

MINUTES  
SAFER NANAIMO ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
BOARD ROOM, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 2013 AT 1:30 PM

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Note: Typographical error -  
June 28, should be June 26.

PRESENT: Councillor Fred Pattje  
Councillor Diane Brennan  
Councillor Jim Kipp  
Gordon Fuller  
Inga Nielsen-Cooper  
Bill Carter  
Samantha Letourneau  
Laraine Ashpole

STAFF: Randy Churchill, Bylaw Services  
Sheryl Armstrong, RCMP  
Bruce Wright, RCMP  
Ennis Mond, Fire Services  
Gord Nixon, Bylaw Services  
Derek Balderston, RCMP  
Dave Scherr, RCMP  
John Horn, Community Planning  
Jeff Ritchie, Parks, Recreation and Culture  
Tom Hickey, Engineering and Public Works  
Susan Clift, Engineering and Public Works  
Gail Honeyman, Recording Secretary

DELEGATION: Adrian Maas, Vancouver Island Public Library

1. Call to Order:

Councillor Pattje called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

The agenda was adopted as amended.

3. Adoption of Minutes:

It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes be adopted as circulated. The Motion passed.

4. Public Washroom Installation – Diana Krall Plaza

The three options for placement of the public washroom are:

1. by the library
2. close to Commercial Street
3. on the sidewalk on Wharf Street adjacent to the plaza

Mr. Adrian Maas, Vancouver Island Public Library, spoke in opposition to options one and two as he felt both locations would have a negative impact on the library.

All the options were discussed with the consensus that Option 3 would be the best location for security reasons.

It was Moved and Seconded that the public washroom be located on the sidewalk on Wharf Street adjacent to Diana Krall Plaza. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Hoarding

E. Mond gave an overview of the hoarding issue and commented on the presentation by Dr. Sheila Woody from UBC at the Licence Inspectors and Bylaw Officers Association (LIBOA) conference. The City of Vancouver has a pilot project which has enforcement, mental health and fire department members participating.

The Fire Department needs support in order to deal with hoarding. The process is expensive and time consuming. Many of the hoarders have mental health issues and need help. There are no resources available to deal with hoarders' issues.

6. Abandoned and Derelict Properties

The neighbourhood networks are concerned with properties that are abandoned and/or derelict. These properties have a visual impact in neighbourhoods and are prone to attract nuisance and illegal activity. There are 10 to 12 such properties in the City.

Council can order remedial action if the properties have structural damage or are not secure. The appearance of the property is not always dealt with by Council. Council can order that a property be cleaned up of discarded materials and debris.

Staff will review bylaws from other municipalities and will provide more feedback to the committee.

7. Update of Sex Trade Worker Initiative

A \$7,000 grant was given to the Nanaimo Women's Centre. The money will be used to support programs for the sex trade workers. Former workers are assisting with programs.

8. Needle Box Relocation

Discarded needles are being found along the railway track near the condominiums on Franklyn Street. It was suggested that the needle box be moved from the south end to the entrance to the new section of trail off Franklyn Street.

9. Update on Low Barrier Housing

Ground breaking at the Uplands project will be at the end of August. Road improvements are required prior to building.

The Dufferin project has been delayed and will commence in January or February of 2014.

There was a drop in the use of shelters over the winter; it is increasing again. There are approximately 200 – 250 homeless in Nanaimo.

10. New Business

Graffiti:

Constable M. Smith of the RCMP is working on the graffiti problem. There is a conference scheduled for October. Graffiti has increased in the north end.

Block Watch:

It has been extremely successful. There is information on the City's website.

Car Theft:

The people breaking into vehicles recently have been caught and will be going before the courts. The parking patrollers downtown have been instrumental in helping out.

11. Adjournment

The meeting terminated at 2:55 pm.

APPROVED:

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Chair

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Date