

MINUTES
SPECIAL OPEN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET,
THURSDAY, 2014-MAR-06 AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mayor J. R. Ruttan, Chair

Members: Councillor G. Anderson (arrived at 9:07 a.m.)
Councillor W. L. Bestwick
Councillor M. D. Brennan
Councillor G. E. Greves
Councillor D. K. Johnstone
Councillor J. A. Kipp
Councillor W. B. McKay
Councillor J. F. K. Pattje

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
(vacated at 10:37 a.m.)
J. Birch, Acting Manager of Information Technology (entered at
10:49 a.m., vacated at 1:20 p.m.)
B. E. Clemens, Director of Finance
G. Ferrero, Director of Information Technology & Legislative Services
Supt. M. Fisher, Officer In Charge, Nanaimo Detachment RCMP
(vacated at 9:23 a.m.)
R. J. Harding, Director of Parks, Environment & Recreation (arrived at
10:16 a.m.)
D. Lindsay, Director of Community Development
Chief C. Richardson, Nanaimo Fire Rescue (vacated at 12:09 p.m.)
P. Cooper, Communications Manager (entered at 9:28 a.m.)
M. Dietrich, Manager of Police Support Services (vacated at 12:09 p.m.)
D. Duncan, Manager of Financial Planning
D. Fournier, Municipal Infrastructure Engineer
G. Foy, Traffic/Transportation Engineer
W. Fulla, Manager of Finance, Community Services
S. Harrison, Deputy Fire Chief, Administration (vacated at 12:09 p.m.)
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
B. Sims, Manager of Water Resources (vacated at 1:09 p.m.)
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 9:04 a.m.

T. Swabey, City Manager, introduced Superintendent Mark Fisher, Officer In Charge, Nanaimo Detachment RCMP and welcomed him to the City of Nanaimo.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

3. CORPORATE SERVICES:

- (a) City of Nanaimo 2014 2018 Financial Plan - Decision Package - Projects and Service Level Increases (dated 2014-MAR-06)
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Councillor Anderson entered the Board Room at 9:07 a.m.

It was moved and seconded that Council maintain the 2014 budget increase to a maximum of 2.2 percent. The motion was defeated.
Opposed: Mayor Ruttan, Councillors Anderson, Bestwick, Brennan, Greves, Johnstone

Council agreed to consider the Decision Package items beginning with ranked Item No. 1 “Asset Management: Annual Contribution to General Reserve (estimate)”.

Councillor Brennan vacated the Board Room at 9:58 a.m.

Councillor Brennan returned to the Board Room at 10:00 a.m.

Councillor Greves vacated the Board Room at 10:04 a.m.

Councillor Greves returned to the Board Room at 10:05 a.m.

Councillor Kipp vacated the Board Room at 10:36 a.m.

Councillor Kipp returned to the Board Room at 10:37 a.m.

It was moved and seconded that Council remove from the 2014-2018 Financial Plan the following items, all contained within ranked Item No. 55:

- “Boxwood Road Connector Sanitary Sewer”
- “Boxwood Road to 2227 Rosstown Road Sewer”
- “Boxwood Road Connector Watermain”
- “Boxwood Road Connector Pond Drainage”
- “Development Cost Charge Project - Boxwood Road Connector”
- “Development Cost Charge Project - Northfield Road: Bowen Road to Boxwood Road”

The motion was defeated.

Opposed: Mayor Ruttan, Councillors Anderson, Brennan, Greves, Johnstone, McKay, and Pattje

4. RECESS MEETING:

It was moved and seconded that Council recess the Special Open Committee of the Whole Meeting at 10:37 a.m. with the intention to reconvene after a 10 minute break. The motion carried unanimously.

5. RECONVENE MEETING:

It was moved and seconded that Council reconvene the Special Open Committee of the Whole Meeting at 10:50 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

CORPORATE SERVICES (continued):

Councillor Kipp vacated the Board Room at 11:03 a.m.

