

MAYOR'S REPORT – Monday, February 3, 2020

Tues. Jan 28th, 2020 Invitation from Victoria Urban Reconciliation Dialogue

The Victoria Urban Reconciliation Dialogue (VURD) are staging a large gathering over two days, Feb 28th and 29th 2020 at the Saanich Fairgrounds. Representatives from all levels of government are invited and they have space for 300. Two free spaces are reserved for Highlands and we've been asked to reply by Feb.10th by following this link: <https://forms.gle/wvn7Qx9eJCg4oci98>. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend due to prior contractual commitments, so I ask that two council members please consider attending this event. Please find more information in our correspondence on the agenda.

Wed. Jan 29th, 2020 11:00 AM Regional Arts Facilities Select Committee

The Regional Arts Facilities Select Committee approved a Request for Proposal and directed staff to engage a consultant to facilitate a regional discussion on the region's performing arts facilities needs.

Issues to be considered may include but are not limited to:

- 1) the current inventory and over site of performing arts facilities, their functions and roles within the current ecosystem
- 2) gap analysis
- 3) equity (geographic and demographic)
- 4) considerations related to the intersection of local and regional interests
- 5) funding and sustainability
- 6) challenges
- 7) suggested modifications and improvements (short and long term)
- 8) partnerships
- 9) other relevant issues as may arise

The budget for the proposal is \$40,000.00 with a report due this fall.

Wed. Jan 29th, 2020 1 PM Capital Regional Board Committee of the Whole

The Committee of the Whole heard a presentation from Planner Peter Webber from the provincial Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) and John Steiner, Director of Urban Systems, Re: Southern Vancouver Island Multi-Modal Transportation Plan. This preliminary report was not well received by the board. Board members noted the heavy weighting of motor vehicle traffic and the lack of imagination and vision for other modes of transportation. Many comments shared concerns that a climate change lens was not as prominent as it should be. It was extremely alarming that their technical advisory group was still spending time examining bridge connections from the Malahat to Highlands and Malahat to North Saanich. I had thought these ideas were thoroughly discredited a long time ago. Here's a link to the presentation

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=18337&GUID=F1C5FA3E-955C-4108-AA10-09330BCF5431>

All Highlanders should be concerned.