

MINUTES
SPECIAL OPEN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE,
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
THURSDAY, 2013-AUG-29 AT 4:32 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor J. R. Ruttan, Chair

Members: Councillor G. Anderson
Councillor M. D. Brennan
Councillor G. E. Greves
Councillor D. K. Johnstone
Councillor W. B. McKay
Councillor J. F. K. Pattje

Absent: Councillor W. L. Bestwick
Councillor J. A. Kipp

E. C. Swabey, General Manager of Community Safety and Development
T. M. Hickey, General Manager of Community Services
I. Howat, Acting General Manager of Corporate Services
T. L. Hartley, Director of Human Resources and Organizational Planning
B. E. Clemens, Director of Finance
T. P. Seward, Director of Development
D. Duncan, Manager of Financial Planning
S. Samborski, Senior Manager, Recreation & Culture Services
K. King, Acting Manager, Legislative Services
S. Snelgrove, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

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

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) Mr. B. E. Clemens, Director of Finance, Mr. Ian Howat, Acting General Manager of Corporate Services, and Ms. Deborah Duncan, Manager of Financial Planning, provided a presentation regarding a proposal to rebuild the budget process using the Parks, Recreation and Culture department budget as a model to test the new process.

Staff facilitated a discussion on the following five questions:

1. How satisfied are you with the overall level and quality of City services?
2. What services would you like to adjust (up or down)?
3. Would you: a. increase taxes to expand or enhance existing services;
b. increase taxes to maintain services at current levels;
c. cut services to maintain current tax levels; or
d. cut services to reduce taxes?
4. Are you committed to the increased funding for asset management?
(1% tax increase, 2.5% water increase, 5% sewer increase)
5. Would you consider a service level decrease if it involved laying off existing Staff?

5. QUESTION PERIOD:

- Mr. Ron Bolin, re: proposed budget process.
- Mr. Gord Fuller, re: proposed budget process.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:16 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER