# DISTRICT OF SAANICH MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.

### FOR THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL

Present: Chair: Mayor Atwell

Council: Councillors Derman, Haynes, Murdock, Plant, Sanders and

Wergeland

Guests: Dr. Ron and Mrs. Lou-Poy; Mr. John Pendray; Mr. Howard

Sturrock; Lt. Col. Alolega representing 39 Service Battalion; MLA Rob Fleming, MLA Andrew Weaver; Oak Bay Mayor Nils Jensen; Esquimalt Acting Mayor Linda Hundleby; North Saanich Councillor

Geoff Orr; distinguished guests and citizens of Saanich

**Staff:** A. Laidlaw, Chief Administrative Officer and D. Dupas, Legislative

Manager

Mayor's Welcoming Remarks

#### CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOMING REMARKS OF HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR RICHARD ATWELL

Mayor Atwell called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mayor Atwell thanked Councillor Vicki Sanders and the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee for coordinating the celebrations marking the Municipal Hall's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Speech

## $50^{TH}$ ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SPEECH, COUNCILLOR VICKI SANDERS, CHAIR, ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Sanders welcomed attendees and recognized the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee members for their dedication and hard work in organizing the events celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Municipal Hall. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was a clear indication of how strongly the residents of Saanich feel about the Municipal Hall and its' history.

Guest Speaker Mr. Ken Johnson

#### GUEST SPEAKER, MR. KEN JOHNSON, "THE HALL – ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY"

Mr. Johnson presented a slideshow titled "Saanich Municipal Hall - 50 Years of Vision". He spoke about the history of the Municipal Hall and using the slideshow, identified the heritage elements throughout the building.

Unveiling of the 50<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Sign

## UNVEILING OF THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE SIGN MAYOR ATWELL AND MR. BRAD SHUYA, SAANICH HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Mr. Shuya stated that the celebration of the golden anniversary of the Municipal Hall was a testament to the designers and architects of the building. With the permission of Council, Mr. Shuya introduced Mr. Terence Williams, who was a contributing partner to the architectural firm who designed and built the Municipal Hall. Mr. Williams stated that the Municipal Hall is a fine example of Canadian Structuralism and is a building influenced by European and Asian aesthetics. The design was ahead of its time and represents Canada today.

#### Closing Comments

#### CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCILLOR SANDERS AND MAYOR ATWELL

Mayor Atwell thanked Mr. Ken Johnson, Mr. Brad Shuya, the Saanich Heritage Foundation and guests for attending and celebrating the Municipal Hall's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Councillor Sanders acknowledged the hard work of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee and thanked everyone for attending the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Municipal Hall.

Adjournment

On a motion from Councillor Sanders, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Mayor Atwell invited guests to proceed to a reception on the mezzanine level.

MAYOR
I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.
MUNICIPAL CLERK