

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
HELD IN THE SHAW AUDITORIUM, 80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC  
ON MONDAY, 2012-JUL-23 COMMENCING AT 4:30 P.M.

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PRESENT: Mayor J. R. Ruttan, Chair

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

Absent: Councillor G. Anderson  
Councillor J. A. Kipp

Staff: A. C. Kenning, City Manager  
E. C. Swabey, General Manager of Community Safety and Development  
T. M. Hickey, General Manager of Community Services  
I. Howat, Director of Strategic Relationships  
T. L. Hartley, Director of Human Resources and Organizational Planning  
B. E. Clemens, Director of Finance  
T. P. Seward, Director of Development  
R. J. Harding, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture  
P. Kristensen, Director of Information Technology  
Chief R. Lambert, Nanaimo Fire Rescue  
B. Prokopenko, Senior Manager of Engineering  
J. Ritchie, Senior Manager of Parks and Civic Facilities  
J. Plasteras, Manager of Parks Operations  
G. Pasaluko, Horticulture Supervisor  
K. King, Acting Manager of Legislative Services  
T. Wilkinson, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

It was moved and seconded that Agenda Item 8 (a) – Corporate Services – Ipsos Reid 2012 Citizen Satisfaction Survey, be moved forward to follow Adoption of Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, 80 Commercial Street, on Monday, 2012-JUN-18 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. CORPORATE SERVICES:

(a) Ipsos Reid 2012 Citizen Satisfaction Survey

Presentations:

1. Ms. Catherine Knaus, Associate Vice President, Ipsos Reid – Public Affairs, provided a presentation regarding the results of the 2012 Citizen Satisfaction Syndicated Survey.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the report regarding the Ipsos Reid 2012 Citizen Satisfaction Survey. The motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNITY SAFETY AND DEVELOPMENT:

(a) Development Permit No. DP796 – 6535 Metral Drive

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Development Permit No. DP796 at 6535 Metral Drive with a variance to reduce the required side yard from 3 m to 0 m. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) UBCM Call Answer Levy Resolution

It was moved and seconded that Council request an emergency resolution from UBCM for a Provincial call answer levy on telephone service providers. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council request Staff to schedule a meeting while Council is at the UBCM Conference in September with the opposition critic whose portfolio would include the Call Answer Levy issue. The motion carried unanimously.

5. CORPORATE SERVICES: (Continued)

(b) Long-Term Federal Infrastructure Funding

It was moved and seconded that Council endorse the resolution attached to the report to request that the federal government ensure that new long-term funding for municipal infrastructure is in place when the existing programs expire in 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Memorandum of Agreement for Regional Emission Reductions

It was moved and seconded that Council endorse the Regional Emission Reductions for Carbon Neutral Operations with the Regional District of Nanaimo, the City of Nanaimo, the District Municipality of Lantzville, the City of Parksville and the Town of Qualicum Beach. The motion carried unanimously.

(d) Quarterly Direct Award Purchases

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the report regarding quarterly direct award purchases. The motion carried unanimously.

(e) Quarterly Single Submission Purchases

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the report regarding quarterly single submission purchases. The motion carried unanimously.

(f) City Telephone Services Update

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the report regarding an update on City telephone services. The motion carried unanimously.

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES:

(a) Green Lake Sanitary Sewer

Councillor Brennan vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 5:19 p.m. on a conflict of interest as her sister-in-law owns property in the Green Lake area.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the report regarding the Green Lake sanitary sewer. The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Brennan returned to the Shaw Auditorium at 5:20 p.m.

(b) Modular Furniture for the Service and Resource Center Request for Proposal

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the report regarding a Request for Proposals for modular furniture for the Service and Resource Centre. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Grant Application Under the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF)

It was moved and seconded that Council endorse a Departure Bay Waterfront Improvement Project for application under the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund ("CIIF"). The motion carried unanimously.

(d) Landscaping Level Medians and Boulevards

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the report regarding landscaping service levels for medians and boulevards. The motion carried unanimously.

(e) 2012 Sport Tournament Grant Request – Final Intake

It was moved and seconded that Council award the Nanaimo District Lacrosse Association \$2000 from the Sport Tournament Fund for the 2012 Female Box Lacrosse Provincial Championships. The motion carried unanimously.

8. CORRESPONDENCE (not related to a Report to Council):

- (a) Mr. Darryl Walker, President, BC Government and Service Employee's Union (BCGEU), requesting that Council consider adopting a resolution to put a moratorium on the privatization of the Liquor Distribution Branch distribution system.

It was moved and seconded that Council adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the provincial government, without public consultation or business case, has announced plans to privatize the Liquor Distribution Branch distribution system and sell-off its warehouses, which is the first step in the full privatization of our public liquor system, including the retail stores; and,

WHEREAS the sale of this profitable, socially responsible and proven public asset that generates almost a billion dollars a year in net income for health, education and other public services, will lead to reduced revenues, higher consumer prices, less selection, and a host of social problems associated with liquor privatization that may fall on local governments to deal with:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council urge the provincial government to put a moratorium on the privatization of the LDB and to provide a formal vehicle –perhaps through appointment of a commissioner, a committee of MLAs, or similar means – for public discussion and community input into these issues.

The motion carried.

Opposed: Councillor Bestwick

- (b) Mr. John Roberts, 945 Inskip Street, Esquimalt, advising of two locomotives, "Duchess" and "Duke" that were used in the Nanaimo coal mining era and requesting that Council consider purchasing "Duchess" or replicating "Duke" for display in Nanaimo.

It was moved and seconded that Staff contact Mr. Roberts and inquire about the cost of purchasing the locomotive and transporting it from the Yukon to the City of Nanaimo. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Mayor Ruttan and Councillor McKay*

- (c) Ms. Grace Elliott-Nielsen, Executive Director, and Ms. Rene Robinson, President, Board of Directors, Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre, requesting a letter of support from Council for the release of a freeze on funding from the Federal Government for the support programs funded through the Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth Initiative (CCAY).

It was moved and seconded that Council write a letter of support for the release of a freeze on funding from the Federal Government for the support programs funded through the Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth Initiative (CCAY). The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Greves vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 5:55 p.m.

Councillor Bestwick vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 5:55 p.m.

9. DELEGATIONS (not related to a Report to Council):

Councillor Bestwick returned to the Shaw Auditorium at 5:56 p.m.

Councillor Greves returned to the Shaw Auditorium at 5:57 p.m.

- (a) Ms. Joanne Sales, Director of Broombusters, spoke regarding Scotch broom in the City of Nanaimo and the growing concern of Nanaimo residents.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to prepare a report regarding the possibility and implications of adding the removal of broom to the Property Maintenance Bylaw and an estimate on the cost of disposal of the broom once it has been cut. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Mr. Danny Heiduk, #304 – 931 Crace Street, Nanaimo, was not in attendance.
- (c) Mr. Richard Easthom, 1344 Ivy Lane, Nanaimo, spoke regarding the Development Permit issue at 635 Railway Avenue.

10. QUESTION PERIOD:

- Mr. Fred Taylor, re: broom on City lots; modular furniture in the new annex; locomotive.
- Mr. Robert Fuller, re: landscaping.

11. PROCEDURAL MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that Council move "In Camera" in order to deal with the following matters under the *Community Charter* Section 90(1):

- (b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity;
- (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;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality; and,
- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

The motion carried unanimously.

Council moved into "In Camera" at 6:25 p.m.

Council moved out of "In Camera" at 7:10 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 7:10 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CHAIR

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CORPORATE OFFICER