

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR FINANCE / POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL,
ON MONDAY, 2010-MAR-01 COMMENCING AT 4:35 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor J. R. Ruttan, Chair

Members: Councillor W. L. Bestwick
Councillor W. J. Holdom
Councillor D. K. Johnstone
Councillor J. A. Kipp
Councillor L. D. McNabb
Councillor J. F. K. Pattje
Councillor L. J. Sherry
Councillor M. W. Unger

Staff: A. C. Kenning, City Manager
A. W. Laidlaw, General Manager of Community Services
D. W. Holmes, General Manager of Corporate Services
E. C. Swabey, General Manager of Development Services
I. Howat, Director of Legislative Services
T. L. Hartley, Director of Human Resources
B. E. Clemens, Director of Finance
T. P. Seward, Director of Development
P. Kristensen, Director of Information Technology
R. J. Harding, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture
I. Blackwood, Manager of Parks Maintenance / Construction
M. Dietrich, Manager of Police Support Services
B. Anderson, Manager of Community Planning
J. E. Harrison, Manager of Legislative Services
T. Wilkinson, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Finance / Policy Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Add Agenda Item 6 (b) – Delegations Pertaining to Agenda Items – Mr. Fred Taylor re: Parking Management Study.
- (b) Add Attachment to Agenda Item 7 (a) – Commission Reports – Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission – School District 68 Request for City Contribution to the Rotary Bowl Track Resurfacing Project.
- (c) Add Agenda Item 16 – Procedural Motion – To move into “In Camera”.

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 Finance / Policy Committee of the Whole Meeting held in the Board Room, City Hall on Monday, 2010-FEB-15 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS:

It was moved and seconded that the Delegations be permitted to address Council. The motion carried unanimously.

(a) Delegations Pertaining to the 2010 – 2014 Financial Plan

- No one spoke to the 2010 – 2014 Financial Plan.

(b) Mr. Fred Taylor, 204 Emery Way, Nanaimo, BC, spoke regarding the Parking Management Study.

(c) A Nanaimo resident expressed concerns regarding the implementation of pay parking on streets surrounding the hospital.

6. COMMISSION REPORTS:

(a) Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission – School District 68 Request for City Contribution to the Rotary Bowl Track Resurfacing Project

It was moved and seconded that Council consider funding for Rotary Bowl when the School District commits to multi-use at this facility. The motion carried unanimously.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(a) Parking Advisory Committee – Parking Management Study

Recommendations:

1. change all currently regulated on-street parking to 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday thru Saturday, unregulated on Sundays;

2. forward the Parking Strategy to the City's Transportation Advisory Committee for future reference and to the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) to focus future transit planning specifically in the study areas of the Downtown, Vancouver Island University and the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital;
3. standardize all of the time restricted on-street, but unmetered, zones to maximum 2 hour parking;
4. not provide any further expansion of resident exempt parking regulations in the downtown zone until there is sufficient off-street parking inventory to accommodate the displaced vehicles;
5. commence discussions with the Downtown Nanaimo Business Improvement Area (DNBIA) and the Chamber of Commerce with the intent to implement a merchant-based refund of parking in the downtown core;
6. commence a process with the business community (DNBIA and the Chamber of Commerce) to implement parking meter kiosks on Commercial Street, Bastion Street, and Church Street with parking rates that are greater than rates on off-street lots and in parkades;
7. standardize all parking meter kiosks among the city owned lots and implement technologies that make it easier and more flexible for the consumer to pay for parking such as the use of cell phones, debit cards, etc;
8. improve wayfinding of available City parking using such things as:
 - update the website to clearly identify graphically where public parking is located downtown;
 - provide parking diagrams to the DNBIA, Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Nanaimo, and businesses located in the downtown that wish to include this information on their website; and,
 - include parking wayfinding diagrams in the Visitor Guide;
9. change the Parking sign above the entrance to the Port of Nanaimo Centre Parkade to a backlit sign at ninety degrees to the Port of Nanaimo Centre (PNC) parkade using the internationally recognized symbol for parking (A large blue P on a white background);
10. replace the Harbourfront Parkade signs at each entrance with new signs using the internationally recognized symbol for parking, which would be consistent with the PNC sign;
11. increase the lighting intensity by 2X at the entrances to parkades to better signify the entrance and provide better security;
12. consult with the DNBIA regarding parking signage in the downtown core;
13. implement maximum 2 hour parking, resident exempt zones, identified in red on Schedule "A" of the hospital zone;

14. install parking meter kiosks in the area identified in green or “unregulated” on Schedule “A” of the hospital zone;
15. forward the Strategy to Vancouver Island University (VIU) and request that VIU consider adding to their off-street parking inventory or suggest another viable strategy to City Staff to reduce parking demand in this zone;
16. request Vancouver Island University and the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) commence discussions on how the RDN’s transit function can better serve the university; and,
17. postpone any consideration of time restricted resident exempt parking until viable options are developed through discussions with VIU to relieve parking space demands.

It was moved and seconded that Council refer the Parking Management Study to the Transportation Advisory Committee, and report back to Council with less than 17 recommendations. The motion was defeated.

Opposed: Mayor Ruttan, Councillors Holdom, Johnstone, Kipp, McNabb, Pattje and Sherry

It was moved and seconded that Council adopt Recommendation Nos. 2 and 3, and refer the rest of the recommendations to the Transportation Advisory Committee. The motion carried.

Opposed: Councillor Holdom

8. STAFF REPORTS:

CORPORATE SERVICES:

- (a) Letter of Guarantee from BC Housing Corporation and Provincial Rental Housing Corporation
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It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to accept a Letter of Guarantee from the BC Housing Corporation and the Provincial Rental Housing Corporation in lieu of the usual bonding required for works, services and landscaping for the following projects associated with the City of Nanaimo’s Housing First Strategy:

- 477 Tenth Street
- 1402 – 1590 Bowen Road
- 437 – 445 Wesley Street
- 3515 Hillside Avenue
- 1598 Townsite Road

The motion carried unanimously.

9. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:

- (a) Report from Mr. B. E. Clemens, Director of Finance, re: 2010 Council Remuneration.

- (b) Report from Mr. A. M. Dietrich, Manager of Police Support Services, re: Cell Block Renovation Update.
- (c) Report from Mr. A. M. Dietrich, Manager of Police Support Services, re: Coroner's Inquest Recommendations
- (d) Report from Mr. A. M. Dietrich, Manager of Police Support Services, re: Proposed Prisoner Surveillance Regulations
- (e) Report from Mr. R. J. Harding, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, re: Nanaimo Bastion – Update

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Letter dated 2010-FEB-22 from Ms. Ann Bozoian, Director, Office of the President and CEO, Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA), Victoria, BC, regarding Council's letter dated 2009-NOV-16 re: child car seat safety checks.

11. QUESTION PERIOD:

- Mr. Fred Taylor, re: Parking Management Study.

12. PROCEDURAL MOTION:

It is moved and seconded that the following meeting be closed in order to deal with the following matters under the *Community Charter* Section 90(1):

- (c) labour relations or employee negotiations.

Council moved into "In Camera" at 5:30 p.m.

Council moved out of "In Camera" at 6:20 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:20 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

DIRECTOR,
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES