

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Minutes of the **SPECIAL (OPEN) COUNCIL** Meeting
Wednesday, July 30, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.
Central Saanich Municipal Council Chamber

PRESENT: Mayor Jack Mar
Councillors Garrison, Graham and Thompson
Councillor Mason arrived at 5:08 p.m.
Gary C. Nason, Administrator
Jack Stuempel of Jack Stuempel & Associates Ltd.

ABSENT: Councillors Bryson and King

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The Administrator, Mr. Gary C. Nason, advised Council of two late items of correspondence, namely e-mail correspondence dated July 29, 2008 from Mr. Sean McNulty requesting that Council include on the referendum ballot a question related to the issue of amalgamation, as well as e-mail correspondence from Councillor Graham submitting two additional referendum question options.

930.08 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GARRISON
 SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR THOMPSON
 *That the Agenda for the Special (Open) Council Meeting held on July 30, 2008,
 be approved as amended.*
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Administrator overviewed the agenda materials including the previously two approved referendum questions, and drew Council's attention to a number of alternative question options related to issues of "Financial Sustainability" and "Municipal Infrastructure".

A considerable discussion then took place during which time members of Council posed questions to both the consultant, Mr. Jack Stuempel, of Jack Stuempel & Associates Ltd., as well as to the Administrator. Council overviewed in detail the various alternative question options and then proceeded to adopt a series of motions.

931.08 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GARRISON
 SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
 *That Council approve the following additional question (Question No. 3) to be
 included on the referendum ballot for the 2008 civic election:*

Financial Sustainability: (Operational/Service Levels)

*"Do you support the District of Central Saanich increasing its
revenues primarily through higher property taxes in order to
maintain current operational levels of service?"*

CARRIED

932.08 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
 SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR THOMPSON
 *That the word "support" where it appears in the aforementioned Question No. 3 be
 replaced with the word "favour", with the question now to read:*

Financial Sustainability: (Operational/Service Levels)

*"Do you favour the District of Central Saanich increasing its
revenues primarily through higher property taxes in order to
maintain current operational levels of service?"*

CARRIED

933.08 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR THOMPSON
That Council approve the following additional question (Question No. 4) to be included on the referendum ballot for the 2008 civic election:

Municipal Infrastructure: (Major Municipal Projects)

“Do you favour the District of Central Saanich increasing its long-term financial obligations (such as borrowing) which would need to be recovered through property taxes to finance necessary infrastructure projects?”

CARRIED

934.08 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR THOMPSON
That Staff be requested to seek further information and clarification in regards to mechanisms that may be available to note on the referendum ballot the distinction made by Council between Question No. 1 and Question Nos. 2, 3 and 4, insofar as Question No. 1 is considered by Council to be more a “referendum” question where the approval of the electors for a specific initiative is being gauged, whereas Question Nos. 2, 3 and 4 are considered to be more “opinionnaire” or “survey” questions of a more general nature.
CARRIED

935.08 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR THOMPSON
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
That the correspondence dated July 29, 2008 from Mr. Sean McNulty of 7081 Central Saanich Road be received, and the letter writer be thanked for his correspondence and for his interest in the referendum, however he be advised that Council has determined that the purpose of this particular referendum is primarily to gauge the degree of approval of the electors for participation in the Panorama Recreation Centre Renovation/Expansion Project, as well as to ask a limited number of additional questions on issues related to municipal infrastructure and project priorities, property taxation, service levels and debt financing.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, the Special (Open) Council Meeting held on July 30, 2008, adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Jack Mar
Mayor

Gary C. Nason
Administrator

Recorded by: Gary C. Nason
Administrator