



SD69 QUALICUM

Finance & Operations Committee of the Whole Report
Monday, November 15, 2021
Via Zoom
10:30 a.m.

Mandate: *To discuss and make recommendations to the board on financial matters and matters pertaining to facilities, maintenance, technology and transportation.*

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

2. Presentation

None

3. Project Updates:

a. Oceanside Community Track (at Ballenas) Project Update

Elaine Young, Trustee, updated the Committee with the latest fundraising information, sharing that there is a Silent Auction scheduled for December 9, with viewing set up at Pacific Shores Resort. The Contribution Agreement with the four partners is now drafted with some final edits and should likely be ready for signing before the end of the year.

b. Green House Gas Emissions Study by Prism Engineering

Chris Dempster, General Manager of Operations, indicated that the BC Hydro contracts have now been authorized to access the grants for the energy audits being conducted by Prism. Timing for the audits has yet to be determined although it is known they will be done at the sites.

4. Items for Discussion

a. 2020-2021 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

Ron Amos, Secretary Treasurer, reviewed the purpose and statutory nature of this report, and the requirement within the Financial Information regulation.

5. Information Items

a. Landscaping/Tree Removal

Chris Dempster, General Manager of Operations, reviewed the operational planning that is considered when the Department deals with trees and other vegetation. Review by a third-party contractor is done when looking at the safety and hazard concerns presented by trees on or immediately adjacent to our sites. When stakeholders come forward with suggestions for installing trees, they too are dealt with by the Operations Department in order to review the best placement for them. It was shared that for the Arrowview Daycare building, 1 or 2 trees were removed as part of the site preparation for the project and was part of the consideration in determining the best placement for the new building. There was some discussion on whether there was a need for the inclusion of new trees into policy. It was suggested to ask that the Policy Committee review the Sustainable Practices policy and its environmental stewardship language.

b. Land and Facilities Review

Peter Jory, Superintendent, provided an update on recent planning for the review and indicated the Board would provide input on the topics needing to be considered. It was also shared that the process likely would not include an in-person element but would still have the opportunity for a robust dialogue through townhall and focus group discussions. Messaging of the process would occur in December so that the review could begin in January.

c. School Site Acquisition Charge (SSAC)

Ron Amos, Secretary Treasurer, provided information on the background and process necessary for the Board to enact an SSAC resolution. From the Local Government Legislation, it is a charge per dwelling paid by residential developers and collected by Local Governments. He shared information on the legislation and the guidelines that set up the process, including the need for fairness and equity, accountability, consultation and certainty. It was also shared that the District had these agreements in the past when sites were needed for the growth in the late 1990's. There was general agreement that this would be one of the many considerations for the Land and Facilities review.

6. Recommendations to the Board of Education

Statement of Financial Information to be approved at the Regular Board meeting on November 23rd.

7. Future Topics

a. Exploration of Community Schools Concept

8. Next Meeting Date/Location:

- Monday, January November 17, 2022 at 10:30 – Via Zoom Until Further Notice