

Delegation re: Proposed Cecelia Septage Disposal Rates

Mr. James Stewart, owner/operator of a septage service business, indicated that the increase in septage rates under Bylaw No. 2195 was the third increase in nine months and in that time the fees have risen 54%. Mr. Stewart asked for an explanation of the reasons for an increase at this time and whether any future increase was contemplated. Mr. Stewart also commented that it would be helpful if haulers were notified prior to increases being set in motion.

Director Butler explained that the increase in rates for septage disposal came about as part of the Environment Committee's budget deliberations in January and that Committee recommended to the Board that the fee be raised. Mr. Williams noted that as soon as Committee made this decision, haulers were notified and that the reason for the increase is that Committee believes the septage function should operate on a complete user pay system. If this policy continues then there will be further increases. Director Butler added that this service is currently subsidized and that the user fee would be \$5.60 per 100 imperial gallons if the service were to operate on a complete user pay basis.

2142 Tabled item from January 26, 1994 Meeting: Board Policy on Regional Grants-in-Aid

MOVED by Director Clark, SECONDED by Director Camden,
that this item be lifted from the table.

CARRIED

Mr. Jordan spoke to the staff report on this subject which reviewed the statutory authority for regional grants and provided background information on the grant policies of the Intermunicipal Committee and the various municipalities in the region. It was indicated that regional grants-in-aid are entirely separate from Electoral Area grants-in-aid and that the disbursement of regional grants-in-aid has been very limited, i.e. two to date.

MOVED by Director Imrie, SECONDED by Director Ranns,
that the Board establish a no grants policy regarding regional grants-in-aid.

There was considerable debate on the motion. Directors in support of the motion felt that the CRD should hold the line on such grants and that it was not appropriate for the CRD Board to be involved in a grant program. It was noted that the increasing trend towards downloading of various programs by senior levels of government could result in more requests for grant money at the local government level. There was concern that there could be duplication in requests for grants at the municipal and regional level.

Directors opposed to the policy indicated that some grants are for very worthy causes that should be supported where appropriate. It was noted that for many years the four core municipalities have supported numerous organizations and events which benefit the entire region. A suggestion was made that a coordinated strategy for funding grants on a regional basis be explored whereby the tax burden could be shared by all of the benefitting areas. It was stated that the Municipal Act provides the authority to levy for regional grants and that the proposed policy would mean that the CRD would not be in a position to consider worthy requests. In response to the concern over a possible increase in grant requests, it was pointed out that the Board would have the right to reduce the level of grants and would be in a position to approve or disapprove any grant request thereby exercising control over the situation. It was recommended that the CRD look at how something similar to the Intermunicipal Committee could be put in place in the region.

There was discussion regarding the difference between regional grants-in-aid and electoral area grants-in-aid. Mr. Jordan explained that regional grants-in-aid are levied on the whole of the CRD and cost shared on the basis of converted assessments. However, there is provision for costs of regional grants-in-aid to be levied in a single benefitting municipality or electoral area.

With the permission of the Mover and Seconder, the motion was amended to add the following:

"other than those regional grants-in-aid collected from a single jurisdiction."

Following further debate, the motion as amended was then put,

CARRIED

2143 Regional Grant-in-Aid Request for "Artspring" (Salt Spring Island)

MOVED by Director Luth, SECONDED by Director Clark,
that the matter be tabled.

CARRIED

2144 Contract with District of Langford for Provision of a Message Relay Service for CRD 9-1-1 Emergency Response Telephone System

MOVED by Director Camden, SECONDED by Director Bergbusch,
that the Board approve the contract with the District of Langford,
and authorize the signing officers of the Board to execute the
contract.

CARRIED

2145 Payment of Sooke Incorporation/Restructure Study

MOVED by Director Clark, SECONDED by Director Rosko,
that the Minister of Municipal Affairs be advised that the Capital
Regional District does not wish to be the banker for the present
incorporation study for Sooke.

CARRIED

2146 Young Offenders Act

MOVED by Director Butler, SECONDED by Alternate Director
Blackwell, that the correspondence be received.

CARRIED

2147 Sooke Parks and Recreation Commission - Park Land Acquisition and Exchange

MOVED by Director Clark, SECONDED by Director West,
that the Board approve:

1. a bylaw to authorize the Capital Regional District to
exchange a portion of land dedicated as Park (as shown on
Plan 40027 attached to the report) for other land described
in the Bylaw suitable for park purposes within the Sooke
Electoral Area, and;
2. the Contract of Purchase and Sale between the Capital
Regional District and Braemar Developments Ltd. on the terms
and conditions detailed herein.

CARRIED

2148 Proposed Boundary Extension - City of Colwood

MOVED by Director Bergbusch, SECONDED by Director Coell,
that the correspondence be received.

CARRIED

6. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bylaw No. 2195, "Septage Regulation Bylaw No. 1, 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 14,
1994"

MOVED by Director Prentice, SECONDED by Director Coell,
that Bylaw No. 2195 be reconsidered and finally adopted.

CARRIED

Bylaw No. 2191, "Sooke Advisory Planning Commission Bylaw No. 1, 1994"

MOVED by Director Clark, SECONDED by Director West, that Bylaw No.
2191 be introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED