

MINUTES of a regular 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, October 28, 2019 at 7:00 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 peoples, 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  
Director of Strategic Initiatives, S. Bagh  
Manager of Parks Services, C. Hyde-Lay  
Recorder, A. Nurvo

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Murdoch called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

MINUTES AND REPORTS:

1. Minutes:
  - Special Committee of the Whole - Community Meeting held October 2, 2019
  - Council Meeting held October 15, 2019
  - Special Council Meeting held October 17, 2019
  - Committee of the Whole Meeting held October 22, 2019

MOVED and seconded: That Council adopt the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole – Community Meeting held October 2, 2019, as amended to correct the spelling of Councillor Paterson's name.

**CARRIED**

MOVED and seconded: That Council adopt the Minutes of the Council Meeting held October 15, 2019, the Special Council Meeting held October 17, 2019, and the Committee of the Whole Meeting held October 22, 2019.

**CARRIED**

## MAYOR'S REMARKS

### **2. Mayor's Remarks**

Mayor Murdoch welcomed special guests in the audience, Elizabeth Brennan, from the Local Government Management Association, and two visitors from Jordan, Ms. Shorouq Al Hashem and Ms. Hadeel Khasawneh. By way of background, Mayor Murdoch stated that the Local Government Management Association has been supporting a multi-year initiative of the FCM called the Jordanian Municipal Support Project (JMSP). The goal of the JMSP is to assist the municipality in improving municipal services and in developing leadership skills. Mayor Murdoch invited Elizabeth Brennan to address Council. Ms. Brennan introduced the executive director for the Municipal Training Institute and the Deputy Director for the JMSP. She advised that LGMA is hosting the two guests for a one week visit, and they are here tonight to observe the Council meeting. Mayor Murdoch presented the guests with gifts from the District.

Mayor Murdoch expressed appreciation to staff for organizing and to Council for attending the recent Community Meetings for an opportunity to listen to residents on items of local area interest. The final session is scheduled for November 4, 2019 at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD:

### **3. Public Participation Period**

Debbie Chabot, Hot House Marketing, presented a promotional video by Oak Bay Tourism.

Andrea Carolis, Oak Bay resident, spoke in support of a climate action task force and stated she was interested in participating. She has worked for the Province and has seen the climate issue change from theory to reality. She encouraged Council to establish a task force to focus on GHG reduction measures.

Dylan Kelk, Oak Bay resident, spoke in support of the climate action task force. He noted that this is of great community concern. He stated there is an army of folks in the community willing to help, and encouraged Council to use them.

Gary MacDougall, Oak Bay resident, was in support of a climate action task force and stated he was happy that Council is taking action on this matter. He stated that he grows food in his backyard, and supports tree planting and regenerative agriculture.

Michael Prince, Oak Bay resident, stated that climate action is linked to heritage and he was in support of preservation of older homes containing old growth lumber that would otherwise be demolished. He is a member of the Heritage Control Area Working Group, and supports adoption of the Bylaw to implement a Heritage Control Period.

Robert Craig, Oak Bay resident, thanked Mayor and Council for everything they are doing to protect heritage in the community. He expressed concern with the extreme pressure put on the District by developers. He questioned the findings of the completed land surveys relating to the Annandale rock walls and encouraged the District to do its own survey to confirm the location of the wall as sited on municipal or private property.

COMMUNICATIONS:

**4. Tree Protection Bylaw - Application for Reconsideration of Refusal – 3260 Exeter Road**

The Manager of Parks Services provided a summary of his report and two trees proposed to be removed. Parks staff have inspected the trees and did not find any decay or any other reason to warrant their removal. The Municipal Arborist's assessment found that the application did not meet the criteria in the Bylaw for removal.

The applicant, Bill Ritchie, displayed some photographs of his property. He advised that the two large oak trees in question are very close to the house beside the patio and that two other trees on the property came down recently. The arborist could not guarantee the trees will not come down, and he felt this was a danger to his family and a risk to his house. He stated that he has planted many trees on the property and there is a large tree canopy there.

MOVED and seconded: That Council decline the application for reconsideration of refusal for the removal of two Garry Oak trees at 3260 Exeter Road.

**CARRIED**

**5. Deer Management Update and Funding Application**

*Councillor Appleton declared a conflict of interest, since this involves requesting funding from his employer, and left the meeting at 7:56 p.m.*

The Director of Strategic Initiatives summarized her report regarding the next phase of the Deer Management Strategy to continue the immuno-contraception program in 2020.

Representatives from Urban Wildlife Stewardship Society, Kristy Kilpatrick, President, and Sandra Frey, Project Manager, were also in attendance and answered questions from Council.

MOVED and seconded: That Council endorse an application to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations for a grant of up to \$42,366 to implement the next phase of the Oak Bay deer management strategy substantially in the form of the program prepared by the Urban Wildlife Stewardship Society and, if approved, commit to providing matching District of Oak Bay funding in the 2020 budget.

**CARRIED**

*With Councillor Braithwaite opposed*

*Councillor Appleton returned to the meeting at 8:23 p.m.*

NEW BUSINESS/REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES:

**6. New Business & Verbal Reports**

- **New Business**  
Councillor Paterson, advised that the Oak Bay Archives and GVPL are presenting a heritage event on November 14, 2019 with photographs and guest speaker Jean Sparks.
- **Report on the Capital Regional District**  
Mayor Murdoch had nothing to report at this time.
- **Other Verbal Reports**  
Councillor Green acknowledged Debbie Chabot from Hot House Marketing and the great promotional video prepared for Oak Bay Tourism.

Councillor Braithwaite stated that the Monterey Recreation Centre Oak Leaves Bazaar held last Saturday was very well attended and thanked the organizers.

Councillor Appleton advised that he attended the recent Greater Victoria Public Library Board meeting, that their budget was approved, and that this will be presented to the District in the near future. He also attended a half-day session with the CRD inter-Municipal Climate Action Task Force held in conjunction with the staff working group. The facilitated session was very productive and focused on shared messaging and communication strategies,

Councillor Braithwaite advised that there will be a tree appreciation day event on Sunday at Uplands Park with lots of activities available.

Mayor Murdoch stated he had attended the Transit Commission strategic planning session this week.

BYLAWS

**7. Heritage Control Period Bylaw - Prospect HCA**

- Memorandum – Bylaw No. 4739

MOVED and seconded: That the Prospect Neighbourhood Heritage Control Period Bylaw, 2019, No. 4739 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

**8. Motion to Adjourn**

MOVED and seconded: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:

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Mayor

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Director of Corporate Services