

MINUTES
REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY OF NANAIMO BOARD ROOM,
SERVICE AND RESOURCE BUILDING, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET,
MONDAY, 2015-MAY-25 AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor W. B. McKay, Chair

Members: Councillor W. L. Bestwick
Councillor M. D. Brennan
Councillor G. W. Fuller
Councillor J. Hong
Councillor J. A. Kipp
Councillor W. L. Pratt
Councillor I. W. Thorpe
Councillor W. M. Yoachim (vacated at 6:46 p.m.)

Staff: E. C. Swabey, City Manager
T. P. Seward, Director of Social & Protective Services
B. E. Clemens, Director of Finance
R. Harding, Director, Parks, Recreation & Environment
D. Lindsay, Director of Community Development
B. Corsan, Manager, Real Estate
S. Samborski, Senior Manager of Culture & Heritage
G. Goodall, Director of Engineering & Public Works
P. Cooper, Communications Manager
D. Stevens, Client Support Specialist
M. Dietrich, Manager, Police Support Services
G. Ferrero, Director of Information Technology & Legislative Services
C. Jackson, Manager of Legislative Services
P. Humphreys, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Item 12. (c) Mr. Leo Boon, Greater Nanaimo Cycling Coalition – move delegation to Item 5. (a) Presentations.
- (b) Item 5. (a) Mr. Bruce Halliday, General Manager, Port Theatre – move presentation to Item 5. (b).

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda, as amended, be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2015-MAY-11 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) Mr. Leo Boon, Greater Nanaimo Cycling Coalition, spoke regarding funding for new cycling infrastructure as supported by the Nanaimo Master Transportation Plan.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the delegation from Mr. Leo Boon. The motion passed unanimously.

- (b) Mr. Bruce Halliday, General Manager, and Mr. Fred Jacklin, President, Board of Directors, The Port Theatre Society, provided a presentation updating fundraising goals for the Port Theatre project.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the delegation from Mr. Bruce Halliday and Mr. Fred Jacklin. The motion passed unanimously.

Delegation:

1. Mr. Tim McGrath spoke regarding funding agreements with the Port Theatre.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the delegation from Mr. Tim McGrath. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CORPORATE SERVICES:

- (a) Amendment to Option to Purchase Agreement: 100 Gordon Street, Conference Centre Hotel
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Delegations:

1. Mr. Chuck Keeling, Vice President, Stakeholder Relations and Responsible Gaming, Great Canadian Gaming Corporation, regarding the potential redevelopment and re-launch of the casino in Nanaimo in relation to the establishment of a new hotel at 100 Gordon Street.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the delegation from Mr. Chuck Keeling. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Mr. Guoqing Luo, Director, SSS Manhao, and Ms. Linda Chen, Associate Counsel, Kahn Zack Ehrlich Lithwick LLP, spoke regarding the reasons for delays that have led to the request for an extension to the existing purchase agreement for 100 Gordon Street.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the delegation from Mr. Guoqing Luo and Ms. Linda Chen. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. extend the dates associated with the Option to Purchase Agreement (“Agreement”) with SSS Manhao International Tourism Group (Canada) Co. Ltd. (“Manhao”) by one year; and,
2. authorize the Mayor and the Corporate Officer to execute the Agreement.

It was moved and seconded that Council postpone consideration of the motion to extend the dates associated with the Option to Purchase Agreement between the City and SSS Manhao to a future Council meeting in two weeks. The postponement motion carried.
Opposed: Councillors Bestwick, Fuller, Kipp and Yoachim.

(b) Shaw Auditorium Council Chamber Computers and Monitors

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to purchase and install three large screen televisions and associated connections in the centre of the Shaw Auditorium meeting space for a total cost of \$7,000 plus applicable taxes. The motion was defeated.

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES:

(a) 2015 Community Service Grants

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the allocation of the first round of 2015 Community Service Grants to the Nanaimo Women’s Resources Society in the amount of \$12,500 to be used for the Community Action Team initiatives in support of sex trade workers. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Cedar Road Pump Station Upgrade Tender

It was moved and seconded that Council receive for information the report pertaining to the Cedar Road Pump Station Upgrade Tender. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Minutes of the Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability Meeting held 2014-DEC-10.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the Minutes of the Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability Meeting held 2014-DEC-10. The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Fuller vacated the Board Room at 6:33 p.m.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) Councillors Pratt and Thorpe re: Cemetery Bylaw 2009 No. 7084.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to prepare a report and bylaw amendment to "Cemetery Bylaw 2009 No. 7084" for the 2015-JUN-15 Council meeting, such that old memorial markers that have been laid flat may be re-erected if any inscription upon the marker has been buried below ground level, provided the work is first approved by the City and if required, carried out by an approved installer at the family's expense. The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Fuller returned to the Board Room at 6:36 p.m.

9. DELEGATIONS (not related to a Report to Council):

- (a) Mr. Holden Southward spoke regarding preserving and expanding the agricultural reserve in Nanaimo in preparation for a possible future food crisis.

Councillor Yoachim vacated the Board Room at 6:46 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the delegation of Mr. Holden Southward. The motion passed unanimously.

- (b) Mr. Adrian de Jong spoke regarding his opposition to licensing cats.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the delegation of Mr. Adrian de Jong. The motion passed unanimously.

- (d) Mr. Dave Eaton, Vice President, Nanaimo Pickleball Club, spoke regarding a need for more indoor gym space for pickleball.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the delegation of Mr. Dave Eaton. The motion passed unanimously.

10. QUESTION PERIOD:

1. Mr. Fred Taylor, re: rules of the road for cyclists, the 100 Gordon Street hotel contract agreement and the Cemetery bylaw amendment.
2. Mr. Robert Fuller, re: the 100 Gordon Street hotel contract agreement.
3. Mr. Tim McGrath, re: funding agreements for the Port Theatre upgrade.
4. Mr. Ron Bolin, re: funding agreements for the Port Theatre upgrade.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 7:22 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER