

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL, ON THURSDAY,
2004-OCT-21, COMMENCING AT 3:34 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor L. J. Sherry, Chair

Members: Councillor R. A. Cantelon

Absent: Councillor W. J. Holdom

Staff: B. N. Mehaffey K. King
K. L. Burley

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- (a) Minutes of the 2004-SEP-30 Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Development Standing Committee held in the Board Room, City Hall at 3:29 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Mr. B. N. Mehaffey, General Manager of Development Services, advised that he would be requesting clarification on item 2(c) from the 2004-SEP-30 Planning, Environment and Development Standing Committee minutes.

3. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:

Advisory Committee on the Environment:

- (a) Inventory of Environmentally Sensitive Areas Within the City of Nanaimo

The City of Nanaimo values its Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) and has identified them within Schedule B of the Official Community Plan (OCP).

Further work was needed to effectively identify the ESAs still to be protected and more clearly define their boundaries prior to considering any protection options.

Madrone Environmental Services Ltd. (Madrone) completed their inventory of the City ESAs and concluded a follow-up Spring inventory with a final report in July 2004.

Madrone inventoried seventy ESA sites throughout the City. Nineteen non-aquatic ESA sites on private land were recognized as significant.

ESAs with rare and significant plant species were concentrated in Harewood Plains and the Harmac/Joan Point south region of the City.

Staff recognize that to meet the City's OCP objective of protecting ESAs, it is necessary to create a Development Permit Area.

Recommendations: That the Planning, Environment and Development Standing Committee recommend that Council:

1. direct staff to bring forward amendments to the Official Community Plan to create a Development Permit Area and guidelines for the purpose of protecting Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) with inventoried populations of red/blue listed plant species; and
2. recognize the special ecological significance of the following properties identified in the ESAs inventory:
 - "Harewood Plains" (ESAs 5, 6, 7, 606, 587)
 - Harmac/Joan Point South (ESAs 634, 653, 656, 642).

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

Social Planning Advisory Committee:

(b) Social Planning Advisory Committee – Member Resignation

At the Social Planning Advisory Committee's (SPAC) regular meeting held 2004-OCT-13, Ms. Carolyn Tatton, member at-large, resigned due to employment commitments. Ms. Tatton has been a member of SPAC since 2001.

This vacancy should be advertised in order to bring the Committee's membership back to its full complement of nine community-at-large-members. Membership on SPAC also includes representation from Council, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission and School District No. 68.

Recommendation: That the Planning, Environment and Development Standing Committee recommend that Council direct Staff to advertise to fill the vacant community-at-large position on the Social Planning Advisory Committee for the remainder of the term.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Recommendation Arising from the 2004-OCT-13 Meeting

New Nanaimo Centre:

Recommendation: That the Social Planning Advisory Committee support the concept for the New Nanaimo Centre Project, and recommends that Council ensure the design is developed using *Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)* principles, and reflects social and safety issues.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. LATE ITEMS/OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. B. N. Mehaffey, General Manager of Development Services, requested clarification of item 2(c) *Advisory Committee on the Environment – Presentation from the Nanaimo Estuary Management Coalition* as to whether the presentation should be made to the Planning, Environment and Development Committee or directly to Council.

The Committee conveyed that the presentation should be made to all of Council with the Advisory Committee on the Environment in attendance, sometime after the referendum has been held.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 3:48 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

SENIOR MANAGER,
CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION