

MINUTES of a SPECIAL meeting of 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 Monday, January 19, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor C. M. Causton, Chairman
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
Confidential Secretary, K. Green
Director of Building and Planning, R. Thomassen
Municipal Treasurer, P. Walker
Director of Engineering Services, D. Marshall

Mayor Causton called the special Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. 2009-29 CAPITAL REGION EMERGENCY SERVICES TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CREST)
Re Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting

The Municipal Administrator provided a brief overview of the notice received from the Capital Region Emergency Services Telecommunications Corporation (CREST) with respect to the upcoming extraordinary general meeting, noting that under the CREST corporate structure there is a distinction between Oak Bay's representative for the purpose of Board meetings and the general meetings of shareholders. Council would need to appoint a member of Council to vote as its member representative at the meeting, and give that person direction as it sees fit, to vote on the issues, he said. In the past, Council appointed its director to act as the Municipality's representative at shareholder meetings as well.

Councillor Jensen, Oak Bay's Director on the Capital Region Emergency Services Telecommunications Board, said that an extraordinary meeting to vote on the budget is required because the proposed rate to be charged to members is in excess of two times the rate of inflation. The average increase for members, he said is over 23%.

Councillor Jensen further noted that next year will see another significant increase as the costs of the upgraded regional telecommunications system are planned to be spread over two years.

Further discussion ensued and Councillor Herbert, as past Director on the Board, provided a brief history with respect to the installation of the regional telecommunications system and the necessity of a subsequent system upgrade.

MOVED by Councillor Herbert

Seconded by Councillor Copley, That Councillor Jensen be authorized to act as the District of Oak Bay's representative at all general meetings of the Capital Region Emergency Services Telecommunications Corporation held during 2009.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Councillor Herbert
Seconded by Councillor Copley, That the Special Council meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Municipal Clerk

Mayor