

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Minutes of the **PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2006 at 7:02 pm
Central Saanich Municipal Council Chamber

PRESENT: Councillor Alastair Bryson, Chair
Mayor Jack Mar
Councillors: Garrison, Graham, King and Mason
Gary C. Nason, Administrator
Trish Flanders, Municipal Clerk
Hope V. Burns, Director of Planning and Building Services
Nirmal Bhattacharya, Municipal Engineer

ABSENT: Councillor Thompson

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

81.06 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
NO SECONDER
That the Agenda for the Public Works, Transportation & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on January 9, 2006 be approved as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Sea Breeze Victoria Converter Corporation Re: Vancouver Island Cable Project

- a) Correspondence dated September 13, 2005 from Sea Breeze Pacific Regional Transmission System Inc. (previously received at the September 19th, 2005 Regular Council Meeting);
- b) Correspondence dated November 4, 2005 from the Environmental Assessment Office Re: Environmental Assessment Process for the Vancouver Island Cable Project (previously received at the November 21st, 2005 Regular Council Meeting);
- c) Correspondence dated December 8, 2005 from Sea Breeze Victoria Converter Corporation (previously received at the December 19th, 2005 Regular Council Meeting); and
- d) Correspondence dated January 4, 2006 from Sea Breeze Victoria Converter Corporation.

The Administrator, Mr. Gary C. Nason, briefly overviewed the subject and introduced Ms. Monique Stevenson, Consultation Coordinator – Sea Breeze Victoria Converter Corporation, who gave a comprehensive, informational presentation on the proposal from Sea Breeze Victoria Converter Corporation to construct a High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Light transmission system between Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland (“Vancouver Island Cable Project”).

Ms. Stevenson advised that the proposed transmission line system would connect the Pike Substation in Victoria to the Ingledow Substation in Surrey and provide additional reliable transmission capacity from the Mainland to southern Vancouver Island by reinforcing the existing weak transmission system on the Island, and that this project would significantly reduce ongoing operating and maintenance costs of the current system. She further advised that the transmission cables would be installed within existing road rights-of-way along the Saanich Peninsula and under the sea floor of Georgia Strait. Ms. Stevenson concluded her remarks by advising that Sea Breeze Victoria Converter Corporation would be conducting a series of Public Open Houses on the Saanich Peninsula later this month, and encouraged members of Council to attend the Open House on Saturday, January 21st, 2006 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Central Saanich Cultural Centre.

Mr. Richard Harper, P.Eng. – Associated Engineering, gave a brief overview of the proposed location and routing of the Vancouver Island Cable Project from the Lower Mainland to Vancouver Island, including the specific route down the Saanich Peninsula to the Pike Substation.

A brief question and answer session took place, and Ms. Stevenson and Mr. Harper were thanked for their presentation.

The informational presentation and background materials were received without a motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, the Public Works & Transportation Committee Meeting held on January 9, 2006 adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Councillor Alastair Bryson, Chair

Recorded By: Trish Flanders
Municipal Clerk