



## 7. PARTNER REPORTS

- a) OCQA – Minutes from the OCQA 2005-Oct-19 were considered.  
MOVED by D. Klein, SECONDED by H. Phelps to receive the OCQA Minutes from 2005-Oct-19. CARRIED.
- b) NCCA – T. Krall congratulated D. Backhouse on his appointment as president of the NCCA. NCCA reps. on the DNP will now be D. Backhouse, B. Barnard, and B. McGuffie, with R. Hyne as the alternate.

T. Krall noted that the City's Legislative Services Department will advertise for applications for the three at-large positions on the DNP, and the names of the newly appointed DNP members from the NCCA and OCQA will go to Council for ratification.

MOVED by D. Backhouse, SECONDED by B. McGuffie to receive the verbal NCCA report. CARRIED.

- c) City – No report.

## 8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Arts, Culture & Entertainment – C. Tang reported:
- the recent Cultural Forum went well – organizers were pleased with the diversity and level of participation
  - DNP sub-committee guidelines were approved by ACE
  - awaiting next instalment of funds from Arts Now for the 2006 Spring Break Youth Festival
  - the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music thanked the DNP for their letter regarding the Conservatory's recent building purchase, and look forward to working with the DNP
  - ACE heard two proposals on the adaptive re-use of the Foundry – one was for a performing arts centre and the other was for an applied arts centre. One of the proponents felt the City's deadline for proposals of Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> was going to be difficult to meet, and asked whether a more reasonable date could be set.

A. Tucker advised that proponents were told that the City was not expecting fully formed proposals on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, but were looking more to determine who the interested groups were, and shortlisting would be based on the criteria outlined in the City's ad. Proposals received after Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> might also be considered if they are legitimate proposals that fit the criteria. The City will work with those groups over the winter and report to Council in March, 2006. Council will make the final decision on which proposal to proceed with. In response to a question, T. Krall replied that if no viable usage is put forward, Council will likely order the demolition of the remaining Foundry building.

B. McGuffie requested that the proposal criteria be forwarded to the DNP via email.

MOVED by C. Tang, SECONDED by D. Klein to receive the verbal ACE report.  
CARRIED.

- b) Business Development – Draft Notes from 2005-Oct-20 were considered.  
MOVED by B. McGuffie, SECONDED by D. Backhouse to receive the BDC Draft Notes from 2005-Oct-20. CARRIED.

- c) Housing, Design & Development – Draft Minutes from 2005-Oct-20 were considered. D. Backhouse advised that the main topic discussed at that meeting was the evolving role of the Sub-committee and their work plan, as they are trying to stay in line with what is happening Downtown.

MOVED by B. McGuffie, SECONDED by D. Backhouse to receive the HDD Draft Minutes from 2005-Oct-20. CARRIED.

- d) Promotions – G. Hanson reported that a merchants meeting and a Sub-committee meeting had been held recently, and that both addressed winter marketing and holiday promotions. He will report further at the December DNP meeting.

MOVED by B. Holdom, SECONDED by J. Whiteaker to receive the verbal report. CARRIED.

- e) Personnel – An “In Camera” meeting was held prior to the “Open” meeting to address a Personnel issue.

- f) Financial – J. Whiteaker reported on the DNP Balance Sheet and Income Statement to 10/31/2005.

MOVED by J. Whiteaker, SECONDED by B. McGuffie to receive the verbal report, Balance Sheet and Income Statement. CARRIED.

## 9. OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- a) 2006 Budget – Was deferred from the last meeting in order to give the NCCA and OCQA time to consider it. D. Backhouse advised that the NCCA had approved the budget. D. Klein advised that the OCQA had not yet considered it.

MOVED by B. McGuffie, SECONDED by J. Whiteaker that the DNP approve the proposed DNP budget for 2006 contingent upon OCQA approval. CARRIED.

- b) New Nanaimo Centre – T. Krall advised that demolition is now complete. Clean-up, planning and budgeting continue.

MOVED by B. Holdom, SECONDED by J. Whiteaker to receive the verbal report. CARRIED.

- c) Caprice Theatre – C. Tang advised that it has now been confirmed that Paul Manhas has bought the Caprice Theatre. She voiced her strong displeasure in the events that led up to the sale, and grave disappointment that after 9 months of actively pursuing the purchase of the building, the opportunity has been lost.

MOVED by B. McGuffie, SECONDED by J. Whiteaker to receive the verbal report. CARRIED.

- d) Safety and Security – G. Hanson advised that the Crystal Meth project is going ahead and the DNP's white paper is part of it. The CPTED Report recently completed on the Downtown will be released on 2006-Nov-16.

MOVED by H. Phelps, SECONDED by J. Whiteaker that the verbal report be received.  
CARRIED.

- e) China Steps Initiative – G. Hanson advised that he, the DNP's Business Facilitator Janet Logothetti, and Randy Churchill of the City will be meeting this week with the owners of property that faces onto the China Steps to look at ways to bring new life to that area. They will be putting together a proposal that ties in with the CPTED Report and the new lighting, that will encourage and target the types of businesses that could thrive in that area.

MOVED by D. Backhouse, SECONDED by B. McGuffie to receive the verbal report.  
CARRIED.

- f) BIABC Conference – G. Hanson reported that the BIABC Board of Directors were in Nanaimo recently to look over the facilities and to start planning for the conference to be held in the Downtown from May 25-27, 2006. A Call for Proposals has gone out to 4 people for a Coordinator position. Marketing materials will be sent out this month to BIA organizations in B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and also to professional organizations.

MOVED by B. McGuffie, SECONDED by D. Backhouse to receive the verbal report.  
CARRIED.

#### 10. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Living Room – G. Hanson reported on a meeting he had attended with regard to the possible temporary location of a "living room" at 55 Victoria Road. (A living room is a daytime drop-in for people who have nowhere else to go. The New Hope Shelter will include a living room, but that facility is not anticipated to be completed until summer 2006.) Diane Brennan and George were able to communicate at this meeting that the City is working with VIHA regarding this service location and that at this time no location has been determined and no negotiations have been initiated. The City is querying for an appropriate location. DNP members then discussed the need for such a facility, but the fact that when a possible location is found, it always meets with opposition.

MOVED by C. Tang, SECONDED by B. Holdom to receive the verbal report. CARRIED.

- b) 2010 Legacies Now  
C. Tang advised that the Connecting Community Committee of 2010 Legacies Now will be having an exhibit booth at Woodgrove on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. She invited all DNP members to visit the exhibit.
- c) Awards  
G. Hanson announced that Camela Tang was the recent recipient of the EDG award for the individual who had done the most in improving the image and reputation of Nanaimo. Congratulations Camela!

George also advised that this would be Tom Krall's last DNP meeting as his term of office as Councillor is ending. Tom was presented with a framed copy of 'City Notes' and an award for his dedication to the revitalization of the Downtown.

T. Krall thanked the Committee and said that it had been "a labour of love".

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2005-Dec-06. (B. Holdom to chair.)

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by B. McGuffie, SECONDED by D. Backhouse that the meeting adjourn at 6:30 p.m. CARRIED.

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