

## District of Sooke

Monday, July 26, 2021

Regular Council Meeting @ 7pm

Mayor Tait, Cllr. Logins, Cllr. Beddows, Cllr. La Jeunesse, Cllr. Bateman, Cllr. St-Pierre present, Megan McMath absent

5.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No 813 (600-86), 2021 2021 - 2614 Otter Point Road  
-Third Reading to the Rezoning amendment

- 2.1 hectares lot to be rezoned from RRU 4 to RRU 5 to allow for the addition of 4 lots to make a total of 5 lots
- Developer to give \$12,000 in cash instead of 15% land, improve BC Transit bus stop
- Property owner adjoining subdivision has asked for a fence
- Discussion about the beautiful trees on the property
- It was noted that it is too bad the Tree Bylaw isn't complete
- Some disagreement if trees are old or low value second growth trees
- Also noted the subdivision was not in line with the new OCP as outside sewer boundaries but did comply with the one that is in effect at the moment
- **Public Input - William Wallace called in and spoke against the subdivision saying that it will add to Sooke's carbon and is not aligned with the new OCP**
- Cllr. Beddows - meets green lens
- Cllr. LaJeunesse - concern about the dangers of leaving trees
- Cllr. Logins - disappointed that there is no Tree Protection Bylaw and updated OCP not in place
- Mayor Tait - satisfied with staff's rationale
  
- **Moved by Cllr. Beddows**
- **2nd by Cllr. La Jeunesse**
- **Cllr. St-Pierre and Cllr. Bateman opposed**
- **Motion passed 4 in favour, 2 opposed**

5.2 Development Variance Permit - 7044 Maple Park Terrace

- staff to work with applicant to develop variance to achieve a transition from 15% to 12% road grade for the portion of Brailsford Place and return to Council for further consideration of the variance request

- really a lot of discussion on this one - after hours of discussion the motion was changed that staff would work with the applicant to see if portions of the road could stay at 15% and if any needed to be torn up and reconstruction

- **Moved by Cllr. St-Pierre**
- **2nd by Cllr. La Jeunesse**
- **Motion passed unanimously**

5.3 Development Variance Permit - 2340 Sun River Way

- reduce natural boundary setback to a watercourse from 30 metres to 11.6 metres for purpose of permitting the construction of an addition to an existing Community Care Facility (Daycare Centre).

- noted by the Mayor Tait that the daycare is a necessary part of the community

- **public input concern about if there is an unusual weather event the water could rise and cause flooding and also that the map did not correctly show the stream**
- Mayor Tait said there is a report done by the Province that shows stream flow and the variance meets Provincial requirements. The PDF is available on the District website
- **Moved by Cllr. Bateman**
- **2nd by Cllr. St-Pierre**
- **Motion passed unanimously**

#### 5.4 Development Variance Permit - 2155 Branford Place

-issuance of Development Variance Permit to reduce required setback to natural boundary of a watercourse from 30 metres to 25.8 metres for the purpose of permitting the construction of a new duplex.

- **Moved by Cllr. St-Pierre**
- **2nd by Cllr. La Jeunesse**
- **Motion passed unanimously**

**As it was 11:00 pm Cllr. Logins was excused.**

#### 9.2. Recommendations from July 19, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting

1. THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends Council approve the climate change mitigation strategy, the “7% Solution”, and proceed with its implementation by directing staff (with CAC support to review) to: create an implementation plan; prepare budget recommendations for incorporation in the district’s next five-year financial plan; and investigate funding sources and partnerships required to implement the strategy fully.
  - **Motion passed unanimously**

2. THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends Council approve the updated Council Strategic Priorities Chart dated July 2021.
  - **Motion passed unanimously**

3. THAT Council authorize staff to proceed with the construction of a fenced dog park at 2276 Church Road. - John Phillips Park
  - Neighbours opposed to park but Mayor Tait said that problems at Whiffen Spit and Ed MacGregor Park make it necessary to construct a dog park
  - Cllr. Bateman and Cllr. Beddows opposed - motion carried**

