

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Minutes of the **PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 10:43 p.m.
Fire Training Centre

PRESENT: Councillor Alastair Bryson, Chair
Mayor Mar, Councillors Garrison, King, Mason, and Thompson
Gary C. Nason, Administrator
Sara C. Ribeiro, Municipal Clerk
Hope V. Burns, Director of Planning & Building Services
Nirmal Bhattacharya, Municipal Engineer
Bruce Greig, Planner

ABSENT: Councillors Graham

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

991.07 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MASON
 NO SECONDER
 That the Agenda for the Public Works & Transportation Committee Meeting held on November 13, 2007, be approved as circulated.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Staff Memorandum

- a) Staff Memorandum dated November 6, 2007, from the Municipal Engineer entitled "Blue's Bayou Café Sign Erected at the North West Corner of Marchant Road and Brentwood Drive"

The Municipal Engineer, Mr. Nirmal Bhattacharya, overviewed the Staff Memorandum and responded to questions of the Committee.

Ms. Ingrid Schmidt-Ostrander, 7005 Brentwood Drive, spoke to this matter, emphasizing the current sign is not acceptable for the residents. Should Council allow the sign to remain as is, she suggested removing the current "finger sign" and that property taxes for this area to be reduced reflecting the negative impact the sign has on this area.

Ms. Sharon Cormier, 898 Marchant Road, spoke to this matter in strong opposition to the sign, and briefly spoke to parking concerns for the Café.

Ms. Lauren Kirley, 940 Marchant Road, spoke to this matter advising she is not opposed to business but the process for the implementation of this sign.

Mr. Bhattacharya overviewed the process pertaining to the Encroachment Agreement entered into by the District and Blue's Bayou Café.

Ms. Patti McNight, 930 Grisle Lane, advised Blue's Bayou rents the land from the marina; therefore, the sign should be on the marina's property. She commented that the previous sign was suitable for this residential area. She expressed concerns about not being notified of the installation of the new sign.

Mr. John Kirley, 940 Marchant Road, spoke in opposition to this sign.

992.07 ***MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING PAST 11:00 P.M.***
 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KING
 NO SECONDER
 That the Public Works & Transportation Committee Meeting of November 13, 2007, be authorized to extend past 11:00 p.m.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A discussion occurred between the Committee.

993.07 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MASON
NO SECONDER
That it be recommended to Council:

That the Staff Memorandum dated November 6, 2007, from the Municipal Engineer entitled "Blue's Bayou Café Sign Erected at the North West Corner of Marchant Road and Brentwood Drive" be received, and Staff be requested to provide a report to Council indicating the estimated cost to the District of Central Saanich were Municipal crews to remove and relocate the subject sign to an appropriate alternative location.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

994.07 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MASON
NO SECONDER
That the foregoing motion be tabled.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upon questioning from Council, the Administrator indicated that in his view, the foregoing tabled motion would likely be considered to be *ultra vires* as it would be considered to be contrary to the provisions of the *Community Charter*, which prohibit assistance to be given by the Municipality to a commercial undertaking.

A lengthy discussion occurred between the Committee pertaining to possible locations for the sign and potential mitigating measures.

995.07 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR THOMPSON
NO SECONDER
That it be recommended to Council:

That the Staff Memorandum dated November 6, 2007, from the Municipal Engineer entitled "Blue's Bayou Café Sign Erected at the North West Corner of Marchant Road and Brentwood Drive" be received, and consideration of this matter be postponed pending the receipt of further information from Staff on the merits and viability of relocating the subject sign to an appropriate alternative location.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, it was

AMENDMENT

996.07 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MASON
NO SECONDER
That it be recommended to Council:

That the foregoing motion be amended by adding the words " , and with the further information requested of Staff to also include a comparison of the estimated costs of relocating the sign as opposed to modifying the sign in its current location."

CARRIED
OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS BRYSON AND GARRISON

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED ON THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED,
CARRIED
OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS BRYSON AND GARRISON

2. Truck Route Bylaw Project – Open House No. 2; November 15, 2007

The Municipal Engineer, Mr. Nirmal Bhattacharya, provided the Committee with a verbal update for the upcoming Open House on the Truck Route Bylaw Project.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, the Public Works & Transportation Committee Meeting held on November 13, 2007, adjourned at 11:28 p.m.

Councillor Alastair Bryson
Chair

Recorded By: Sara C. Ribeiro
Municipal Clerk