

MINUTES of a SPECIAL meeting of 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, Oak Bay, B.C., on Wednesday, October 23, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor N. Jensen, Chair
Councillor C. Green
Councillor M. Kirby
Councillor J. Herbert
Councillor K. Murdoch

STAFF: Municipal Administrator, G. Nason
Municipal Clerk, L. Hilton
Director of Building and Planning, R. Thomassen
Director of Engineering Services, D. Marshall

Mayor Jensen called the special meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SECTION: (Chair – Mayor Jensen)

1. -- PROJECT WORKPLAN
- OAK BAY HIGH SCHOOL DRAWING SUBMISSIONS, received Oct. 9, 2013
- 2013-269 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, Sept. 23, 2013
- 2013-222 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES, Aug. 8, 2013
- 2013-222-1 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, May 21, 2013
- EXCERPT – PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, Mar. 6, 2013
- 2013-12 GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Nov. 30, 2012
Re Oak Bay High School Redevelopment Project

Mayor Jensen welcomed and introduced attending representatives from School District 61, Oak Bay High School, Farmer Construction Ltd., and Hughes Condon Marler Architects (HCMA)

Seamus Howley, Director of Facilities, Greater Victoria School District, provided an overview of the unfolding design build process for the new school, highlighting challenges in terms of time lines and working in a congested site, and noting the ultimate concern for safety.

Jim Soles, Supervisor of Building Projects, Greater Victoria School District, followed Mr. Howley with a construction update, providing details on the construction timeline through the design build process.

Adam Fawkes, HCMA, provided an update on the theatre and Neighbourhood Learning Centre portions of the high school development, providing various details in respect to parking that would be provided, and providing information in relation to the widths of the proposed outdoor pathways.

David Leech and Kris Nichol, Active Transportation Advisory Committee Representatives, made a presentation to the Committee in respect to the active transportation elements of the high school development, including bicycle parking, pathways and east/west, north/south throughways.

Neil Jackson, resident, spoke in favour of having the school site contribute to an awareness of active transportation in the community.

Carol Hubberstey, Active Transportation Advisory Committee, also expressed the desire to see cycling and other alternative transportation methods encouraged through the design for the development of the school property.

There was considerable further discussion regarding the development plans and representatives from the School District, Farmer Construction and HCMA provided responses to various questions from members of the Committee.

The following is a list of the main concerns or questions that emerged from the meeting from members of the Committee regarding the construction process and design particulars:

- Construction impact
- Parking
- Width of shared pathways
- Bicycle parking – potential for more
- Public washrooms for field users after hours

Acknowledging the previous success of the Oak Bay High School Steering Committee during the earlier stages of the redevelopment process, it was suggested that thought be given to forming a similar but smaller working group to address issues and questions that have been raised and new ones that may be raised during the construction period over the next year or two. The idea, it was suggested, would be for the working group to report back to Committee of the Whole periodically over that time.

It was agreed that the representatives of the School District and Oak Bay staff would explore the possibility and related details of such a working group for Council's consideration.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Councillor Herbert

Seconded by Councillor Green, That the Special meeting of the Committee of the Whole be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Municipal Clerk

Chair, Committee of the Whole