

**EXCERPT FROM THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 16, 2015**

13. NEW BUSINESS / OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Paltiel
Re: Joint Meeting for Cost Benefit Study on Municipal Amalgamation

- (1) District of North Saanich – March 3, 2015
Re: Request Meeting with Mayor Windsor to Approach Minister Oakes on
Municipal Amalgamation Funding and Setting Out a Plan of Study

226.15 MOVED AND SECONDED

WHEREAS - in the 2014 election, a majority of residents in Central Saanich, North Saanich and Sidney voted in favour of a provincially funded study, to investigate the feasibility, costs and implications of amalgamating the three Saanich Peninsula municipalities; and

WHEREAS - the tri-municipal meeting on February 11, 2015 included discussion on how to proceed toward a study; and

WHEREAS - the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development is interested in hearing from the affected communities in the Capital Region before facilitating a study;

THEREFORE - be it resolved that the District of Central Saanich invite citizens and councils from the Districts of Central Saanich, North Saanich, and Town of Sidney to participate in a joint committee meeting on the subject of a cost/benefit study and invite Community, Sport and Cultural Development Minister Coralee Oakes to attend as a representative of the Provincial Government; and,

FURTHER - that following the joint committee meeting, the Mayor and CAO of Central Saanich along with their counterparts, if they are willing, meet with the Minister and staff to discuss next steps including development of terms of reference for the study.

227.15 MOVED AND SECONDED

That the motion be divided into 2 main motions, as follows:

1. *Be it resolved that the District of Central Saanich invite citizens and councils from the Districts of Central Saanich, North Saanich, and Town of Sidney to participate in a joint committee meeting on the subject of a cost/benefit study and invite Community, Sport and Cultural Development Minister Coralee Oakes to attend as a representative of the Provincial Government*

2. *That following the joint committee meeting, the Mayor and CAO of Central Saanich along with their counterparts, if they are willing, meet with the Minister and staff to discuss next steps including development of terms of reference for the study*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: Mayor Windsor; Councillors Cormier, Graham, Jensen, King, Paltiel, and Thompson

First Main Motion:

That the District of Central Saanich invite citizens and councils from the Districts of Central Saanich, North Saanich, and Town of Sidney to participate in a joint committee meeting on the subject of a cost/benefit study and invite Community, Sport and Cultural Development Minister Coralee Oakes to attend as a representative of the Provincial Government.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: Mayor Windsor; Councillors Cormier, Graham, Jensen, King, Paltiel, and Thompson

Second Main Motion:

That following the joint committee meeting, the Mayor and CAO of Central Saanich along with their counterparts, if they are willing, meet with the Minister and staff to discuss next steps including development of terms of reference for the study.

Amendment Motion:

228.15

MOVED AND SECONDED

That the main motion be amended by moving the wording "If they are willing," to the beginning of the motion.

CARRIED: Mayor Windsor; Councillors Graham, Jensen, King, Paltiel, and Thompson

OPPOSED: Councillor Cormier

Amendment Motion:

229.15

MOVED AND SECONDED

That the main motion be amended by adding the words "And Further that the Mayor provide a report to Council proposing a process to move forward on funding for a cost/benefit analysis;

That the report include a process for Council to understand how the Terms of Reference for a cost/benefit study will be developed, how Council will have input into the criteria for the study and how the study will include the municipal voting rights of Tsartlip and Tsawout residents, which are currently part of Central Saanich".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: Mayor Windsor; Councillors Cormier, Graham, Jensen, King, Paltiel, and Thompson

Amendment Motion:

230.15 MOVED AND SECONDED

That the main motion be amended to add “and include in the Terms of Reference a low level cost/benefit analysis of amalgamation with the District of Saanich and annexation of Willis Point”.

DEFEATED

FOR: Councillor Cormier, Graham, and King

OPPOSED: Mayor Windsor; Councillors Jensen, Paltiel, and Thompson

Amendment Motion:

231.15 MOVED AND SECONDED

That the main motion be amended to add “that the meeting with the Minister be open to all members of Council”.

DEFEATED

FOR: Councillor Cormier, Graham, and King

OPPOSED: Mayor Windsor; Councillors Jensen, Paltiel, and Thompson

Question on the Main Motion as Amended:

If they are willing, that following the joint committee meeting, the Mayor and CAO of Central Saanich along with their counterparts, meet with the Minister and staff to discuss next steps including development of Terms of Reference for the study;

And Further that the Mayor provide a report to Council proposing a process to move forward on funding for a cost/benefit analysis;

That the report include a process for Council to understand how the Terms of Reference for a cost/benefit study will be developed, how Council will have input into the criteria for the study and how the study will include the municipal voting rights of Tsartlip and Tsawout residents, which are currently part of Central Saanich.

CARRIED: Mayor Windsor; Councillors Jensen, Paltiel, and Thompson

OPPOSED: Councillors Cormier, Graham, and King

Main Motion:

232.15 MOVED AND SECONDED

That Council send correspondence to Minister Oakes petitioning the Provincial Government for funding a cost/benefit analysis on amalgamation of the three Peninsula municipalities.

Amendment Motion:

233.15 MOVED AND SECONDED

That the main motion be amended to include in the correspondence a date of the meeting and an invitation to the Minister.

DEFEATED

FOR: Councillors Jensen and Paltiel

OPPOSED: Mayor Windsor; Councillors Cormier, Graham, King, and
Thompson

Question on the Main Motion:

That Council send correspondence to Minister Oakes petitioning the Provincial Government for funding a cost/benefit analysis on amalgamation of the three Peninsula municipalities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: Mayor Windsor; Councillors Cormier,
Graham, Jensen, King, Paltiel, and
Thompson

It was suggested that mid-May would be the ideal timing for the meeting with the Minister.