

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Minutes of the **PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** Meeting
Monday, November 10, 2008, at 7:01 p.m.
Central Saanich Municipal Council Chamber

PRESENT: Councillor Alastair Bryson, Chair
Mayor Mar, Councillors Garrison, Graham, King, and Mason
Gary C. Nason, Administrator
Ruby Shea, Administrative Assistant
Nirmal Bhattacharya, Municipal Engineer
Roland Rocheleau, Senior Engineering Technician
Ron French, Fire Chief
Rosalyn Tanner, Director of Financial Services

ABSENT: Councillor Thompson

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

1258.08 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GARRISON
 NO SECONDER
 That the Agenda for the Public Works & Transportation Committee Meeting held on November 10, 2008, be approved as circulated.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Mosquito Control Program – Presentation by District’s Contractor

- a) Copy of a Report dated October 15, 2008, from D.G. Regan and Associates Ltd. entitled “2008 Mosquito Control Program Summary Report”.

As requested by Council on September 8, 2008, representatives from D.G. Regan and Associates Ltd. were in attendance at the Meeting to give a brief status / update presentation on the 2008 Mosquito Control program.

Mr. John Henigman, Biologist representing D.G. Regan and Associates Ltd., proceeded to give a PowerPoint presentation on the District’s 2008 Mosquito Control Program. Mr. Henigman presented various facts and figures with respect to the program outlining the number of service requests in past years, presented a graph of the annual area treated and associated costs and presented various conclusions and recommendations. Mr. Henigman concluded his remarks by stating that in his view more time and energy needs to be expended on field staff, walking the Island View salt marsh and augmenting the level of treatment. Mr. Henigman overviewed the various recommended initiatives and options that could be implemented to improve the effectiveness of the program and the associated costs of these various enhancement options.

Mr. Henigman responded to various questions from members of the Committee.

The Chair opened the Meeting to questions from members of the gallery in attendance.

V Michell, Resident, discussed his concerns with respect to the effectiveness of the program as it relates to the mosquito problem in the Island View salt marsh area. Mr. Michell stated that increased runoff from houses is contributing to a greater degree of problem. Mr. Michell stated that in the past several years there are significantly greater numbers of mosquitoes in the area of his farm, and in his view the CRD needs to improve the dyking system in the Island View Beach Regional Park and Central Saanich needs to properly maintain its flood gates in the general area.

V Davies, Resident, stated that there has been no increase in population on his property and that contrary to statements made in the presentation there has not been a major increase in development in the general area of the Island View salt marsh. Mr. Davies questioned whether it would be possible for the District to implement an aerial spraying trial as such a measure would be effective in treating a larger area. Mr. Davies stated that in his view the District’s Mosquito

Control Program is not working effectively.

L De Costa, Resident, posed a series of questions to Mr. Henigman in regards to the number of field workers who are assigned to the District's program, and stated that in his view the contractor staff have not been armed with all of the necessary passed historical information. Mr. De Costa stated that ditches are plugged in the area and water-gates are frequently not working correctly. Mr. De Costa also questioned why more product is not being used to combat the increase in mosquito larvae.

J Austin, Resident, similarly stated that he is not happy with the effectiveness of the District's Mosquito Control Program. Mr. Austin stated that it is unacceptable that the program has been operating for a twenty year period but no comprehensive mapping of the area has been undertaken. Mr. Austin stated that in his view the program lacks a degree of continuity as new students are assigned every year to the area in question. Many residents do not bother calling the District anymore to register complaints in regards to mosquitoes because the program is not working as effectively as it should. Light traps are not working, and many residents in the area cannot work in their fields. Mr. Austin stated that mosquitoes begin to hatch in April, however the students start treatment programs in May. Greater clarification needs be provided by the District in regards to the mechanisms for reporting a mosquito problem.

Mr. Austin concluded his remarks by stating that in his view and ad hoc committee of effected residents in the area should be struck to provide input and advice in regards to the nature and extent of the District's Mosquito Control Program.

1259.08 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MASON
 NO SECONDER
 That it be recommended to Council

That a letter be forwarded to Capital Regional District (CRD) Parks requesting that the CRD consider and implement appropriate measures to improve the dyking and drainage systems in the vicinity of the Island View salt marsh as one of the means to address the increased prevalence of mosquitoes in the area, and further that Central Saanich Staff be requested to consider and implement appropriate measures to address any problems related to the flood-gates in the area and advise Council of any observations and action taken in this regard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEFEATED
1260.08 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MASON
 NO SECONDER
 That it be recommended to Council

That early approval be granted for an updated comprehensive larval mapping survey to be completed during 2009 at an estimated cost of \$5,750.00.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, it was

MOTION TO TABLE
1261.08 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MASON
 NO SECONDER
 That consideration of the foregoing motion be tabled pending the opportunity for Mr. Henigman to respond to questions from members of the Committee and from the gallery.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Henigman responded to various questions in regards to the proposed timing for any mapping project and advised that mapping could be undertaken during March and April before active treatment of mosquito larvae was commenced.

