

MINUTES of a special meeting of the COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 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 February 10, 2020 immediately following adjournment of the Council meeting.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is 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  
Manager of Parks, C. Hyde-Lay  
Manager of Planning, D. Jensen  
Fire Chief, D. Hughes  
Recorder, A. Nurvo

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Murdoch called the meeting to order at 8:16 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

**1. Housing Needs Report – PLP00016**

The Director of Building and Planning introduced Marina Jozipovic and Matt Thomson, who was present by video-conference, from Urban Matters. Ms. Jozipovic reviewed a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the project, applicable Provincial legislation requiring local governments to complete Housing Needs Reports, a summary of report updates, and feedback from the community Open House held January 22, 2020.

Council discussion ensued, including requesting clarification of the percentages of households set out on page 5 of the Report. Staff confirmed the draft Report will be revised prior to coming to Council to add to the chart on page 5: (1) the total number of renters and the total number of owner households, and (2) a notation advising of the rounding system utilized in census data by Statistics Canada causing the numbers provided to not add up exactly.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Steve Bowker, Oak Bay resident, stated that the report contains significant omissions, including statements regarding the unique character of the community, gender issues and climate mitigation, and recommended the report not move forward at this time.

MOVED and seconded: That it be recommended to Council that Council receive the 2020 Housing Needs Report in accordance with Section 585 of the *Local Government Act* at the February 24, 2020 meeting of Council.

**CARRIED**

*With Councillor Zhelka opposed*

**2. Tree Protection Bylaw**

The Manager of Parks provided a summary of the Urban Forest Strategy endorsed by Council, which included the amendment of the *Tree Protection Bylaw*. He advised that Council had previously reviewed the draft bylaw and directed some amendments as well as additional community consultation. An Open House was held, with 35 residents attending and several completed questionnaires submitted providing feedback. The Manager advised that public comments received were generally supportive of the bylaw.

MOVED and seconded: That it be recommended to Council that Council consider giving three readings to Bylaw No. 4742, *Tree Protection Bylaw, 2020* at an upcoming Council Meeting.

MOVED and seconded: That section 10.4 of the *Tree Protection Bylaw No. 4742* be amended by removing the words “or for the renovation, addition or alteration of the exterior of an existing principal building” and replacing with the words “or for an addition to an existing principal building” and under Schedule A section 4 by removing the words “New Principal Building/Exterior Renovation.”

**CARRIED**

*With Councillors Appleton and Paterson opposed*

MOVED and seconded: That section 10.4 of Bylaw No. 4742 be further amended to read: “The owner of a parcel who applies for a building permit for construction of a new principal building, or for the renovation, addition or alteration of the exterior of an existing principal building, as per subsections D through H below, must submit to the Manager of Parks Services...”

**CARRIED**

*With Councillor Zhelka opposed*

The question was called on the Main Motion as amended.

**CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT:

**3. Motion to Adjourn**

MOVED and seconded: That the meeting be adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Chair

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Director of Corporate Services