It was moved and seconded that Council reduce by 50 percent in the 2014-2018 Financial Plan ranked Item No. 68 "Fleet Replacements". The motion carried.
Opposed: Mayor Ruttan, Councillors Anderson, Brennan and Greves

Councillor Greves vacated the Board Room at 11:42 a.m.

Councillor Greves returned to the Board Room at 11:49 a.m.

Councillor Anderson vacated the Board Room at 11:51 a.m.

Councillor Anderson returned to the Board Room at 11:54 a.m.

Councillor McKay vacated the Board Room at 11:53 a.m.

Councillor McKay returned to the Board Room at 11:54 a.m.

Councillor Kipp returned to the Board Room at 11:54 a.m.

Councillor Brennan vacated the Board Room at 11:56 a.m.

Councillor Brennan returned to the Board Room at 11:58 a.m.

It was moved and seconded that Council remove from the 2014-2018 Financial Plan ranked Item No. 135 "Chase River Hall Seismic Upgrade". The motion was defeated.
Opposed: Mayor Ruttan, Councillors Anderson, Brennan, Greves, Johnstone, Kipp, and Pattje

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to prepare a report outlining options for ranked Item No. 135 "Chase River Hall Seismic Upgrade". The motion carried.
Opposed: Councillors Bestwick and McKay

6. RECESS MEETING:

It was moved and seconded that Council recess the Special Open Committee of the Whole Meeting at 12:09 p.m. with the intention to reconvene after a refreshment break. The motion carried unanimously.

7. RECONVENE MEETING:

It was moved and seconded that Council reconvene the Special Open Committee of the Whole Meeting at 12:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

CORPORATE SERVICES (continued):

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to prepare a report regarding options for ranked Item No. 135 “Chase River Hall Seismic Upgrade” and suspend any expenditures related to such an upgrade. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council move from the 2014 budget to the 2016 budget ranked Item No. 143 “Piper Park Improvements”. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council postpone consideration of ranked Item No. 185 “Operating Grant - 25 Victoria Road” and direct Staff to prepare a report regarding this item. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ruttan vacated the Chair and the Board Room at 1:41 p.m. Councillor Kipp assumed the Chair.

Mayor Ruttan returned to the Board Room at 1:43 p.m. and resumed the Chair.

Councillor Brennan vacated the Board Room at 1:42 p.m.

Councillor Brennan returned to the Board Room at 1:44 p.m.

Councillor Anderson vacated the Board Room at 1:48 p.m.

Councillor Anderson returned to the Board Room at 1:50 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that Council remove from the 2014 budget all capital projects at Beban Park until such time as Council receives a report as to the effectiveness of building a new pool in conjunction with the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre and any efficiencies associated with such an endeavour. The motion was defeated.

Opposed: Mayor Ruttan, Councillors Anderson, Brennan, Greves, Johnstone, Kipp, and Pattje

8. RECESS MEETING:

It was moved and seconded that Council recess the Special Open Committee of the Whole Meeting at 2:09 p.m. with the intention to reconvene after a 10 minute break. The motion carried unanimously.

9. RECONVENE MEETING:

It was moved and seconded that Council reconvene the Special Open Committee of the Whole Meeting at 2:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

CORPORATE SERVICES (continued):

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to prepare a report outlining options to amend the “Parks, Recreation and Culture Facilities Reserve Fund Bylaw 2010 No. 7111” to permit the transfer of funds to projects that are not currently specified in the bylaw. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council reduce by 50 percent in 2014 with the remaining 50 percent carried forward to 2016, ranked Item No. 244 “Beban Social Centre – Replace Chairs”. The motion carried.

Opposed: Councillor Brennan

It was moved and seconded that Council remove from the 2014-2018 Financial Plan ranked Item No. 245 “Nanaimo Aquatic Centre: Retrofit/Retheme”. The motion was defeated.

Opposed: Mayor Ruttan, Councillors Anderson, Brennan, Greves, and Johnstone

It was moved and seconded that Council remove from the 2014-2018 Financial Plan ranked Item No. 246 “Beban Pool: Retrofit/Retheme”. The motion was defeated.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 3:23 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER