

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Minutes of the **ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** Meeting
Monday, May 29, 2006 at 9:37 pm
Central Saanich Municipal Council Chamber

PRESENT: Councillor Christopher Graham, Chair
Mayor Jack Mar
Councillors: Bryson, Garrison, King, Mason and Thompson
Gary C. Nason, Administrator
Hope V. Burns, Director of Planning & Building Services
Nirmal Bhattacharya, Municipal Engineer
Ruby Shea, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT: Councillor John Garrison

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councillor Graham requested that the agenda be amended to include a brief status/update verbal report on his recent meeting with the Citizens Budget Advisory Group;

628.06 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MASON
NO SECONDER

That the Agenda for the Administration & Finance Committee Meeting held on May 29, 2006 be approved as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Conference

The Administrator advised that at the April 3rd, 2006 Regular Council Meeting, consideration of the following motion was deferred for further discussion at a future Committee Meeting:

“That a letter be written to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) requesting that all future AVICC Conferences be self-supporting and that Conference special events and dinners not be sponsored by private companies.”

A brief discussion took place on the substance of the motion and the implications to the AVICC of adopting such a policy.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED ON THE DEFERRED MOTION

THE DEFERRED MOTION WAS **DEFEATED**

OPPOSED: MAYOR MAR, COUNCILLORS GRAHAM, MASON AND THOMPSON

2. Council Chamber – Proposed “Trial” Table/Seating Arrangement for Council

The Administrator gave a brief presentation on a proposed alternative Council table/seating arrangement which Council may wish to consider implementing on a trial basis commencing at a future Council or Committee Meeting at a time to be specified. Mr. Nason spoke to an overhead which included a diagram of a proposed reconfigured Council table seating arrangement, and the relocation of several of the Staff and media tables. Mr. Nason also advised that Staff were pursuing options for the possible renting of a wireless microphone which would be provided to the Mayor and/or Committee Chairs.

629.06 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR THOMPSON
NO SECONDER

That It Be Recommended To Council:

That Staff be requested to proceed as soon as possible with the procurement on a trial basis of a wireless microphone system which would be available to the Mayor and/or Committee Chairs and utilized during Regular Council and Committee Meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

630.06 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR THOMPSON
 NO SECONDER
 That It Be Recommended To Council:

That the modified Council table and seating arrangement trial as generally depicted in the overhead presented by the Administrator be authorized to commence in late July and August, 2006.

CARRIED
OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR GRAHAM

Ms. Georgette Martin, 7990 East Saanich Road, thanked Council for its attention and for beginning to address this important issue.

3. Committee Chair's Recent Meeting with Citizens Budget Advisory Group

The Chair updated the Committee on his recent meeting with Mr. Frank Witthoeff, Ms. Jill Wake and Mr. Mike Fagan from the Citizens Budget Advisory Group. Councillor Graham stated that considerable effort was undertaken on his part to attempt to address in a substantive fashion the various questions which had been posed by the Group in its correspondence to Council, and Councillor Graham stated that he will be requesting that Council give consideration to the possible establishment of a Standing or Select Budget Advisory Committee similar in structure to the Advisory Planning Commission or Heritage Commission.

631.06 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KING
 NO SECONDER
 That It Be Recommended To Council:

That this matter be brought back to a future Administration & Finance Committee Meeting in the Fall 2006 after the new Director of Financial Services has been appointed and has been in place for a reasonable period of time, and the discussion include the possible establishment of a Standing or Select Budget Advisory Committee to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, the Administration & Finance Committee Meeting held on May 29, 2006 adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Recorded by: Gary C. Nason
 Administrator