

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Minutes of the **SPECIAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** Meeting
Monday, June 14, 2010, at 7:03 p.m.
Central Saanich Municipal Council Chamber

PRESENT: Councillor Alastair Bryson, Chair
Mayor Jack Mar
Councillors Garrison (7:05 p.m.), Kubek, Mason, Olsen, and Siklenka
Gary C. Nason, Administrator
Susan Brown, Municipal Clerk
Hope V. Burns, Director of Planning and Building Services
Nirmal Bhattacharya, Municipal Engineer

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The Municipal Clerk noted the following addition and deletion to the agenda:

The following item is to be added to the Agenda:

Under Item 2. Farm Worker Housing Policy Review Analysis Final Report -
New Item 2(a) Correspondence from Peninsula Agricultural Commission, June 11, 2010

The following item is to be deleted from the Agenda:

Item 1. Development Variance Permit and Marine Shoreline Development Permit Application;
722 Sea Drive (John Tidman). (The applicant requested this item be postponed to a future
Planning & Development Committee Meeting)

435.10 MOVED AND SECONDED
*That the Agenda for the Special Planning & Development Committee Meeting
held on June 14, 2010, be approved as amended by the Late Items agenda.*
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Staff Memorandum

- a) Staff Memorandum dated June 9, 2010, from the Director of Planning & Building Services entitled "Farm Worker Housing Policy Review Final Report"
- b) Correspondence from Peninsula Agricultural Commission, June 11, 2010 (Late Item)

Councillor Garrison entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m. during the overview of the Staff Memorandum.

The Director of Planning & Building Services overviewed the Staff Memorandum, noting that "Final Report" refers to the Community Social Planning Council report, as Staff will be reviewing this document. She reviewed the background leading up to Ms. Paula Hesje from the Community Social Planning Council (CSPC) undertaking the farm worker housing policy review study, and highlighted the need to determine legitimate farm worker housing and develop clear criteria to determine eligibility for approving additional dwelling(s) for farm employees. She stated that the CSPC had undertaken extensive research and provided some recommendations on establishing criteria, and that the study results had been reviewed by the Peninsula Agricultural Commission, noting the letter received in this regard. The Director commented on the variables that needed to be considered and on zoning implications, and indicated that Planning Staff planned to review the report further, and make any necessary adjustments. She noted that the study should feed into the Agricultural Area Planning process.

The Chair thanked Ms. Hesje and the CSPC for undertaking the study and for an excellent report.

Ms. Paula Hesje addressed Committee concerning the Report. She summarized the methodology used, noting that they had looked at the relevant policy in Central Saanich, and then in other municipalities. She stated that they obtained and reviewed a number of documents, interviewed farmers and farm workers and other stakeholders, attended two Peninsula Agricultural Commission meetings and one farmer initiated meeting.

The Chair noted that the study contains recommendations for further research on page 82 of the agenda materials (page 17 of the Report).

Discussion then ensued on the next steps and whether action should be initiated in advance of the Agricultural Area Plan development.

436.10 MOVED AND SECONDED
 That it be recommended to Council:

That the Staff Memorandum dated June 9, 2010, from the Director of Planning & Building Services entitled "Farm Worker Housing Policy Review Final Report" and the attached Farm Worker Housing Policy Review Final Report prepared on behalf of the Community Social Planning Council and Central Saanich be received, and referred to the Staff for review and report back to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Christina Peacock, of CSPC, noted that "Final Report" means that they have completed their study, but they appreciate there is still input to come from Staff. She advised that there was a lot of interest from other municipalities and requested the authorization to share the report as a tool for other local governments, once it had been finalized by Planning Staff.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, the Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on June 14, 2010, adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Councillor Alastair Bryson
Chair

Recorded by: Susan Brown
Municipal Clerk