1262.08 ***MOTION TO LIFT FROM TABLE***
MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
NO SECONDER
That the foregoing motion be now lifted from the table.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED ON THE MAIN MOTION
DEFEATED

1263.08 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GARRISON
NO SECONDER
That it be recommended to Council

That the presentation from D.G. Regan and Associates Ltd. in regards to the District's 2008 Mosquito Control Program be received, and the four recommended enhanced program initiatives / options for 2009 as outlined in the presentation be referred to the 2009 Budget process for further consideration.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, it was

1264.08 ***MOTION TO AMEND***
MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KING
NO SECONDER
That it be recommended to Council

That the foregoing motion be amended by adding the words "and further, that the District's mosquito control contractor be requested to provide further details in regards to its recommended consultation strategy with the Tsawout First Nation on implementation of the mosquito control program".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED ON THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1265.08 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
NO SECONDER
That it be recommended to Council

That the presentation from the District's mosquito control contractor be forwarded to the incoming Council for information and further consideration, and the new Council be requested to consider the possible establishment of an ad hoc residents committee to provide input and advice in regards to the District's mosquito control program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1266.08 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MASON
NO SECONDER
That it be recommended to Council

That the Newsletter Sub-committee be requested to consider an appropriate story in the next edition of the Community Focus Newsletter to improve the public's awareness of the District's mosquito control program, and to provide appropriate contact information to report complaints relating to mosquitoes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Integrated Stormwater Management Plan (ISMP) Project

- a) Copy of the Executive Summary and the Conclusions and Recommendations from the Consultants, WorleyParsons Komex
- b) Copy of the Staff Memorandum dated October 28, 2008, from the Senior Engineering Technician entitled "ISMP Funding Options".

Mr. David Jackson, Principal Consultant from WorleyParsons Komex, was in attendance at the Meeting to briefly overview with the Committee the major highlights and some of the conclusions and recommendations forthcoming from the Final Draft Report on the Integrated Stormwater Management Plan Project.

Mr. Jackson advised that the Draft Final Report has been submitted to Staff and us currently being reviewed by Staff. The ISMP Stakeholder Committee will similarly be requested to review the Final Draft Report and to provide appropriate comments.

Mr. Jackson then proceeded to overview the major activities that have been undertaken during the course of the project and provided a high-level overview of the major components of the Final Report including issues related to rainfall capture, detention, recommendations for the Mabor Flats and Martindale Valley areas and recommendations with respect to policy and stormwater management best practices. Mr. Jackson advised that a good hydrological picture has been obtained of activity in the Mabor Flats and Martindale Valley areas, and the report will be recommending the adoption by the District of a Stormwater Management Bylaw to which other related stormwater management policies to be adopted by the District could refer. Mr. Jackson then concluded his remarks by advising that the report will also include a detailed implementation schedule for some of the major recommendations from the report.

Mr. Jackson then responded to various questions from members of the Committee.

1267.08 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
NO SECONDER
That it be recommended to Council

That:

1. *the Executive Summary / Conclusions and Recommendations (as presented in the agenda materials) from the Draft Final Integrated Stormwater Management Plan Project (ISMP) Report be forwarded to the incoming Council for information and consideration of implementation;*
2. *the ISMP Study Report be made available on the District's website and copies be kept in the Committee Room and the Library and be distributed to the ISMP Stakeholder Committee members for review and comment; and,*
3. *Staff be requested to facilitate a meeting or meet separately, in the future, to discuss the recommendations of the study, with farmers / landowners and others who may be impacted by all future works and report back to Council.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1268.08 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
NO SECONDER
That it be recommended to Council

That the Staff Memorandum dated October 28, 2008, from the Senior Engineering Technician entitled "ISMP Funding Options" be received, and Council authorize an increase in the ISMP study budget in the amount of \$35,000 to cover the cost of extra work to complete the study, and this amount be charged to the Gas Tax Reserve account.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, the Public Works & Transportation Committee Meeting held on November 10, 2008, adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Councillor Alastair Bryson, Chair

Recorded By: Ruby Shea
Administrative Assistant