

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT  
STANDING COMMITTEE, TO BE HELD IN TRAINING ROOM, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, 238 FRANKLYN  
STREET, CITY HALL, ON THURSDAY, 2005-MAY-19, COMMENCING AT 3:15 P.M.

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1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

- (a) Minutes of the Planning, Environment and Development Standing Committee Meeting held Thursday, 2005-APR-28 at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:**

3. **RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS:**

4. **REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:**

Advisory Committee on the Environment:

- (a) City Participation in the Management of the Nanaimo River Estuary

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At the Regular Meeting of Council held 2004-DEC-13, Council directed Staff to liaise with the current Nanaimo Estuary Management Committee (NEMC) and provide a report back to Council on future City participation in the management of the Nanaimo River Estuary.

The City recognizes the value of working with a committee made up of the jurisdictional bodies that administer the Estuary and that collectively work toward maintaining and improving the environmental health of the Estuary.

Staff began to review the Estuary Management Plan. During the review, Staff identified a number of areas in the plan process and content which cannot be supported from the City's perspective. As a result, Staff is unable to recommend that Council ratify the Plan in its entirety.

Despite the concerns for the Plan, Staff are willing to work with the NEMC by providing some financial support and Staff time to help improve communication and cooperation over the management of the Estuary. However, the City is not willing to finance the completion of the Nanaimo Estuary Management Plan.

The NEMC will need to establish a terms of reference for the coordinator / facilitator position, preferably hiring an independent third party, who will report back to Council at the end of one year regarding NEMC's progress. The terms of reference for the coordinator / facilitator will also need to be approved by Council before the funding is released.

Recommendation: That the Planning, Environment and Development Standing Committee recommend that Council support the City's participation in the Nanaimo Estuary Management Committee and fund a coordinator position to facilitate Estuary management activities.

Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee:

(b) Revisions to Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

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The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a summary of proposed changes to the Terms of Reference of the Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee (PNAC). The current Terms of Reference were prepared on 1999-MAY-18 and adopted in 1999-JUN-28.

PNAC adopted a resolution at its meeting held 2005-APR-26, to accept the revised Terms of Reference and that the Terms of Reference be forwarded to Council for approval and adoption.

The revised Terms of Reference contain six major changes from the current Terms of Reference. They are:

1. Including social and environmental factors as well as economic factors in making land use decisions.
2. Reducing the number of members from 16 to 14.
3. Including specific wording to address Port Authority participation in PNAC discussions.
4. Making a distinction between permanent neighbourhood representatives and temporary representatives.
5. Increasing the term of membership from two years to three.
6. Reducing quorum from eight to seven members and including wording to address the issue of quorum when vacancies on the Committee occur.

Recommendation: That the Planning, Environment and Development Standing Committee recommend that Council approve and adopt the revised Terms of Reference for the Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee.

Social Planning Advisory Committee

(c) Recommendations for use of Casino Revenue

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Since 1999, the Social Planning Advisory Committee (SPAC) has made annual recommendations to Council regarding the use of the \$90,000 set aside each year in Council's budget for social purposes. Previous projects suggested by the Committee for City support were the Problem Gambling Awareness Project, Haven Society's Willow Wai second stage housing project for women, Social Development Strategy Process, SAFER

Downtown Nanaimo Project and Food Link Nanaimo. The Committee has not made any recommendations to Council on the disbursement of casino revenue for 2004 and 2005, and as a result \$180,000 remains in Council's budget for social purposes. The Committee will make additional recommendations on the disbursement of these funds over the next few months.

The Nanaimo Alcohol and Drug Action Committee (NADAC) is a broad coalition of community, government and non-government agencies (Schedule A), who since 1999, have been concerned with the alcohol and drug problem in Nanaimo and committed to action that will reduce the harm within our community.

NADAC has recently submitted a proposal to Health Canada's Drug Strategy Community Initiatives Fund for their Youth Action Project (YAP) (Schedule B). The project was developed out of an urgent need to address the problems of substance abuse in the Nanaimo community in general, but amongst our youth in particular. The project has two goals:

1. to initiate a process to effectively educate the Nanaimo community on substance use problems (including tobacco) in our community with specific emphasis placed on youth; and,
2. to develop and implement a strategy through a community development process to address the related issues and thereby reduce the harm impacting youth and our community.

The budget for YAP is \$80,000. The City's commitment of \$20,000 would leverage \$50,000 from Health Canada and another \$10,000 in financial and in-kind donations from NADAC member agencies. The John Howard Society will administer these funds on behalf of NADAC, which is a coalition of agencies and not a non-profit society itself.

The Youth Action Project will help realize one of the six community goals of Nanaimo's recently complete Social Development Strategy, specifically: *"To create a healthy community, which optimizes community and family support systems and individual capacities, by way of health promotion and a combination of early intervention, prevention, supportive treatment services."*

Providing matching funds for this social development project makes possible the leveraging of funding from other levels of government and the broader community. These funding partnerships stretch available resources, stimulating substantial local volunteerism, and enabling the community to go even further towards meeting local needs.

Recommendation: That the Planning, Environment and Development Standing Committee recommend that Council contribute \$20,000 from casino revenue toward the Nanaimo Alcohol and Drug Action Committee's Youth Action Project.

5. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

6. **INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:**

- (a) Report from Mr. A. Tucker, Manager, Community Planning, re: Urban Containment Implementation Agreement. *Pg. 14-36*

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

8. **CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS / OTHER BUSINESS:**

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**