

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Minutes of the **PARKS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE** Meeting
Monday, December 13, 2004 at 7:46 pm
Central Saanich Municipal Council Chamber

PRESENT: Councillor Michele Haddon, Chair
Mayor Allison Habkirk
Councillors: Graham, King, Korol, Mason and Thompson
Gary C. Nason, Administrator
Trish Flanders, Municipal Clerk
Hope V. Burns, Director of Planning & Building Services
Ed Sykora, Director of Financial Services
Bonnie McKenzie, Manager of Community Services

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The Administrator, Mr. Gary C. Nason, noted the addition to the agenda of the following late item:

- Revised Detailed Cost Estimate for Saanichton Green Park Phase II Improvements, to be included as Item 1(b);

84.05 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
 NO SECONDER
 That the Agenda for the Parks & Facilities Committee Meeting held on December 13, 2004 be approved as amended.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Proposed Saanichton Green Phase II Improvements

- a) Staff Memorandum dated December 7, 2004 from Bonnie McKenzie, Manager of Community Services Re: Proposed Saanichton Green Phase II Improvements; and
- b) Revised Detailed Cost Estimate for Saanichton Green Park Phase II Improvements.

The Manager of Community Services, Ms. Bonnie McKenzie, gave an overview of the Staff Memorandum and the extensive public participation process that was utilized for the planning and design of the proposed Phase II improvements to Saanichton Green Park. Ms. McKenzie introduced Ms. Carole Rossell, Landscape Architect, who displayed a conceptual site plan of Saanichton Green Park and gave an informational presentation on the proposed Phase II Improvements, during which time the following points were noted:

Improvements to Pathway/Right-of-Way Lighting

- the Fairmeadow right-of-way is to be illuminated with a single pole light and the Simpson Road pathway with three new bollard lights;
- lighting these areas will provide additional security;

Museum Security, Lighting and Plantings

- the lack of adequate lighting around the museum buildings presents security and safety issues;
- the front of the museum buildings will be illuminated by a motion sensor light fixture posted on a nearby fir tree which will direct light over the front of the building;
- the rear of the museum buildings will be illuminated by motion sensor light fixtures posted above the door, above the oil tank and on the wall to illuminate the roof and rear yard;
- additional plantings around the buildings will discourage loitering and vandalism, and will increase the security of the buildings;
- the maintenance aspect of the landscaping will be limited to weeding and pruning which can be easily maintained by the building occupants;

Children's Play Area

- a new split rail cedar fence is proposed to be installed along the perimeter of the play area to keep young children away from the road;
- the play area is to be expanded to accommodate a swing set (4 swings);
- the possibility of installing water play equipment was explored, however this option proved to be cost-prohibitive;

Youth Sports Court

- the proposed Youth Sports Court will be situated beside the Thrifty Foods building and will have a basketball hoop, two skateboard obstacles (concrete curb and rail) and a garbage can;
- the court will be illuminated by the current lighting on the Thrifty Foods building;
- the hard surface of the youth court will also provide an area for ball hockey, minor games and in-line skating;

Additional Screening to Buffer Tennis Courts From #24 – 7925 Simpson Road

- nine new trees will be planted as a buffer to screen the existing tennis court from the residential property located at #24 - 7925 Simpson Road, and appropriate signage will be installed on the fencing to deter trespassing;

Additional Amenities

- a park bench is proposed to be installed on the southerly portion of the park;
- a concrete pathway around the perimeter of the play area for tricycle and scooter use can be considered in future.

A brief question and answer session took place.

Mr. Wayne Watkins, 7055 Wallace Drive, suggested that the parking lot be screened with low shrubbery for security reasons, and that the museum signage could be provided by reducing the amount of screening materials that are proposed for the site.

Ms. Pauline Penner, 7952 Polo Park Crescent, commended the Consultant for her work on the proposed improvements to Saanichton Green Park; however, she voiced concern with the lack of lighting at the entrance to the park from East Saanich Road.

Mr. Don Frost, #24 – 7925 Simpson Road, advised that a six foot high cedar fence and additional tree plantings will not stop the tennis balls from entering his property, and questioned whether appropriate netting could be installed to address this problem. He asked Council to implement adequate measures to ensure the safety and privacy of his property.

Ms. Bea Johnson, Saanich Pioneers Society, advised that the Society is very pleased with the proposed design and added security features; however, she expressed concern that the additional plantings that are proposed for the museum buildings could negatively affect the appearance and openness of the buildings. Ms. Johnson advised Council that the Society wants to see appropriate signage installed for the museum.

Ms. Joan Fleming, 8231 East Saanich Road, asked if the proposed Youth Court will be illuminated at night, and was advised by the Consultant that the lighting fixtures are on the wall of the Thrifty Foods building.

85.05 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
 NO SECONDER
 That It Be Recommended To Council:

That the Staff Memorandum dated December 7, 2004 entitled "Proposed Saanichton Green Phase II Improvements" be received for information and the revised design plan contained therein be endorsed as the plan upon which Phase II improvements will be undertaken in 2004/05, with the proviso that Staff in consultation with the Chair of the Parks & Facilities Committee be requested to review and consider the afore-noted points and issues raised by Council members in any further refinement of the design plans.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Quotation from British Columbia Buildings Corporation (BCBC) to Facilitate a Strategic Facilities Planning Workshop

- a) Staff Memorandum dated December 13, 2004 from Gary C. Nason, Administrator
Re: Quotation from British Columbia Buildings Corporation (BCBC) to Facilitate a Strategic Facilities Planning Workshop.

The Administrator gave a comprehensive overview of the Staff Memorandum pertaining to the quotation from BCBC to facilitate a Strategic Facilities Planning Workshop for the District, and suggested that if Council accepts the proposal from BCBC, the proposed workshop be held on either January 26th or 27th, 2005 (5:00 – 9:00 pm).

Mr. Martin Taylor and Ms. Carola Bloedorn of BCBC were in attendance at the meeting and advised that they were available to answer any questions that Council may have with respect to the quotation.

86.05 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
 NO SECONDER
 That It Be Recommended To Council:

<p><i>That the Staff Memorandum dated December 13, 2004 entitled "Quotation from British Columbia Buildings Corporation (BCBC) to Facilitate a Strategic Facilities Planning Workshop" be received, and Council accept the quotation from BCBC in the amount of \$3,000 to provide one-off facilitation and summation report services for the proposed strategic facilities planning workshop, and with the date for the workshop to be confirmed as January 26, 2005.</i></p>
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, the Parks & Facilities Committee Meeting held on December 13, 2004 adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Councillor Michele Haddon, Chair

Recorded By: Trish Flanders
 Municipal Clerk