

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Report of the **PUBLIC HEARING**
Monday, July 4, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.
Central Saanich Municipal Council Chamber

PRESENT: Mayor Allison Habkirk
Councillors: Graham, Haddon and King
Gary C. Nason, Administrator
Hope V. Burns, Director of Planning & Building Services

ABSENT: Councillors: Korol, Mason and Thompson

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

890.05 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KING
That the Agenda for the Public Hearing held on July 4, 2005 be approved as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Habkirk noted that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear representations in regards to the following Bylaw:

1. "Central Saanich Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1528, 2005" [To Include a Regional Context Statement in the Official Community Plan]

Mayor Habkirk then read a prepared statement outlining the procedures for the Public Hearing.

The Administrator advised that extra copies of the Public Hearing Agenda were available for viewing at this Public Hearing. Mr. Nason noted that the Public Hearing Agenda included a copy of the Public Hearing Notice, a copy of Bylaw No. 1528 and relevant background Staff Memoranda relating to the proposed Bylaw, and copies of the various Council motions to give the necessary readings to the Bylaw and refer it to a Public Hearing. Mr. Nason further advised that copies of the Land Use Bylaw, the Official Community Plan and the two Local Area Plans were also available for viewing at this Public Hearing. Finally, Mr. Nason noted that no additional correspondence had been received by the District in regards to Bylaw No. 1528, other than the two items of correspondence contained in the agenda package from the Agricultural Land Commission dated June 23, 2005 and from the Advisory Planning Commission dated June 15, 2005. It was further noted that a copy of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Regional Growth Strategy dated August 2003 had been available for viewing in the Committee Room and was also available at the Public Hearing.

2. "Central Saanich Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1528, 2005" [To Include a Regional Context Statement in the Official Community Plan]

- a) Staff Memorandum dated June 6, 2005 from Hope V. Burns, Director of Planning & Building Services Re: Regional Context Statement, Consultation Addendum Report (previously received at the June 6th, 2005 Regular Council Meeting);
- b) Staff Memorandum dated May 25, 2005 from Hope V. Burns, Director of Planning & Building Services Re: Regional Context Statement (previously received at the May 30th, 2005 Planning & Development Committee Meeting);
- c) Capital Regional District Regional Growth Strategy dated August 2003;
- d) Council Motions to Authorize the Preparation of the Bylaw, to Give the Necessary Readings to Bylaw No. 1528 and to refer the Bylaw to a Public Hearing; and
- e) Correspondence Received Since the Introduction of Bylaw No. 1527 and Publication of the Notice of Public Hearing:
 - Agricultural Land Commission, June 23, 2005
 - Excerpt from the Minutes of the Advisory Planning Commission Meeting, June 15, 2005

The Director of Planning & Building Services, Ms. Hope V. Burns, advised that in general terms the purpose of Bylaw No. 1528 is to amend the Central Saanich Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1303, 1999 by adding a Regional Context Statement as required by the Local Government

Act. The Regional Context Statement identifies the relation between policies in the Central Saanich Official Community Plan and the matters included in the Capital Regional District Regional Growth Strategy covering topics such as growth management, environment and resources, housing and community, transportation and economic development.

Ms. Burns noted the contents of the Minutes of the Advisory Planning Commission Meeting held on June 15th, 2005 at which time the Commission recommended two minor corrections to paragraphs 4 and 7 of Bylaw No. 1528, and recommended that Council consider amending Bylaw No. 1528 accordingly at second reading.

Mayor Habkirk then opened the floor to representations from the public in regards to Bylaw No. 1528.

Mr. Wayne Watkins, 7055 Wallace Drive, advised of his support for Bylaw No. 1528 and noted the support in the document for home based businesses. Mr. Watkins also noted the support in the document for the provision of a varying range of housing options so as to address and accommodate various individual income levels.

Ms. Eli Chambers, 901 Verdier Avenue, asked whether the Capital Regional District is requesting Central Saanich to enact this Bylaw, and whether the CRD's Regional Growth Strategy will apply to Central Saanich Bylaws.

Mayor Habkirk clarified the purpose of Bylaw No. 1528 and how it would relate to the District's current Official Community Plan.

The Director of Planning & Building Services, advised that Central Saanich's Official Community Plan is in basic compliance with the Capital Regional District's Regional Growth Strategy.

Mr. Watkins inquired as to whether the contents of Bylaw No. 1528 are essentially an executive summary of the District's Official Community Plan.

Mayor Habkirk noted that the objective of Bylaw No. 1528 is to connect Central Saanich's Official Community Plan to the Capital Regional District's Regional Growth Strategy, and that the District's Official Community Plan policies have not changed.

Mayor Habkirk then called three times for further representations from the public in regards to Bylaw No.1528. There were no further representations.

Mayor Habkirk declared the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 1528 closed.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, the Public Hearing held on Monday, July 4, 2005 adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Allison Habkirk
Mayor

Gary C. Nason
Administrator

Recorded by: Gary C. Nason
Administrator