

SIDNEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Summary of the Main Proceedings of the Town of Sidney Committee of the Whole Meeting
Monday July 10, 2017

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Councillor Barbara Fallot in the Chair.

All Councillors were present.

Audience: 8 members of the public were present.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: THE NEW OFF-STREET PARKING & LOADING BYLAW was the only agenda item.

An additional **Staff Report** was prepared (See page 2 in the [agenda package](#)) to address comments and questions received from Council and the public. The Bylaw itself, as proposed, is also in the agenda package.

The discussion among Councillors, which can be viewed in the [47 minute video](#), centered on 4 main elements in the proposed bylaw and included each Councillor's reasons for voting as they did. Some other issues were also discussed:

1. Should the areas where a developer can pay instead of building required parking spots be expanded from only the downtown core to all Industrial, Multi-family Residential, Downtown and Neighbourhood Commercial areas in Sidney?

MOVED that the area where the developer may pay in lieu of building parking spots should **NOT** be expanded, but should stay as it is in the current bylaw. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Should the maximum allowable front and side yard driveway coverage for single family and duplex homes (Res-1) remain at 30% unless Council approves a Variance, or be increased to 50%?

MOVED that staff prepare a further report on the Variances that Council has approved in the past and whether percentages are the best approach to regulating driveway size, e.g. should the width of the lot be taken into account, before this is becomes part of the Bylaw. **CARRIED 6:1** Councillor Lougher-Goodey opposed.

3. Should the required off-street parking spots in single family and duplex areas be reduced from 2 spots per dwelling unit to 1 spot per dwelling unit?

MOVED that the requirement stay at 2 parking spots per dwelling unit. **MOTION DEFEATED 5:2** Only Councillors Fallot and Bremner-Mitchell were in favour.

4. Visitor parking in Multi-family (apartment/condo) buildings and townhouse complexes: should any be required? Council voted in June to eliminate the .25 per unit visitor spot required for townhouses, to create a “level playing field” with apartments, which do not require any visitor spots.

MOVED that both townhouses and apartments should be required to provide 1 spot per unit, plus .25 per unit for visitor parking. **MOTION DEFEATED 5:2** Only Councillors Fallot and Bremner-Mitchell were in favour.

MOVED that the Bylaw be brought forward, as amended, for Council’s consideration at a Regular Council Meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOVED that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED