

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 Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 7:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mayor C. M. Causton, Chairman  
Councillor H. Braithwaite  
Councillor P. Copley  
Councillor J. D. Herbert  
Councillor N. B. Jensen  
Councillor T. Ney

STAFF: Municipal Administrator, M. Brennan  
Municipal Clerk, L. Hilton  
Director of Engineering Services, D. Marshall  
Design Engineer, R. Ding  
Director of Parks and Recreation, L. Curtis

Mayor Causton called the Special Council meeting to order at 7:37 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. 2011-341 MAYOR CAUSTON, October 27, 2011  
Re Provincial Community Recreation Program Grant

Mayor Causton drew attention to his memorandum regarding the opportunity to submit a grant application for the Province's Community Recreation Program, which referred to a project for Henderson Recreation Centre that was put together four years ago to upgrade the reception area and the strength training area at the anticipated cost of approximately \$400,000.

Responding to questions, the Municipal Administrator noted that the Henderson project was "shelf-ready" and, therefore, perhaps a better project to submit than something in relation to the new Active Transportation Plan, which was also touched on in the Mayor's memorandum, and which would require staff resources for planning and costing under tight timelines.

At the request of Council, the Director of Parks and Recreation provided an overview of the Henderson project including why it is needed and what its anticipated benefits would be.

There was discussion regarding the various other types of projects for which a grant might be applied for, and varying views and opinions were noted. Some members of Council felt that the Henderson project may be the best option, and most suited to the grant program, while others felt that some of the recommendations in the Active Transportation Plan should be explored as potential projects for submission.

In particular, attention was drawn to the sidewalks on Elgin Road, and there was some support for exploring the construction of new pedestrian walkways along both sides of the road, including beautification elements. The view was expressed, however, that public consultation should be obtained prior to putting such a plan forward for funding, for which there was no time before the application submission deadline.

Responding to questions from Council, the Director of Engineering Services confirmed that staff could produce costing and a plan for the proposed pedestrian walkways, although further input on the beautification elements may be required.

After further discussion, it was suggested that information on both projects should come forward to a special meeting of Council for consideration on November 21, 2011, and a decision on which project to submit an application for could be made at that time.

Councillor Jensen left the meeting at 8:29 a.m.

MOVED by Councillor Braithwaite

Seconded by Councillor Herbert, That the Director of Parks and Recreation be authorized to expend the funds necessary to update the costing for the Henderson Recreation Centre project.

CARRIED

It was noted the updated information would go forward to the Oak Bay Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration prior to being submitted to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Ney

Seconded by Councillor Copley, That Engineering Department staff be directed to prepare a cost estimate and plan for the construction of pedestrian walkways, with beautification elements, along both sides of Elgin Road.

CARRIED

*(Councillor Herbert against the motion)*

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Councillor Braithwaite

Seconded by Councillor Herbert, That the special meeting of Council be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

Certified Correct:

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Municipal Clerk

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Mayor