

MINUTES
SPECIAL OPEN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
BOARD ROOM, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
WEDNESDAY, 2014-MAR-19 AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mayor J. R. Ruttan, Chair

Members:

Councillor M. D. Brennan
Councillor G. E. Greves
Councillor D. K. Johnstone
Councillor J. A. Kipp
Councillor J. F. K. Pattje

Absent:

Councillor G. Anderson
Councillor W. L. Bestwick
Councillor W. B. McKay

Staff:

E. C. Swabey, City Manager
T. M. Hickey, General Manager of Community Services
I. Howat, General Manager of Corporate Services
B. E. Clemens, Director of Finance
G. Ferrero, Director of Information Technology & Legislative Services
T. L. Hartley, Director of Human Resources & Organizational Planning
D. Lindsay, Director of Community Development
B. Prokopenko, A/Director of Engineering & Public Works
Chief C. Richardson, Nanaimo Fire Rescue
T. P. Seward, Director of Social & Protective Services
D. Duncan, Manager of Financial Planning
W. Fulla, Manager Finance, Community Services
S. Samborski, Senior Manager of Culture & Heritage
B. Joiner, Infrastructure Planning & Energy Manager
S. Snelgrove, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE SPECIAL OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Special Open Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- Add agenda item 4 (a) Councillor Bestwick – Proposed Motions and City Manager's Notes.
- Add agenda item 7 – Procedural Motion.

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 (dated 2014-MAR-10)
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Councillor Bestwick – Proposed Motions

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to ensure a 4 man engine status is provided 100 percent of the time and that an International Association of Firefighters / City Management joint quarterly update be provided to Mayor and Council for information.

It was moved and seconded that Council table consideration of the motion to direct Staff to ensure a 4 man engine status is provided 100 percent of the time and that an International Association of Firefighters / City Management joint quarterly update be provided to Mayor and Council for information. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to add \$86,000.00 to the budget for the fiscal year 2014 to provide 4 member engine status and to continue discussions for integrated risk management and staffing. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to work towards a reduction in fuel consumption in City vehicles by 5 percent in 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to:

- (1) undertake a review of the sale of the properties that house Firehall No. 1 and the Fire Personnel Office, and identify a new site on Third Street or alternatives, and postpone all major and minor improvement to either building; and,
- (2) with the proceeds of the sale of the two properties and the savings related to maintenance or capital improvements to Firehall No. 1, build a new fire hall with the proceeds.

The motion was defeated.

Opposed: Mayor Ruttan, Councillors Brennan, Greves, Johnstone, Pattje

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to move ranked item No. 397 “Sustainability: Fire station #1, Replace Boiler (natural gas)” from 2014 to 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Greves vacated the board room at 10:16 a.m.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to evaluate the cost benefit analysis of the Vancouver Island Emergency Response Academy and make a decision to continue or discontinue in 2015, based on its findings. The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Greves returned to the Board Room at 10:18 a.m.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to place all Parks, Recreation & Environment custodians under the supervision of the Manager of Civic Facilities. The motion was defeated.

Opposed: Mayor Ruttan, Councillors Brennan, Greves, Johnstone, Pattje

5. 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):

- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;
- (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.

Council moved "In Camera" at 10:22 a.m.

Council moved out of "In Camera" at 10:43 a.m.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to proceed with preparation of the budget based on the decision packages that have been approved by Council as outlined in the 2014-2018 Financial Plan - Decision Packages - Projects and Service Level Increases document dated 2014-MAR-10. The motion carried.

Opposed: Councillor Kipp

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to prepare a report on the implications of commencing a proposed yearly increase of annual per capita Cultural Operating Grant funding from \$2.25 to \$3.00 over a certain number of years. The motion carried unanimously.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 10:48 a.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER