

MINUTES of a special joint meeting of the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay and the Oak Bay Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, held in the Council Chambers, Oak Bay Municipal Hall, 2167 Oak Bay Avenue, Oak Bay, B.C., on Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION: Alison Davis
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STAFF: Chief Administrative Officer, H. Koning
Acting Director of Corporate Services, M. Jones
Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, R. Herman
Manager of Parks Services, C. Hyde-Lay
Municipal Arborist, C. Paul
Planner, D. Jensen

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

PRESENTATION:

1. *Urban Forest Strategy*

Diamond Head Consulting representatives Trevor Cox and Amelia Needoba, in attendance for this item.

Mayor Jensen provided remarks with respect to the history and value of the urban forest in the District of Oak Bay.

The Manager of Parks Services outlined the process taken to date with respect to the Urban Forest Strategy and introduced the representatives from Diamond Head Consulting.

The representatives from Diamond Head Consulting provided an overview of the primary considerations with respect to establishing an Urban Forest Strategy and outlined the upcoming consultation and strategy development process.

Councillor Kirby entered the meeting at 5:30 PM.

A roundtable discussion ensued with members of Council and the Commission providing questions and comments with respect to the Urban Forest Strategy. It was noted that, following the public consultation process on the strategy, the final version of the Strategy would return for Commission's and subsequently Council's consideration later in the year.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED and seconded: That the joint Special Council and Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

Acting Director of Corporate Services