

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Minutes of the **PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** Meeting

Monday, November 8, 2004 at 9:30 p.m.  
Central Saanich Municipal Council Chamber

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Susan Mason, Chair  
Mayor Allison Habkirk  
Councillors: Graham, Haddon, King, Korol and Thompson  
Gary C. Nason, Administrator  
Hope V. Burns, Director of Planning and Building Services  
Nirmal Bhattacharya, Municipal Engineer  
Roland Rocheleau, Sr. Engineering Technician  
Ruby Shea, Recording Secretary

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**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

The Administrator, Mr. Gary C. Nason, distributed copies of email correspondence dated November 8, 2004 from Mr. Ian Vantreight offering comments in regards to the Staff Memorandum pertaining to Options to Recognize the Rural Character and/or Heritage Value of Mt. Newton Cross Road, as well as email correspondence dated November 7, 2004 from Councillor Zeb King presenting his comments with respect to the Proposed Policies and Prioritization for Bicycle Routes which are contained in the second Memorandum from the Municipal Engineer.

Mr. Nason recommended that these two items of correspondence be considered in conjunction with Council's consideration of the two Memoranda from the Municipal Engineer pertaining to both the Mt. Newton Cross Road issue and the Policies and Prioritization for Bicycle Routes and Pedestrian Facilities.

1320.04      MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KOROL  
NO SECONDER  
*That the Agenda for the Public Works, Transportation & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on November 8, 2004 be approved as amended.*  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**1. Memoranda (2) Related to the Transportation Planning Study**

- a) Staff Memorandum dated August 27, 2004 from Nirmal Bhattacharya, Municipal Engineer entitled "Options to Recognize the Rural Character and/or Heritage Value of Mt. Newton Cross Road and Related Maintenance and Construction Standards";
- b) Memorandum dated October 19, 2004 from the Heritage Commission providing its recommendation on the above-noted Staff Memorandum; and
- c) Email correspondence dated November 8, 2004 from Mr. Ian Vantreight offering comments in regards to the Staff Memorandum pertaining to Options to Recognize the Rural Character and/or Heritage Value of Mt. Newton Cross Road.

The Administrator presented a brief overview of the Memorandum dated August 27, 2004 from the Municipal Engineer entitled "Options to Recognize the Rural Character and/or Heritage Value of Mt. Newton Cross Road and Related Maintenance and Construction Standards" as well as referred to a Memorandum dated October 19, 2004 from the Central Saanich Heritage Commission providing its recommendations in regards to this issue.

Mr. Nason and the Municipal Engineer, Mr. Nirmal Bhattacharya, responded to various questions from members of the Committee in regards to the Staff Memorandum and the recommendations contained therein.

1321.04      MOVED BY MAYOR HABKIRK  
NO SECONDER  
*That It Be Recommended to Council:*

*That the Staff Memorandum dated August 27, 2004 entitled "Options to Recognize the Rural Character and/or Heritage Value of Mt. Newton Cross Road and Related Maintenance and Construction Standards" be received, and:*

- a) Council adopt a resolution pursuant to Section 955 of the Local Government Act to officially recognize the heritage value and character of Mt. Newton Cross Road; and
- b) Council adopt the recommended "Guidelines for Construction and Maintenance of a Heritage Road (Mt. Newton Cross Road, between Malcolm Road and Senanus Drive)" which are included in Appendix "B" of the Staff Memorandum, with an amendment to the third bullet under the section entitled "Utilities" to read "Excavation to construct and maintain underground utilities in the right-of-way shall be permitted noting that the existing ground, vegetation and/or trail must be restored to their original form".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- d) Staff Memorandum dated September 7, 2004 from Nirmal Bhattacharya, Municipal Engineer entitled "Proposed Policies and Prioritization for Bicycle Routes and Pedestrian Facilities in the District, as Contained in the Transportation Planning Study Report";
- e) Memorandum dated October 5, 2004 from the Advisory Planning Commission offering comments on the above-noted Staff Memorandum; and
- f) Email correspondence dated November 7, 2004 from Councillor Zeb King presenting his comments with respect to the Proposed Policies and Prioritization for Bicycle Routes which are contained in the second Memorandum from the Municipal Engineer.

The Administrator then proceeded to give a brief overview of the second Staff Memorandum from the Municipal Engineer entitled "Proposed Policies and Prioritization for Bicycle Routes and Pedestrian Facilities in the District, as Contained in the Transportation Planning Study Report".

Mr. Nason referred to the email correspondence from Councillor King in regards to this particular matter as well as noted the Memorandum from the Advisory Planning Committee Commission dated October 5, 2004 which offered comments on the recommendations contained in the Staff Memorandum. Mr. Nason also noted that copies of all correspondence previously received by the District and which was referenced in the Staff Memorandum was available for viewing in the Committee Room, and Mr. Nason advised that Staff had considered the various comments and input offered in these letters in the preparation of the Staff recommendations.

The Administrator and the Municipal Engineer then proceeded to respond to various questions from Members of the Committee in regards to the contents of the Memorandum, and an extensive discussion ensued.

1322.04      MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM  
NO SECONDER  
*That It Be Recommended to Council:*

- That the Memorandum dated September 7, 2004 from the Municipal Engineer entitled "Proposed Policies and Prioritization for Bicycle Routes and Pedestrian Facilities in the District, as Contained in the Transportation Planning Study" be received, and*
- a) Council endorse the recommended policies for bicycle routes and facilities and pedestrian network and facilities as contained in Appendices "A" and "B" of the Memorandum;
  - b) Council amend the recommended bicycle route plan by deleting Saanich Cross Road, East Saanich Road from Island View Road to Pat Bay Highway, and Lamont Road Trail addition to link Lochside Trail with the Island View Regional Park, from the recommended bicycle route plan; and

c) *Council endorse the recommended prioritized list of projects as contained in Appendix "C" of the Memorandum, and Staff be instructed to proceed generally in accordance with this prioritization in future proposed amendments to the Five Year Financial Plan and preparation of the Annual Budgets.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*On motion, the Public Works, Transportation & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on November 8, 2004 adjourned at 10:07 p.m.*

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Councillor Susan Mason, Chair

Recorded By: Ruby Shea  
Recording Secretary