

**MINUTES**  
SPECIAL OPEN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET,  
THURSDAY, 2014-MAR-20 AT 1:00 P.M.

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PRESENT: Mayor J. R. Ruttan, Chair

Members: Councillor G. Anderson  
Councillor M. D. Brennan  
Councillor G. E. Greves (vacated at 3:41 p.m.)  
Councillor D. K. Johnstone  
Councillor J. A. Kipp  
Councillor W. B. McKay (vacated at 3:26 p.m.)  
Councillor J. F. K. Pattje

Absent: Councillor W. L. Bestwick

Staff: E. C. Swabey, City Manager  
T. M. Hickey, General Manager of Community Services  
I. Howat, General Manager of Corporate Services  
T. P. Seward, Director of Social & Protective Services  
T. L. Hartley, Director of Human Resources & Organizational Planning  
B. E. Clemens, Director of Finance  
G. Ferrero, Director of Information Technology & Legislative Services  
P. Cooper, Communications Manager  
D. Duncan, Manager of Financial Planning  
G. Foy, Traffic/Transportation Engineer (arrived 1:16 p.m.)  
W. Fulla, Manager of Finance, Community Services  
C. Jackson, Manager of Legislative Services  
B. Joiner, Manager of Infrastructure Planning & Energy  
B. Prokopenko, Senior Manager of Engineering  
S. Samborski, Senior Manager of Culture & Heritage  
D. Smith, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE SPECIAL OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Special Open Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Item 4 (b) – Cultural Operating Grant Funding Options - add Staff background information

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. CORPORATE SERVICES:

(a) City of Nanaimo 2014-2018 Financial Plan - Decision Package - Projects and Service Level Increases

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Councillor Anderson – Proposed Motion

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. support development of the E&N Trail south from downtown to Seventh Street by 2019;
2. add from General Revenue \$50,000 in 2014 to undertake preliminary design – routing work and provide cost estimates;
3. support the recommendations of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission and the Transportation Advisory Committee to allocate \$100,000 from the Trails Capital Budget beginning in 2015, requisite upon:
  - the Nanaimo Region Rail Trail Partnership providing matching or greater funding; and,
  - the Nanaimo Region Rail Trail Partnership and the City of Nanaimo identifying a common priority trail improvement project;
4. apply to the Regional District of Nanaimo Park Acquisition Fund for matching funding;
5. direct Staff to pursue senior government grant opportunities in cooperation with the Nanaimo Region Rail Trail Partnership; and,
6. consider, based on outcomes of the previous motions, utilizing City of Nanaimo General Revenue or exploring opportunities to use Roads Development Cost Charges to complete funding needs.

The motion carried.

*Opposed: Councillors Kipp and McKay*

(b) Cultural Operating Grant Funding Options

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. approve an increase in the annual Cultural Operating Grant funding from \$2.30 to \$3.00 per capita over a period of three years, commencing in 2015; and,
2. approve an increase to the Art & Cultural Event Fund by 10 percent annually for 5 years, beginning in 2015.

The motion carried.

*Opposed: Councillors Kipp and McKay*

Councillor McKay vacated the Board Room at 2:01 p.m.  
Councillor McKay returned to the Board Room at 2:02 p.m.

(c) Public Engagement Options for 2014-2018 Financial Plan

Councillor Greves vacated the Board Room at 2:05 p.m.  
Councillor Greves returned to the Board Room at 2:12 p.m.

Councillor McKay vacated the Board Room at 2:12 p.m.  
Councillor McKay returned to the Board Room at 2:17 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to schedule an eTown Hall Budget Meeting in order to gather community input prior to Council starting the 2015 budget planning exercise. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ruttan vacated the Chair and the Board Room at 2:16 p.m.  
Councillor Johnstone assumed the Chair.  
Mayor Ruttan resumed the Chair at 2:19 p.m.

5. QUESTION PERIOD: (Agenda Items Only)

- Mr. Ron Bolin re: provision of budget information to the public.

6. PROCEDURAL MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be closed to the public in order to deal with agenda items under the *Community Charter* Section 90(1):

- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and,
- (n) the consideration of whether a Council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2).

The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Anderson vacated the Board Room at 2:27 p.m.  
Councillor Anderson returned to the Board Room at 2:28 p.m.

Council moved into "In Camera" at 2:28 p.m.  
Council moved out of "In Camera" at 3:45 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 3:46 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CORPORATE OFFICER