4. THAT Council allocate up to an additional \$45,000.00 to the dog park budget from Council contingency.
  - Cllr. St-Pierre said that perhaps if the dog park is constructed properly the neighbours will be happier
  - **Motion passed unanimously**
5. THAT Council direct staff to ensure that special attention to the dog park location be addressed during the CRD Animal Control Services Contract renewal in Fall 2021
  - **Motion passed unanimously**

#### 10.1 Sooke Program of the Arts

1. THAT Council allocate \$30,000 in the 2022 budget to secure a consulting design firm to determine the best location for festival/event infrastructure in John Phillips Memorial Park and

develop a 50% design drawing with Class D cost estimates for the construction of that facility in 2023.

2. THAT the Sooke Program of the Arts Committee recommend that Council direct staff to investigate the development of a destination fee on hotels, tickets and/or facility rentals to generate direct economic benefit to the local government for the promotion of Sooke as a destination for festivals, arts and culture in Sooke.

3. THAT the Sooke Program of the Arts Committee recommend that Council direct staff to investigate the costs and logistics of the development of an events webpage on Sooke.ca for the promotion of Sooke as a destination for festivals, arts and culture in Sooke.

- **Motion passed unanimously**

## 10.2 Budget Amendments and Design Contract Extensions

1) THAT Council receive this report for information.

2) THAT Council direct Staff to extend/amend existing design contracts with the following consultants to include final design, contract administration, project management and contract increases within annual budget allocations:

- Urban Systems for the Town Centre Corridor Design;
- Associated Engineering for the Throup Road Connection Design;
- McElhanney Consulting for the Phillips Road Corridor Design, the Church Road Roundabout, the Throup Road Extension to Charters, and the Charter Intersection;
- ISL Engineering for the Charters Corridor; and
- Stantec for the Townsend to Whiffin Spit Active Transportation Design.

3) THAT Council direct staff to bring forward an amendment to the 2021-2025 Five Year Financial Plan to:

- reallocate \$50K from Gas Tax for the Town Centre Corridor Design;
  - reallocate \$50K from Gas Tax for the Throup Road Connection Design;
  - reallocate \$100K from Gas Tax for the Phillips Road Corridor Design;
- and
- reallocate \$198,750 of DCC funding for the Brailsford Connection, Phillips Road and Charters Road Design to be funded with Gas Tax in 2021

- Mayor Tait new name for Gas Tax is Canada Community Works Fund

- **Motion passed unanimously**

## 11.2. Parks Disposition Bylaw No. 820, 2021 - Alternate Approval Process Bylaw

- John Phillips Memorial Park

Alternate Approval Process Bylaw- John Phillips Memorial Park - Pdf

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to the bylaw cited as the Parks Disposition Bylaw, No 820, 2021

- this is about the Lion's wishing to build a Community Centre at John Phillips Park
- Cllr. Beddows recused himself as I assume he is a Lion?
- I gather Sooke Resident's will be asked to vote on this issue

- **Moved by Cllr. St-Pierre**
- **2nd by Cllr. La Jeunesse**
  - **Motion passed unanimously**
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12.1 As Cllr. Logins left the “Coffee Chats” motion moved to the Sep 20th, 2021 regular meeting

14 Council Verbal Reports

Cllr. La Jeunesse

- business walkabout
- Heard about no parking and no commercial space available for lease

Cllr. St-Pierre

- CRD Water
- Woodside centennial award presentation event

Cllr. Bateman

- Homeless Coaliton
- CRD Board Meeting
- CAC
- Woodside event
- Wastewater grant

Cllr. Beddows

- Seaparc sports box - hopes will be possible to construct pickle ball court
- OCP - environment pressures

Mayor Tait

- Received approval for BC Provincial great to expand wastewater plant - goal is safe shell fish harvesting from basin
- Woodside Farm event
- UBCM - finished as Past President
- Forestry - modification of Provincial Forestry Practices

15. Adjournment - after 11:30 pm

Motion - Cllr. St-Pierre

2nd - Cllr. Beddows

Passed unanimously