

Minutes of a Committee of the Whole meeting held October 27, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Attending:

Mayor: S. L. Winchester

Councillors:
N.A. Ahmed
J. L. Harder
D. S. McRae
G. T. Phelps
J. M. Presley

Staff:

S. T. Gray, Administrator
S. Karvalics, Executive Assistant
K. Lagan, Director of Operational Services
D. Slobodan Director of Regulatory and Property Services
R. Wiwchar, Director of Community Services
P. Crawford, Director of Planning Services
T. Manthey, Director of Financial Services
G. Garbutt, Planner
M. Donley, Human Resources Coordinator
J. Nelson, Accounting Supervisory

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Staff Updates

Mickie Donley provided an update regarding the Courtenay/Thailand Exchange Program:

- 9th and final year of the partnership
- last exchange will include a delegation from Thailand from Nov 8-15, 2004
- the last exchange will cover senior involvement in the community and how to promote health and fitness
- wrap up mission will take place in the early new year with a return mission to Suphanburi

Dave Slobodan, Randy Wiwchar and Tillie Manthey provided an update regarding the Art Galley:

- construction began in August, progress has been slow due to soil conditions
- no serious setbacks as staff anticipated any problems that could occur, otherwise project moving ahead on schedule
- anticipated completion sometime in March 2005
- many interested parties have shown interest in leasing the second floor, Randy will be presenting a report to Council
- Tillie gave an update on the budget and the borrowing bylaw, she will be preparing a report to Council

East Courtenay Neighbourhood Traffic Calming:

Moved by Harder and seconded by Ahmed that the draft report dated October 13, 2004 from the Director of Operational Services for the Community Traffic Calming Program in the East Courtenay neighbourhood be received for information; and

That a Traffic Calming Open House be held followed by final review of the Plan by Council.

Carried

Kevin Lagan and Peter Crawford gave an update on the Master Sewer Plan:

- Kevin described to Council what steps are involved in strategic planning ‘The Big Picture’
- Council has to begin now to plan ahead 20-50 years into the future and the demands on the sewer system
- strategic planning is the key on how to prepare for an influx in population over the next 15 to 20 years and how the City will deal with demands on sanitary sewer system as well as other infrastructure
- Peter explained to Council what is involved in strategic land use planning and setting a platform for Council to work from and how planning and engineering have to work together to prepare Council to deal with future demands
- Comox and Courtenay are working together on how to manage future growth in both communities

OCP Review

Moved by Presley and seconded by Ahmed that staff proceed with the public consultation process in relation to the OCP Review.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Presley and seconded by Ahmed that the meeting now adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Clerk

Mayor