DISTRICT OF SAANICH MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING FINANCIAL PLAN HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016 AT 7:50 P.M.

Present:

Chair: Mayor Atwell

- Council: Councillors Brice, Brownoff, Derman, Haynes, Murdock, Plant and Wergeland
- **Staff:** Paul Thorkelsson, Chief Administrative Officer; Valla Tinney, Director of Finance; and Penny Masse, Senior Committee Clerk.

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2016 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS – POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Board Finance Chair, Mr. C. Pease, and the Chief Constable presented the 2016 budget for the Saanich Police Board in the amount of \$30,945,100 which represents a 3.50% increase over 2015. An overview of the 2016 Saanich Police Budget Proposals were presented highlighting the challenges and key priorities of 2016, as shown in the Report from the Office of the Chief Constable dated as revised January 19, 2016.

Mr. Pease and the Chief Constable specifically noted an increase in the core operational budget and a need for new resources, including increasing the Authorized Strength by four officers and the addition of one civilian support position. A one-time funding request to cover impacts of the overlap staff hired in 2015 and a request to approve capital expenditures for enhancements to building security, front office improvements and intersection pre-emption equipment were also requested.

The Police Board Finance Chair and the Chief Constable responded to questions from the Committee.

⁵⁸²⁰⁻²⁰ ^{2016 Budget} MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Wergeland: "That the resource request for an increase to the Authorized Strength by four officers and one civilian support position in the amount of \$126,100 be referred to the resource request review process at the February 23, 2016 Special Committee of the Whole Meeting for the Financial Plan".

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED with Councillor Brownoff OPPOSED

MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Haynes: "That it be recommended Council approve an increase to the Police net operating Core Budget, exclusive of additional resource requests, totaling \$920,000".

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Haynes:

- 1. "That the Committee defer approval of the one-time funding request totaling \$162,000 required to cover staff overlap impacts until the 2015 surplus is established"; and
- 2. "That the Committee defer approval of the one-time funding request totaling \$271,000 to pre-hire an additional four (4) officers in anticipation of pending retirements until the 2015 surplus is established".

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Brownoff and Seconded by Councillor Derman:

- 1. "That it be recommended Council approve the capital expenditure of \$150,000 for enhancements to building security and front office improvements, to be funded through the Police Equipment Replacement Fund"; and
- 2. "That it be recommended Council approve the capital expenditure of \$100,000 for intersection pre-emption equipment for front line police vehicles, to be funded through the Police Equipment Replacement Fund".

The Motion was then Put and CARRIED

Adjournment On a motion from Councillor Haynes, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

MUNICIPAL CLERK