

MINUTES of a meeting of ESTIMATES COMMITTEE of the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay, held in the Council Chambers, Oak Bay Municipal Hall, 2167 Oak Bay Avenue, Oak Bay, B.C., on Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

PRESENT: Mayor C. M. Causton (Chairman)
Councillor H. Braithwaite
Councillor A. R. Cassidy
Councillor P. Copley
Councillor J. D. Herbert
Councillor N. B. Jensen
Councillor T. Ney

STAFF: Municipal Administrator, W. E. Cochrane
Municipal Clerk, L. Hilton
Municipal Treasurer, P. Walker
Director of Engineering Services, D. Marshall
Superintendent of Public Works, P. Barnett
Fire Chief, G. Adam

Mayor Causton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. 2010-124 MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR, April 6, 2010
Re 2010 Municipal Budget

The Municipal Administrator provided an overview of the 2010 budget as outlined in his memorandum to Estimates Committee, noting that at present, for the average residential property, it incorporates an increase of 2.4% in the municipal portion of the property tax bill, including the solid waste charge.

OPERATING BUDGET:

Attention was drawn to the Fire Department operating budget, and Fire Chief Adam answered questions in this regard, leaving the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Responding to the budgeted returns on investments, the Municipal Administrator noted that staff recommends increasing the amount contained in the Estimates Budget by \$30,000, which was supported by members of the Committee.

The budget review turned to the Public Works Department, with the Superintendent of Public Works providing information on various aspects of the budget and the work of the Department in general.

CAPITAL BUDGET:

The Committee then reviewed the new capital projects included in the Estimates budget, and it was pointed out that there are a number of roads that although deteriorating, could be rehabilitated short of complete rebuilds like that planned for Central Avenue. Mr. Barnett drew attention to a process called "mill and fill" where deteriorating asphalt is ground off and repaved, saying he would like to explore that option on some of the outstanding road maintenance and repair work. It was agreed that further discussion on the possibility of increasing the operating budget for road maintenance could occur at the next meeting.

Turning back to reviewing the capital budget, and the amount included in the budget for foreshore protection, Mayor Causton drew attention to an area of the sea wall by Kitty Islet where there appears to be some undermining. Mr. Barnett agreed to investigate.

It was agreed to conclude the meeting and continue review of the budget at the next Estimates Committee meeting scheduled for April 15, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Councillor Braithwaite

Seconded by Councillor Herbert, That the Estimates Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Certified Correct

Municipal Clerk

Chairman