

MINUTES of a regular 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 Monday, August 8, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Acting Mayor H. Braithwaite, Chairman
Councillor P. Copley
Councillor J. D. Herbert
Councillor T. Ney
STAFF: Municipal Administrator, M. Brennan
Director of Building and Planning, R. Thomassen
Director of Engineering, D. Marshall

Acting Mayor Braithwaite called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

TRAFFIC SECTION: (Chairman – Councillor Copley)

1. 2011- 255A DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES, August 3, 2011
Re Audible Pedestrian Signal at Oak Bay Avenue and Elgin Road

The Director of Engineering stated that in staff's opinion an audible signal at this location is not justified. Members of the Committee requested that there be further investigation and that there be information as to the number of users of that crossing. There was also a request to provide options for the settings or types of audible signals, with associated costs.

Jill Croft, Oak Bay resident, commented that many people use that crossing, not just residents of Carlton House.

Tom Croft, Oak Bay resident, noted that CNIB provides advice on these matters. The Director of Engineering stated that he had consulted with CNIB.

MOVED by Councillor Herbert

Seconded by Councillor Ney, That it be recommended to Council that the issue of an audible signal at Oak Bay Avenue and Elgin Road be referred back to staff for investigation, with consultation with Carlton House and others in the area, and CNIB, and that staff provide options for the settings or types of audible signals, along with associated costs.

CARRIED

2. 2011-256 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES, August 3, 2011
Re Bike Parking Facility at 2060 Oak Bay Avenue (Serious Coffee)

The Committee discussed the various locations in the area that would be appropriate to locate a bicycle rack. There was also comment made that the Community Initiatives Committee is conducting an alternative transportation study, and that perhaps a decision should wait.

Leslie Irving, Oak Bay resident, spoke in favour of the request. She also commented that bike racks need to be visible.

Corey Burger, Oak Bay resident, stated that putting off the decision would actually allow the owner of Serious Coffee to provide input.

Kathleen Matthews, Oak Bay resident, pointed out that bicycle racks must be located close to the destination. Otherwise, cyclists will just use fences or whatever, closer to their destination. She also commented that we need to make biking more convenient.

MOVED by Councillor Braithwaite

Seconded by Councillor Ney, That it be recommended to Council that the decision on locating a bicycling rack in the vicinity of Serious Coffee be delayed pending the results of the alternative transportation study.

CARRIED

3. 2011- 257 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES, August 3, 2011
Re Audible Pedestrian Signal at Foul Bay and Goldsmith Street

MOVED by Councillor Ney

Seconded by Councillor Copley, That it be recommended to Council that audible signals be installed at Foul Bay Road and Goldsmith Street.

CARRIED

4. 2011- 258 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES, August 3, 2011
Re Traffic Issues at Currie Road and St. Louis Street

The Director of Engineering covered the matters outlined in his report. He commented that he was not aware of any “2 Hour Parking” restrictions in the vicinity of Windsor Park.

MOVED by Councillor Braithwaite

Seconded by Councillor Herbert, That the report dated August 3, 2011 from the Director of Engineering Services regarding Traffic Issues at Currie Road and St. Louis Street be received.

CARRIED

Kathleen Matthews, asked whether staff inspected the area on the weekends. As to the issue of a traffic light, she noted that there are visibility problems and other factors, not just traffic volumes. The Director of Engineering stated that they do not just look at traffic volume – there are 20 criteria that are looked at. In response to a question, he stated that staff could indeed look at alternatives to a traffic light.

MOVED by Councillor Herbert

Seconded by Councillor Ney, That it be recommended to Council that staff be directed to investigate alternatives to a traffic light, such as traffic calming, at the intersection of Windsor Road and Newport Avenue, and that data be provided as to the number of accidents in that area.

CARRIED

LAND USE SECTION: (Acting Chairman – Councillor Braithwaite)

5. 2011-259 DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND PLANNING, August 3, 2011
Re Uplands Building Permit and Development Variance Permit Application – 3140 Beach Drive

The Director of Building and Planning noted that the applicant has made changes, but given that there is no change in siting or in the design (above ground), the proposal was not referred

back to the Advisory Design Panel. The new proposal requires less tree removal, but there are still seven Garry Oaks to be removed.

David Yamamoto, Zebra Design, stated that his firm's objective was to integrate nature into the design, and to ensure that the property is attractive from the street. The location of the building is best for exposure and for street appeal.

Duane Ensing, landscape designer, explained the landscaping and tree removal. It was commented that a lot of the trees on site are stressed due the amount of standing water.

MOVED by Councillor Ney

Seconded by Councillor Herbert, That it be recommended to Council that the plans to construct a new residential dwelling at 3140 Beach Drive be approved as to siting and architectural design, and that a resolution authorizing the Director of Building and Planning to issue a development variance permit with respect to 3140 Beach Drive, as outlined in correspondence item no. 2011-259, be prepared and brought forward to Council for consideration.

CARRIED

(Councillor Braithwaite voted against the motion)

6. 2011-260 DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND PLANNING, August 3, 2011
Re Development Variance Permit Application – 2251 Cadboro Bay Road
(Oak Bay Lodge)

Councillor Copley stated that, as her father is a resident of Oak Bay Lodge, she has been advised that there is a potential conflict of interest, although she still has to verify this with legal advice. To ensure that there is no appearance of conflict, she excused herself and left the Council Chambers.

Councillor Copley left the meeting at 9:05 p.m., leaving the Committee without a quorum.

Councillor Copley returned at 9:35 p.m., and the meeting reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Councillor Herbert

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Certified Correct:

D/Municipal Clerk

Acting Mayor