

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 September 18, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

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

PRESENT: Mayor N. Jensen, Chair
Councillor H. Braithwaite
Councillor T. Croft
Councillor M. Kirby
Councillor K. Murdoch
Councillor T. Ney
Councillor E. Zhelka

STAFF: Chief Administrative Officer, H. Koning
Deputy Director of Corporate Services, M. Jones
Acting Director of Building and Planning, D. Jensen

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

1. The Mayor provided the following remarks:

Oak Bay Rotary Donation

Mayor Jensen noted that he recently cut the ribbon with the Oak Bay Rotary President on the new entry stairs at Oak Bay Recreation Centre's pool which will enhance pool access for those with mobility challenges. He offered thanks to Oak Bay Rotary for this and their many other generous contributions to the community.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

The Mayor drew attention to the annual convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) being held in Vancouver at the end of September. He noted that, due to the timing of the convention and the statutory holiday in October, the next meeting of Council will be on Tuesday October 10, 2017.

Telus Future Home - Temporary Road Occupancy

Mayor Jensen noted that the temporary installation of the Telus Future Home off Oak Bay Avenue on Hampshire Road is currently underway. The display, he said, will be open to the public starting on September 19 at 11:00 AM.

Green Communities Climate Action Recognition Program

The Mayor noted that the District of Oak Bay has again been recognized through the Green Communities Climate Action Recognition Program. He commented that Oak Bay Council is grateful for staff efforts in energy reduction, with particular thanks to former Recreation Centre staff member Ken Olson who has spearheaded the initiative.

Oak Bay United Church - Ongoing Consultation Process

Mayor Jensen stated that, following concerns voiced by speakers at the last Council meeting regarding the Oak Bay United Church's consultation process on a proposed affordable housing project, he met with Church representatives including Reverend Slater. He commented that it was a worthwhile meeting and that he learned a great deal. He drew attention to Reverend Slater's attendance at tonight's meeting, noting that she would be speaking on the process under the public participation period later in the meeting. He commented that to date the District has not yet received a land use application from the Church.

Welcome Back - Councillor Ney

The Mayor concluded his remarks by welcoming Councillor Ney back after her medical leave of absence. Councillor Ney offered her thanks to her colleagues for their support.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD:

2. The following speaker addressed Council during the Public Participation Period:

Reverend Michelle Slater, Head Minister of the Oak Bay United Church, commented that the church had last spoken to Council in July just prior to commencing the consultation process. She noted that the church has been serving the community for over 100 years and that the congregation is a resource to the District providing needed programming to various age groups. She commented that there is a need to generate income and that providing affordable rental housing was identified as a good source of revenue in line with the church's values. The Reverend Slater clarified that the proposed rentals would not be subsidized or supportive housing and that a commercial component was not being considered at this time. She noted that the church has formed an advisory committee to oversee this project and have applied to BC Housing for funding relating to affordable housing projects. The architect hired for the project, she said, is Rod Windjack of CEI Architecture. The Reverend Slater concluded her remarks by noting that the consultation process would include workshops, open houses, a newsletter and a hosted meeting for residents.

CORRESPONDENCE - UPCOMING AGENDA ITEM(S):

3. ***Correspondence received for item no. 6.***

MOVED and seconded: That the correspondence for agenda item No. 6, Resolution - Town Hall Meeting, be received for information.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS/REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES:

4. ***Report on the Capital Regional District***

Mayor Jensen provided a verbal report on the CRD, clarifying that integrated resource management would be addressed by reviewing available information. He also noted that a staff report would be forthcoming on the status of the transportation authority.

Verbal Reports

Councillor Murdoch provided a verbal report on the Greater Victoria Public Library with respect to the new agreement and the forthcoming budget. With regards to the Greater Victoria Labour Relations Association, Councillor Murdoch commented that the Royal & McPherson Theatre Society had recently ratified a labour agreement.

Councillor Croft provided a verbal report on the Mayor's Task Force on Community Engagement, noting they will report back formally in the fall. He offered thanks to the Director of Engineering Services, specifically regarding the newly released GIS and the consultation process underway for the cycling lane adjacent to Oak Bay High School. He also drew attention to BC 211 forthcoming shortly as an excellent service for residents and noted that a presentation would be available at the upcoming UBCM convention.

Councillor Kirby drew attention to an upcoming showing of the documentary "Screenagers" at the Dave Dunnet Community Theatre on Thursday October 5, 2017.

Councillor Zhelka offered thanks to the Capital Regional District and the Bowker Creek Initiative for the work undertaken on Bowker Creek adjacent to Oak Bay High School, which will soon be formally under the care of Oak Bay High School. He also drew attention to the excellent work undertaken by the Community Association of Oak Bay and other local volunteers for their recent shoreline clean up efforts.

