

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 Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7:33 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor N. Jensen, Chairman
Councillor P. Copley
Councillor C. Green
Councillor J. Herbert
Councillor M. Kirby
Councillor K. Murdoch
Councillor T. Ney

STAFF: Municipal Administrator, M. Brennan
Municipal Treasurer, P. Walker
Director of Engineering Services, D. Marshall
Director of Parks and Recreation, R. Herman

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

RECREATION SECTION: (Chair – Councillor Ney)

1. 2012-9 OAK BAY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, November 16, 2011
Re Minutes of the Meeting

The Director of Parks and Recreation advised that sales were significantly up in December over the same period in 2010. It was suggested that, as a further incentive, free programming be offered in January for people to test out. Given the success of the Fall Family Festival, it was also suggested that changes be made to the Levee to make it a more family-oriented event.

The Director of Parks and Recreation advised that the grant application for the Henderson Centre project has been submitted, with a copy going to the MLA.

There was a general discussion regarding garden plots and the anticipated fee increase. Given that there appears to be a demand out there, it was suggested that the municipality be more creative as to where garden plots could be located. There was also a question regarding information on leaf pick-up and whether the information could be put on the web-site.

There was a discussion on coordination of community events to avoid any scheduling conflicts. One suggestion was that the Recreation Oak Bay web-site event calendar be used as a “point” of communication for the whole community.

There was a comment that the Recreation Department catering services could possibly generate more revenue if the public was more aware (through the use of flyers, for example) of the wide range of services available.

MOVED by Councillor Copley

Seconded by Councillor Herbert, That the minutes of the meeting of the Oak Bay Parks and Recreation Commission held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, and the recommendations contained therein, with the exception of the recommendations regarding the operating and capital budget, and the fees and charges, be adopted.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Copley

Seconded by Councillor Herbert, THAT the Oak Bay Parks and Recreation 2012 provisional budget and proposed capital be referred to Estimates Committee.

CARRIED

2. 2012-10 OAK BAY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, December 7, 2011
Re Minutes of the Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Herbert

Seconded by Councillor Copley, THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Oak Bay Parks and Recreation Commission held on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

CARRIED

FINANCE SECTION: (Chair – Councillor Herbert)

3. 2012-11 MUNICIPAL TREASURER, November 30, 2011
Re Monthly Financial Reports

The Municipal Treasurer explained that, although it appears in the statements that the municipality will fall approximately \$200,000 short of its budgeted revenue for Licences & Permits, in reality revenues are better than expected. This is because the huge amount anticipated for the Oak Bay High School building permit fees can be factored out.

The Municipal Treasurer also advised that revenues from consumers for water and sewer are less than budgeted due an overall reduction in water use. Capital expenditures for water and sewer are less than budgeted because the crews had to spend so much time on the Oak Bay Beach Hotel project.

MOVED by Councillor Ney

Seconded by Councillor Kirby, THAT the November monthly financial reports be received.

CARRIED

REGULATORY SECTION: (Chair – Councillor Murdoch)

4. 2012-12 DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND PLANNING, November 7, 2011
Re Proposed Amendments to Animal Control Bylaw – Chicken Coops

After some discussion it was decided that the matter should be referred back to staff for more research and work in the following areas:

- The possibility of having no limitation on lot size, relying instead on just the set-backs
- Looking at City of Vancouver's bylaw and education component
- Looking at the approach taken in Saanich, as to setting goals on the number of coops
- Easing the permitting procedure

MOVED by Councillor Ney

Seconded by Councillor Herbert, THAT the issue of amending the Animal Control Bylaw in regards to chicken coops be referred back to staff for further work.

CARRIED

LAND USE SECTION: (Chair – Councillor Copley)

5. 2012-13 DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND PLANNING, December 6, 2011
Re Uplands Building Permit Application – 2545 Lansdowne Road

MOVED by Councillor Herbert

Seconded by Councillor Green, THAT it be recommended to Council that the proposed change from granite to cedar shingle siding to the base of the house at 2545 Lansdowne Road be approved as to architectural design.

CARRIED

6. 2012-14 DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND PLANNING, December 6, 2011
Re Uplands Building Permit Application – 2990 Beach Drive

MOVED by Councillor Murdoch

Seconded by Councillor Herbert, THAT it be recommended to Council that the proposed changes in colour and to the windows to the new residential dwelling at 2990 Beach Drive be approved as to architectural design.

CARRIED

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY SECTION: (Chair – Councillor Kirby)

7. 2012-15 EARLE ANTHONY, PRESIDENT UPLANDS ESTATES, December 6, 2011
Re Appeal of Decision of Engineering Services – request for no parking zone

The Director of Engineering Services explained the standard process for dealing with requests of this nature. He explained that staff had looked into this request twice. Staff finally determined that, based on the lines of sight, an extension of the yellow line in this location is not warranted.

Earle Anthony, President, Uplands Estates Strata Council, stated that there never used to be a problem until the University of Victoria moved the entrance to the dog walk. Now there are many dog owners parking in the vicinity of the East Gate. Furthermore, many of these vehicles are large SUV's and trucks, making sight lines even more difficult. He asked that Council give this special consideration as there are special circumstances.

MOVED by Councillor Herbert

Seconded by Councillor Green, THAT a traffic control order be prepared to extend the yellow “no parking” line west of the Uplands Estates’ East Gate by ten meters, for Council’s consideration.

CARRIED

(Councillor Murdoch against the motion)

PUBLIC WORKS SECTION: (Chair – Councillor Herbert)

8. 2012-16 JOHN MONEY, September 21, 2011
Re Request for Repaving Midland Road

MOVED by Councillor Kirby
Seconded by Councillor Murdoch, THAT the correspondence dated September 12, 2011 from
John Money regarding a request for repaving of Midland Road be received.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Councillor Murdoch
Seconded by Councillor Copley, THAT the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Deputy Municipal Clerk

Chair, Recreation Section

Chair, Finance and Public Works
Sections

Chair, Regulatory Section

Chair, Land Use Section

Chair, Active Transportation and
Community Section