

Meeting Minutes

Capital Regional District Board

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

1:05 PM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard Street
Victoria, BC

Special Meeting - Budget

PRESENT:

Directors: C. Plant (Chair), R. Mersereau (Vice Chair), J. Bateman (for M. Tait) (EP), P. Brent (for D. Howe) (EP), D. Blackwell, S. Brice, B. Desjardins, C. Graham (for R. Windsor) (EP), L. Helps, F. Haynes, M. Hicks (EP), G. Holman, B. Isitt, J. Loveday (EP), R. Martin, C. McNeil-Smith, K. Murdoch, G. Orr, J. Ranns, D. Screech, L. Seaton, N. Taylor (EP), K. Williams, G. Young

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; M. Barnes, Senior Manager, Health and Capital Planning Strategies; R. Lachance, Senior Manager, Financial Services; B. Semmens, Manager, Financial Planning & Performance; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; S. Orr, Senior Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors D. Howe, M. Tait, R. Windsor

The meeting was called to order at 1:14 pm.

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A Territorial Acknowledgement was provided in the preceding meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Director Mersereau,
That the agenda for the March 16, 2022 Session of the Capital Regional District Board be approved.
CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

4. SPECIAL MEETING MATTERS

4.1. [22-092](#) Bylaw No. 4481: 2022 to 2026 Financial Plan Bylaw, 2022

N. Chan spoke to Item 4.1. and provided the CRD 2022-2026 Final Budget

presentation.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- land acquisition levy
- public engagement regarding discontinuation of the land acquisition
- increase in folios
- impact of cost apportionment
- Victoria building permit value

**MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Director Mersereau,
1. That Bylaw No. 4481, "2022 to 2026 Financial Plan Bylaw, 2022", be introduced
and read a first, second and third time.**

Discussion ensued regarding future budget planning process.

**MOVED by Director Isitt, SECONDED by Director Taylor,
That the main motion be amended to add the following:
That the Board direct staff to include the following amounts in the park land
acquisition levy in the 2022-2026 financial plan as follows:
\$10 per average household in 2022; \$20 in 2023; \$21 in 2024; \$22 in 2025; and \$23
in 2026.**

Discussion ensued regarding:

- financing model versus requisition model
- financing strategy
- park land acquisition fund
- inflation rates, MFA rates and prime rates
- rate of return on funds in reserve pools
- land index valuation
- cost of borrowing
- hybrid borrowing model combining levy and financing
- tax increase for Juan de Fuca
- maintenance budget for parks
- electoral and rural areas
- borrowing process

**MOVED by Director Murdoch, SECONDED by Alternate Director Brent,
That the amendment be amended to remove the \$10 fee for the year 2022.**

**Director Young stated the amendment to the amendment proposes a
fundamental change to the amending motion.**

The Chair ruled the amendment to the amendment in order.

Director Young challenged the Chair.

The Chair called for a vote on whether the Chair shall be sustained.

CARRIED

Opposed: Screech, Young

The question was called on the amendment to the amendment.

That the amendment be amended to remove the \$10 fee for the year 2022.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Blackwell, Brice, Brent, Desjardins, Haynes, Holman, Isitt, Loveday, Martin, McNeil-Smith, Orr, Plant, Screech, Seaton, Taylor, Williams, Young

The question was called on the amendment.

That the main motion be amended to add the following:

That the Board direct staff to include the following amounts in the park land acquisition levy in the 2022-2026 financial plan as follows:

\$10 per average household in 2022; \$20 in 2023; \$21 in 2024; \$22 in 2025; and \$23 in 2026.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Bateman, Blackwell, Brice, Brent, Desjardins, Haynes, Helps, Hicks, Holman, Graham, Martin, McNeil-Smith, Murdoch, Orr, Plant, Ranns, Seaton, Williams

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Ranns,

That the main motion be amended to add the following:

That the Board direct staff to amend the five year financial plan to include the following amounts for the park land acquisition levy:

\$10 in 2023; \$20 in 2024; \$21 in 2025; and \$22 in 2026.

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Graham,

That the question be called without debate.

CARRIED

Opposed: Brent, Hicks, Holman, Plant, McNeil-Smith, Murdoch

The question was called on the amendment

That the Board direct staff to amend the five year financial plan to include the following amounts for the park land acquisition levy:

\$10 in 2023; \$20 in 2024; \$21 in 2025; and \$22 in 2026.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Bateman, Blackwell, Brice, Brent, Desjardins, Haynes, Hicks, Holman, Graham, Martin, McNeil-Smith, Mersereau, Murdoch, Orr, Plant, Screech, Seaton, Williams

Discussion ensued regarding:

- assessed value of multi-family units
- financing of McPherson Theatre

The question was called on the main motion

1. That Bylaw No. 4481, "2022 to 2026 Financial Plan Bylaw, 2022", be introduced and read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

Opposed: Isitt, Screech, Young

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,

2. That Bylaw No. 4481 be adopted.

CARRIED

Opposed: Isitt, Screech, Young

MOVED by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Mersereau,

3. That the amended Staff Establishment Chart as attached in Appendix G be approved.

CARRIED
Opposed: Young

Motion Arising
MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,
Direct staff to review the effectiveness of the financing strategy for park land
acquisition two years after implementation and report back to the Regional Parks
Committee.
CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,
That the March 16, 2022 Capital Regional District Board meeting be adjourned at
3:35 pm.
CARRIED

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER