appleton, and Zhelka opposed

2021 - 019 **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT staff implement a phased-in program that would begin with stringent use restrictions without fully banning gas powered landscape equipment, commensurate with a public education program recognizing budget and staff capacity impacts, and staff be required to bring back budget impacts to Council for consideration.

*A discussion occurred at the Council table.*

**DEFEATED**

Councillors Braithwaite, Green, Paterson and Zhelka opposed

2021 - 020 **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT no additional action be taken at this time.

*A discussion occurred at the Council table.*

**CARRIED**

Councillors Appleton and Ney opposed

## **Reciprocal Fire Services Mutual and Automatic Aid Agreement**

*The Fire Chief provided a summary of the report and responded to questions from Council related to cost recovery, and potential impacts to MIABC premiums.*

### **2021 – 021 MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Reciprocal Fire Services Mutual and Automatic Aid Agreement with the City of Victoria and the District of Saanich be authorized, substantially in the form of the attached draft.

**CARRIED**

## **Grant Opportunities Through the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund**

*The Fire Chief provided a summary of the report.*

### **2021 – 022 MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT a \$25,000 grant application for the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services stream be authorized;

AND THAT a \$25,000 grant application for the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Operations Centres and Training stream be authorized.

**CARRIED**

## **2018 Mayor's Task Force on Public Engagement - Report and Recommendations**

*The Chief Administrative Officer provided a summary of the memorandum and responded to questions from Council.*

### **2021 – 023 MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Memorandum authored by the Chief Administrative Officer dated January 25, 2021 regarding the 2018 *Mayor's Task Force on Public Engagement - Report and Recommendations* be received;

AND THAT staff allocate \$16,600 for software and implementation of a Development Tracker, excluding staff time, in the 2021 Budget.

**CARRIED**

## **BYLAWS AND PERMITS**

### **Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2020 No. 3531.105**

*The Manager of Planning provided an overview of the Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2020 No. 3531.105.*

2021 – 024 **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2020 No. 3531.105 be given third reading;

**CARRIED**

2021 - 25 **MOVED and SECONDED**

AND THAT the Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2020 No. 3531.105 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

2021 - 26 **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the meeting be extended until 10:15 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**Heritage Commission Establishing Bylaw No. 4770, 2020**

2021 – 027 **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the draft Heritage Commission Establishing Bylaw No. 4770, 2020 be given first and second readings.

**CARRIED**

2021 – 028 **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the bylaw be given third reading.

**CARRIED**

**Motion to Adjourn**

2021 – 029 **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:02

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Director of Corporate Services