



**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH
Minutes of the REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting**

**October 7, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers**

Present: Mayor Windsor, Councillor King, Councillor Newton, Councillor Thompson

Absent: Councillor Graham, Councillor Paltiel, Councillor Riddell

Staff Present: Christine Culham, Chief Administrative Officer; Emilie Gorman, Director of Corporate Services/Corporate Officer; Troy Ziegler, Director of Financial and Information Technology Services/ Chief Financial Officer; Jarret Matanowitsch, Director of Planning and Building Services; Dale Puskas, Director of Engineering; Britt Burnham, Manager of Community Services; Fernando Pimentel, Manager of Finance; Ivo Van der Kamp, Acting Manager of Development Services; Pamela Martin, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor respectfully acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ people which includes WJOLELP (Tsartlip) and STÁUTW (Tsawout) First Nations.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1 Agenda of the October 7, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

MOVED AND SECONDED

That the agenda of the October 7, 2024 Regular Council meeting be approved as amended by:

- *adding late correspondence to item #9.1; and*
- *adding a late presentation to item #11.3.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes from the September 23, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

MOVED AND SECONDED

That the minutes from the September 23, 2024 Regular Council meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Rani Day Eashappie (Clark Road): Questioned a social media post from the Mayor regarding the Aurora Housing.

9. CORRESPONDENCE (Action Required or Recommended)

9.1 Corr Brajer, M re Request for Letter of Support - Funding Proposal to Purchase Blackwater Pump Vessel - October 4, 2024

The Director of Planning and Building Services responded to questions from Council.

MOVED AND SECONDED

That a letter of support be written for the Tsartlip Group of Companies for the funding proposal to purchase a Blackwater Pump Vessel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/MAYOR'S REPORT

10.3 Council Members Reports - External Bodies

Councillors Thompson and King provided an overview of external/community meetings attended since the last Regular Council meeting.

11. STAFF REPORTS

11.1 1131 Verdier Avenue – Development Permit Application (SSMUH)

The Acting Manager of Development Services provided an introduction of the report and responded to questions from Council.

The Director of Planning and Building Services responded to questions from Council.

MOVED AND SECONDED

That Development Permit 3060-20-5/23 for seven townhomes at 1131 Verdier Avenue be authorized for issuance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 7925 East Saanich Rd – Strata Conversion

The Acting Manager of Development Services provided an introduction of the report.

The applicant, Bart Johnson, provided a presentation on the application and responded to questions from Council.

MOVED AND SECONDED

That Strata Conversion application for 7925 East Saanich Road be authorized for issuance subject to the following:

- 1. That a report by an architect be provided that addresses the items outlined in the 'Strata Conversion Handout';*
- 2. That any improvements required to be made as per the architect report be carried out prior to strata conversion approval; and,*
- 3. That a covenant be registered prior to strata conversion approval to secure that the three residential units remain rental units for a period of 10 years after first occupancy.*

Opposed (1): Councillor King

CARRIED (4 to 1)

11.3 Civic Redevelopment – What We Heard Report 2024

The Manager of Community Engagement provided a presentation on the report and responded to questions from Council.

For information.

12. BYLAWS

12.1 Other than Development Application Bylaws

12.1.1 2025 Permissive Tax Exemptions

The Manager of Finance provided an introduction of the report and responded to questions from Council.

MOVED AND SECONDED

That the 2025 permissive tax exemption renewal process with no change to Tax Exemption Bylaws No. 2157 and 2158 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED AND SECONDED

That Central Saanich Tax Exemption Bylaw 2210, 2024 be introduced and read a first time and second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED AND SECONDED

That Central Saanich Tax Exemption Bylaw 2210, 2024 be read a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED AND SECONDED

That Central Saanich Tax Exemption Bylaw 2203, 2024 be introduced and read a first time and second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED AND SECONDED

That Bylaw 2203, 2024 be read a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED AND SECONDED

That Central Saanich Tax Exemption Bylaw 2203, 2024 be excluded from any 1.5% of tax revenues policy reductions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2 Development Application Bylaws

12.2.1 2384 Alta Vista Place and 6673 Buena Vista Road (Small Lot Development)

The Acting Manager of Development Services provided an introduction of the report and responded to questions from Council.

MOVED AND SECONDED

1. *That rezoning application 3360-20-07/2 and Development Permit application 3060-20-5/24, along with the draft Amendment Bylaw No. 2211, 2024 (2384 Alta Vista Place and 6673 Buena Vista Road) be referred to the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) and that the Commission consider the following:*
 - *Is the APC supportive of the application?*
 - *Are there any substantial issues Council should consider?*
2. *That an Opportunity to be Heard (OTBH) on the variances be scheduled at a future Council meeting.*
3. *That an updated arborist report be provided prior to consideration of first reading.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. **CORRESPONDENCE (Receive for General Information)**

15.1 WSANEC Lands Trust Society re Grant in Lieu of Taxes - August 26, 2024

For information.

15.2 Corr Hourigan, B re Complaint - September 15, 2024

The Director of Planning and Building Services responded to questions from Council.

For information.

15.3 Corr Johansson, M re Civic Redevelopment - September 23, 2024

For information.

15.4 Corr Ottosen, N re Backpack Project - September 24, 2024

The Director of Corporate Services/Corporate Officer responded to questions from Council.

For information.

15.5 Corr van der Kamp, G re Removal of Hazardous Trees in Centennial Park - September 28, 2024

For information.

15.6 Corr Warhurst, A re MYST Funding Crisis - September 28, 2024

The Director of Corporate Services/Corporate Officer responded to questions from Council.

MOVED AND SECONDED

That the correspondence from A. Warhurst regarding MYST Funding, dated September 28, 2024 be forwarded to the District's Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee representative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15.7 Corr Scheben, P re Parking for Victoria Hindu Parishad - September 30, 2024

For information.

15.8 Corr Petrie, A re East Saanich Road - October 1, 2024

For information.

15.9 Corr Pyle, L re Roadside Dumping at Wallace Drive near Gowlland Park Entrance - October 2, 2024

The Director of Engineering responded to questions from Council.

For information.

15.10 Corr Staples, A re CS Active Transportation - October 2, 2024

For information.

16. CLOSED MEETING

16.1 Motion to Close

That Council convene a closed meeting pursuant to the following subsections of the Community Charter:

90(1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- *(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality; and*
- *(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.*

Following adoption of the above motion, the meeting will be closed to the public.

The meeting was closed to the public at 8:13 p.m.

The meeting recessed back to open at 8:18 p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Mayor Windsor

Emilie Gorman, Director of Corporate
Services/Corporate Officer