

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Minutes of the **PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** Meeting
Monday, May 29, 2006 at 7:55 pm
Central Saanich Municipal Council Chamber

PRESENT: Councillor Alastair Bryson, Chair
Mayor Jack Mar
Councillors: Graham, King, Mason and Thompson
Gary C. Nason, Administrator
Trish Flanders, Municipal Clerk
Hope V. Burns, Director of Planning and Building Services
Nirmal Bhattacharya, Municipal Engineer
Roland Rocheleau, Senior Engineering Technologist
Ruby Shea, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT: Councillor Garrison

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

618.06 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MASON
NO SECONDER
That the Agenda for the Public Works & Transportation Committee Meeting held on May 29, 2006 be approved as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Brentwood Bay Traffic Corridor Revitalization Project – Updated Project Cost Estimate

- a) Copy of the Independent Construction Cost Estimate for the project, which was recently completed by Associated Engineering Ltd.

The Municipal Engineer, Mr. Nirmal Bhattacharya, gave a comprehensive overview of the independent construction cost estimate and the potential next step options for the Brentwood Bay Traffic Corridor Revitalization project, and responded to questions from members of the Committee.

A lengthy round-table discussion took place.

619.06 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
NO SECONDER
That It Be Recommended To Council:

That before proceeding to tender on the Brentwood Bay Traffic Corridor Revitalization Project, the District wait for receipt of the reconfirmed BC Hydro cost estimate for the conduit portion of the project, however in the event that no further information is forthcoming from BC Hydro by June 15th, 2006, Staff be requested to report back to Council at the first available Council or Committee Meeting.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED, it was

**** DEFEATED ****

AMENDMENT
620.06 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR THOMPSON
NO SECONDER
That It Be Recommended To Council:

That the foregoing motion be amended to read "That before proceeding to tender on the Brentwood Bay Traffic Corridor Revitalization Project, the District wait for receipt of the reconfirmed BC Hydro cost estimate for the conduit portion of the project, however in the event that no further information is forthcoming from BC Hydro by June 15th, 2006, Staff report back to Council at the June 19th, 2006 Regular Council Meeting with the assumption being that the District will proceed to tender without the reconfirmed BC Hydro estimate.

MOTION DEFEATED

OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS KING, GRAHAM AND BRYSON

THE QUESTION WAS THEN CALLED ON THE MAIN MOTION
THE MAIN MOTION CARRIED
OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR BRYSON

2. Vehicular Parking Issues in the Vicinity of Polo Park Crescent and Fairmeadows Place

- a) Correspondence Signed by Thirteen Residents of Polo Park Crescent Re: Parking Problems on Polo Park Crescent (previously received at the April 18, 2006 Regular Council Meeting).

Councillor Bryson gave an overview of the neighbourhood meeting which took place on May 4th, 2006 between residents from Polo Park Crescent and Fairmeadows Place, Municipal Staff and members of Council.

The Municipal Engineer gave an overview of the following actions which were agreed upon at the meeting:

- place 5 minute parking signs near the mail box (Polo Park Crescent);
- yellow painting of the curb (5 m) from the exit driveway at 7923 Polo Park Crescent, northwards (on the same side as the mail box) to ensure that vehicles are not parked adjacent to the fire hydrant;
- yellow painting of the curbs (2 m) on both sides of Polo Park Crescent, in front of the meandering pathway on Simpson Road; and
- yellow painting on the mountable curb designating the “fire access” on Fairmeadows Place.

Mr. Al Layfield, 7950 Polo Park Crescent, advised that parking for Saanichton Green Park should be available for the park users.

Mr. Bob Myers, 7865 Fairmeadows Place, advised that the on-street parking is now moving towards the end of Fairmeadow Place in proximity to Simpson Road, and advised that he does not see any downside in designating this neighbourhood road for residential parking only, noting that it is regularly being used as a parking lot for Thrifty Foods employees.

A lengthy discussion around the table occurred.

Mr. Niemczyk, 7826 Fairmeadow Place, referred to parking problems that existed many years ago and also described various hazardous situations that exist in the area. Mr. Niemczyk encouraged the implementation of residential parking only signs in the area.

