

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR FINANCE / POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL,  
ON MONDAY, 2008-JUL-28 COMMENCING AT 4:30 P.M.

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PRESENT: Councillor W. L. Bestwick, Chair

Members: Mayor G. R. Korpan  
Councillor M. D. Brennan  
Councillor J. D. Cameron  
Councillor W. J. Holdom  
Councillor L. D. McNabb

Absent: Councillor C. S. Manhas  
Councillor L. J. Sherry  
Councillor M. W. Unger

Staff: G. D. Berry, City Manager  
A. C. Kenning, Deputy 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  
B. E. Clemens, Director of Finance  
C. Richardsen, Deputy Fire Chief  
A. J. Tucker, Director of Planning and Development  
R. J. Harding, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture  
B. Sims, Manager of Water Resources  
K. King, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Finance / Policy Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Add Agenda Item 10 (b) – Information Only Items – Motion from the "In Camera" Meeting of Council held 2008-JUN-23 re: Lease Disposal at 575 Fitzwilliam Street – RDN Transit Exchange.
- (b) Add Agenda Item 6 (a) – Delegations Pertaining to Agenda Items – Mr. Keith Brown, Keith Brown Associates, regarding the 1 Chapel Street – Proposed Apartment Strata Conversion – Seacrest Apartments Staff Report

It was moved and seconded that Mr. Keith Brown be permitted to address Council as a late delegation with a five-minute time limitation. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that Minutes of the Regular Finance / Policy Committee of the Whole Meeting held in the Board Room, City Hall on Monday, 2008-JUN-16 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

6. DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS:

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

- (a) Mr. Keith Brown, Keith Brown Associates, provided additional information regarding the proposed apartment Strata Conversion at 1 Chapel Street. Mr. Elroy Gust from Newlook Capital, the property owner, updated Council regarding meetings with the tenants of 1 Chapel Street. A current tenant of 1 Chapel Street also advised that he is in favour of the Strata Conversion.

7. COMMISSION REPORTS:

Councillor Bestwick, Chair, vacated the Board Room on a perception of bias as he is an owner of the Nanaimo Clippers.

Councillor McNabb assumed the Chair.

(a) Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission – Frank Crane Arena Elevator

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. direct Staff not to proceed with the Frank Crane Arena elevator as designed and tendered; and,
2. direct Staff to proceed with developing terms of reference, for Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission's consideration of a comprehensive facility upgrade plan that would encompass the areas, swimming pool, and social centre and their relationship with the whole of Beban Park.

The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Bestwick returned to the Board Room and resumed the Chair.

(b) Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission – Tournament and Festival Grant Application from the Silly Boat Regatta

It was moved and seconded that Council not approve the \$1,000. tournament and festival grant request from the Nanaimo Child Development Centre Society for the Silly Boat Regatta. The motion carried unanimously.

7. STAFF REPORTS:

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

(a) 1 Chapel Street – Proposed Apartment Strata Conversion – Seacrest Apartments

It was moved and seconded that Council not support a strata conversion of 1 Chapel Street.

It was moved and seconded that the proposed apartment strata conversion at 1 Chapel Street be referred back to Staff to determine:

1. the ability to enforce the applicant's proposal to maintain 100 percent rental availability in the building;
2. what surety could be provided that down-payments could be provided to tenants wishing to purchase a unit in the building; and
3. the merits of the applicant's proposed provision of the property at 5930 Nelson Road for use as part of the "supported and low barrier housing", identified the City's Harm Reduction and Housing First Action Plan, as the community contribution.

The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Brennan and McNabb*

CORPORATE SERVICES:

(b) Designating Council Board Room as the Council Chambers for the Purpose of the Tax Sale

It was moved and seconded that Council designate the Board Room at Nanaimo City Hall as the Council Chambers for the purposes of the tax sale for every year until otherwise designated. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

(c) Emergency Management Agreement

It was moved and seconded that Council endorse the multi-agent Emergency Management Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

8. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:

- (a) Report from Mr. R. J. Reimer, Manager of Revenue Services & Financial Systems, re: Assessment Roll Adjustments.

- (b) At the "In Camera" Meeting of Council held 2008-JUN-23, Council passed the following motion re: Lease Disposal at 575 Fitzwilliam Street – RDN Transit Exchange (*Supplemental*):

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. approve in principle the continued use of the City-owned property at 575 Fitzwilliam Street as a Downtown Transit Exchange by way of a three-year lease to the Regional District of Nanaimo; and,
2. direct Staff to finalize the proposed capital improvement concept with the Regional District of Nanaimo, for approval by Council.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) Councillor Brennan – Permission to attend the 2008 Local Government Management Association of BC (LGMA) Women in Leadership Forum at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond to be held 2008-OCT-01 to 2008-OCT-03.

It was moved and seconded that Councillor Brennan be given permission to attend the 2008 Local Government Management Association of BC (LGMA) Women in Leadership Forum at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond to be held 2008-OCT-01 to 2008-OCT-03. The motion carried unanimously.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:12 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CHAIR

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DIRECTOR,  
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES