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THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Minutes of the **PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** Meeting
Monday, April 26, 2004 at 9:20 p.m.
Central Saanich Municipal Council Chamber

PRESENT: Councillor Susan Mason, Chair
Mayor Allison Habkirk
Councillors: Graham, Haddon, King, Korol and Thompson
Gary C. Nason, Administrator
Trish Flanders, Municipal Clerk
Hope V. Burns, Director of Planning & Building Services
Bonnie McKenzie, Manager of Community Services
Mike van der Linden, Senior Engineering Technologist

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

555.04 MOVED BY MAYOR HABKIRK
NO SECONDER
*That the Agenda for the Public Works, Transportation & Economic Development
Committee Meeting held on April 26, 2004 be approved as circulated.*
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Access to 7330 Holm Road

- a) Staff Memorandum dated April 21, 2004 from Nirmal Bhattacharya, Municipal Engineer Re: Access to 7330 Holm Road.

The Administrator, Mr. Gary C. Nason, provided a comprehensive overview of the Staff Memorandum pertaining to the proposed access to property located at 7330 Holm Road.

Mr. C.J. (Kip) Wilson, Solicitor for Ms. Marlene Watson, advised that his client is in a very unique situation as her property is landlocked. Mr. Wilson noted that the municipal road allowance is, at present, a narrow walking trail which is frequently used by the public, and expressed concern that the road allowance has never been improved to the point where it would provide adequate access to his client's property. Mr. Wilson advised that the development of this road allowance would benefit not only the property owner but the community as well, as the road allowance would serve the users of Centennial Park. He asked whether Council would be amenable to allowing Ms. Watson reasonable access to her property, and whether the District would be willing to pay for the cost of these improvements.

Ms. Corinne Kempling, 7340 Wallace Drive, stated that in her opinion it does not seem fair that Ms. Watson would be required to pay for the cost of improving the road allowance, as this road allowance is frequently utilized by the District's Public Works/Parks workers for municipal park purposes.

During a discussion around the table, the following points were noted:

- Council is sympathetic to the predicament that the property owner is in, and is supportive in principle of upgrading the road allowance to a minimum acceptable standard to provide access to the property located at 7330 Holm Road;
- Council supports the submission of an appropriate application to the Agricultural Land Commission to construct a gravel road on a portion of Holm Road, and may wish to consider waiving the District's portion of the ALC application fees;
- Consideration could be given to a local improvement project if sufficient interest and cost-sharing support for opening and improving this portion of Holm Road is expressed by the local neighbourhood;
- The cost of improvements to the road allowance should be borne by the property owner and/or residents located adjacent to the road allowance;
- Consideration could be given to widening and gravelling the road allowance and installing a gated access.

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 That It Be Recommended to Council:

That the Staff Memorandum dated April 21, 2004 entitled "Access to 7330 Holm Road" be received, and:

- 1. Council indicate its support in principle for opening up the portion of the Holm Road road allowance in question in order to afford access to the property located at 7330 Holm Road;*
- 2. Council support an application to the Agricultural Land Commission to construct a gravel surfaced road on the portion of Holm Road in question, and Council authorize the waiving of the District's portion of the ALC application fee in this regard;*
- 3. The owner of the property located at 7330 Holm Road (Ms. Marlene Watson) be requested to approach her immediate neighbours who are also in a position to benefit from any opening and improvement of the portion of the Holm Road road allowance in question, in regards to the extent to which each of the owners may be prepared to contribute towards the financial costs of this particular project, and dependent upon the degree of interest expressed, Council consider a possible Specified Area or Local Improvement project to undertake the necessary works; and*
- 4. The Municipal Engineer be requested to review the estimated \$25,000 cost to undertake the nature and scope of works as outlined in the Memorandum, and pursue alternative estimates or quotations as deemed appropriate or required.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 That It Be Recommended to Council:

That the Municipal Engineer be further requested to consider Ms. Watson's request, as contained in the correspondence from her Solicitor, that a gated or limited access be provided to the proposed Holm Road access to the property located at 7330 Holm Road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Corinne Kempling expressed concern that her neighbour's property is not accessible to police, fire and ambulance services, and spoke in support of developing the road allowance.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, the Public Works, Transportation & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on April 26, 2004 adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Recorded By: Trish Flanders
 Municipal Clerk