621.06 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
 NO SECONDER

That It Be Recommended To Council:

That in regards to the various parking issues on Fairmeadow Place and Polo Park Crescent, Council endorse the following four “agreed-upon actions”:

- *place 5 minute parking signs near the mail box (Polo Park Crescent);*
- *yellow painting of the curb (5 m) from the exit driveway at 7923 Polo Park Crescent, northwards (on the same side as the mail box) to ensure that vehicles are not parked adjacent to the fire hydrant;*
- *yellow painting of the curbs (2 m) on both sides of Polo Park Crescent, in front of the meandering pathway on Simpson Road; and*
- *yellow painting on the mountable curb designating the “fire access” on Fairmeadows Place.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

622.06 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR THOMPSON
NO SECONDER
That It Be Recommended To Council:

That the proposed yellow lining of the portion of Fairmeadows Place in the vicinity of the fire lane pathway be extended south to the driveway entrance to the property located at 7877 Fairmeadow Place.

623.06 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KING
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
That the foregoing motion be tabled.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Paul, 7832 Fairmeadow Place, advised that yellow lining should be undertaken along the entire length of Fairmeadow Place through to Simpson Road in order to improve pedestrian safety in the area.

624.06 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR THOMPSON
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MASON
That the motion be lifted from the table.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

THE QUESTION WAS THEN CALLED ON THE MOTION
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

625.06 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
NO SECONDER
That It Be Recommended To Council:

That in view of the expressed concerns from the neighbourhood in regards to emergency vehicle access to the residences on Fairmeadows Place during periods of peak parking congestion, as well as the interface of school buses disembarking students amidst multiple parked cars in the vicinity of Fairmeadows Place and Simpson Road, this matter be referred to the Police, Fire and Engineering Departments for commentary on whether additional yellow lining in this general area may be warranted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Layfield advised that vehicles in the area are parked for extended periods of time and suggested that the District consider putting the owners on notice that the District will take action if this practice continues.

626.06 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR THOMPSON
NO SECONDER
That It Be Recommended To Council:

That the Chair of the Public Works & Transportation Committee be requested to communicate further with Mr. Al Layfield in regards to his expressed concerns related to parking congestion, extended time parking, and vehicles being parked for lengthy periods of time for potential sale purposes along Polo Park Crescent, and further recommendations be brought back to Committee if considered warranted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

627.06 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MASON
NO SECONDER
That It Be Recommended To Council:

That the District notify the Property Manager for the Pioneer Square and "Thrifty Foods mall" sites, advising that the District is currently attempting to address a number of vehicular parking and congestion concerns which have been expressed by the residents in the area, and informing of the foregoing action which has been taken by Council in regards to this matter, and further indicating that:

1. *Central Saanich remains open to further dialogue on acceptable solutions to address the various parking issues and concerns in the area;*
2. *Council requests that the businesses in the Saanichton area be urged to accommodate their respective employee parking on-site; and*
3. *The Municipal Hall staff parking area (excluding Police, Fire and Emergency Services) which is located on the easterly portion of the Municipal Hall site is generally available for public parking on weekends.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Mt. Newton (Lauwelnew) Trail

Councillor King updated the Committee on recent developments pertaining to the Mt. Newton (Lauwelnew) Trail and concerns from the Tsartlip First Nation in regards to this particular issue. Councillor King advised that the Elliott family is wishing to organize a walk up the trail as concerns are being expressed by First Nations with respect to the possible discontinuation of access to the trail in future. Councillor King noted that First Nations have been using the trail for hundreds of years and there appears to be a considerable lack of confirmed knowledge on the precise location of the trail and related issues of land tenure, private property ownership and the location of sacred sites.

Mr. Peter King, 765 Harding Lane, stated that private property owners in the area must recognize that the trail has existed for many years and long before arbitrary property line demarcations were established.

Council concluded the discussion and stated that Council recognizes that it is important to maintain open lines of communication and dialogue with the First Nations on this important issue.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, the Public Works & Transportation Committee Meeting held on May 29, 2006 adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Recorded By: Trish Flanders
Municipal Clerk