Mayor Jensen drew attention to a fund-raising event, "Pianorama 2", coming up on Saturday September 22, 2017; he noted that funds are being raised for a grand piano at Oak Bay High School.

RESOLUTIONS:

5. ***Proposed by Mayor Jensen - Support for C-352 - Federal Action on Abandoned Vessels***

- Resolution - Support for C-352 - Federal Action on Abandoned Vessels - Proposed by Mayor Jensen
- Endorsement Letter and motion of support - Sheila Malcolmson MP - Legislation C-352

MOVED and seconded: WHEREAS Abandoned vessels pose an environmental risk and navigational hazard;

AND WHEREAS No regulations and programs have established effective measures for the removal and disposal of abandoned vessels;

AND WHEREAS Coastal communities in Canada have called on the government to act on abandoned vessels for decades:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Oak Bay Council encourages Parliament to adopt Bill C-352, "An Act to amend the Canada Shipping Act, 2001 and provide for the development of a national strategy for abandoned vessels", which would fix vessel registration, pilot a vessel turn-in program, create good green jobs by supporting local marine salvage businesses and vessel recycling, and make Coast Guard responsible for directing the removal of abandoned vessels.

CARRIED

6. ***Proposed by Councillor Braithwaite - Town Hall Meeting***

- Resolution - Town Hall Meeting - Proposed by Cllr Braithwaite

MOVED and seconded: WHEREAS Oak Bay Council is committed to engaging our citizens in a respectful and open forum;

AND WHEREAS A town hall meeting may offer an opportunity for residents to bring forward their questions and concerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That staff be directed to arrange a date and venue in November to hold a Town Hall Meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Community Engagement Task Force be invited to bring for consideration at the next Committee of the Whole, any recommendations they feel may improve that meeting's effectiveness.

MOVED and seconded: That the motion be amended so that each incidence of the words "Town Hall" be replaced by the words "public forum".

CARRIED

Councillors Braithwaite and Murdoch
against the motion

MOVED and seconded: That the motion be further amended so that the words ", or as soon as possible," be inserted after the word "November".

CARRIED

Councillors Braithwaite and Zhelka against the motion

The question on the main motion, as amended, was then called.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT TO RECONVENE AFTER COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AT 7:00 PM:

7. ***Motion to Adjourn and Reconvene Following Committee of the Whole***

MOVED and seconded: That meeting adjourn and reconvene following adjournment of the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:00 PM.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM and then reconvened at 10:59 PM.

MOVED and seconded: That the meeting extend to 11:30 PM.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA:

MOVED and seconded: That the agenda be amended to include consideration of endorsement of the day care regulation review recommendation from the Committee of the Whole as Agenda Item No. 13.

CARRIED

Councillor Zhelka against the motion

ENDORSEMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

8. ***Endorsement of recommendation - Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission - Turkey Head Performance Area***

MOVED and seconded: That further consideration of performance area at Turkey Head be referred to a future strategic priority session.

CARRIED

9. ***Endorsement of recommendation - Sewer Cost Recovery***

MOVED and seconded: That staff be directed to provide more information on calculating sewer cost recovery at a future meeting.

CARRIED

10. ***Endorsement of recommendation - 2031 Runnymede Avenue***

MOVED and seconded: That consideration be given to the heritage revitalization agreement and heritage alteration permit for the property at 2031 Runnymede Avenue and that Council
a) direct staff to draft a Heritage Revitalization Bylaw to address the proposed works; and
b) direct staff to prepare a Heritage Alteration Permit for restoration work of the existing site.

CARRIED

11. ***Endorsement of recommendation - 960 Foul Bay Road***

MOVED and seconded: That the heritage revitalization agreement application for 960 Foul Bay Road be referred back to staff to continue negotiations on the proposed development.

CARRIED

12. ***Endorsement of recommendation - 638/644 Beach Drive***

MOVED and seconded: That consideration be given to the heritage revitalization agreement and to preservation of the Bond Residence as a municipal heritage site at 638 and 644 Beach Drive and that Council:

- a) direct staff to draft a Heritage Revitalization Bylaw to address the proposed works;
- b) direct staff to draft a heritage designation bylaw to designate the existing home at 644 Beach Drive as a municipal heritage site; and
- c) direct staff to proceed with placing the existing home at 644 Beach Drive on the Oak Bay Community Heritage Register.

CARRIED

13. ***Endorsement of recommendation – Day Care Regulation Review***

MOVED and seconded: That the daycare regulation review be referred to a future strategic priority session.

CARRIED

Councillors Braithwaite, Murdoch
and Zhelka against the motion

ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL:

14. ***Motion to adjourn to In Camera.***

MOVED and seconded: That in accordance with section 90(1)(a), the open portion of the meeting of Council be adjourned 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.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 PM.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

Acting Director of Corporate Services