

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL,  
ON MONDAY, 2003-APR-07, COMMENCING AT 10:05 A.M.

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PRESENT: Councillor T. K. Krall, Chair

Members: Councillor M. D. Brennan  
Councillor C. S. Manhas

Others: Councillor R. A. Cantelon  
Councillor L. J. Sherry

Staff:	G. D. Berry	S. E. Fletcher
	B. N. Mehaffey	J. T. Bowden
	B. E. Clemens	K. L. Burley
	D. Kiedyk	C. Hambley

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- (a) Minutes of the 2003-MAR-31 Meeting of the Economic Development Standing Committee held in the Board Room, City Hall at 3:05 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Manhas that the Minutes be adopted as circulated. The motion carried.

2. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES:

- (a) The Downtown Nanaimo Partnership (DNP) met on 2003-APR-01 and discussed a number of issues that resulted in motions to Council. The three motions forwarded for consideration are:

1. A new alternate member for the Nanaimo City Centre Association (NCCA) was forwarded to the Downtown Nanaimo Partnership (DNP) for consideration and ratification by Council:

"Moved by N. Mitchell, seconded by B. McGuffie that the Nanaimo City Centre Association alternate member on the Downtown Nanaimo Partnership be changed to Mr. Leonard Krog. The motion carried."

2. The Downtown Nanaimo Partnership received a request to receive delegations to speak on the Salvation Army project proposed for the Wiseman House location on Wesley Street.

"Moved by N. Mitchell, seconded by K. Zorkin that the Downtown Nanaimo Partnership recommend that Council not support the Salvation Army Rezoning Application on Wesley Street:

- while the DNP agrees that there is need for the facility, they do not believe that the proposed location is the appropriate one since it does not fit with the proposed, comprehensive commercial/residential development of the Quennell Square precinct which in turn represents the best future opportunity for Downtown.
  - the DNP are prepared to work with the applicant and other stakeholders to find a more satisfactory location. The motion carried"
3. In addition to the discussion regarding the rezoning of the Wiseman House site for the Salvation Army project, Council is also considering a Rezoning at 25 Cavan Street for a proposed 7 to 10 Club relocation of their breakfast program as well as additional services they would like to provide at a new location. This issue was raised as a part of the NCCA Minutes with the following motion being forwarded:

"Moved by N. Mitchell, seconded by B. McGuffie that the DNP recommend that Council not support the Nanaimo 7 to 10 Club Rezoning Application on Cavan Street as they do agree that there is a need for such a facility, and do not believe that the proposed location is appropriate. The motion carried."

Recommendations: The Economic Development Standing Committee recommends that Council:

1. ratify the Nanaimo City Centre Association's alternate member to the Downtown Nanaimo Partnership as Mr. Leonard Krog;
2. consider the motion regarding the Salvation Army Rezoning; and
3. consider the motion regarding the 7 to 10 Club Rezoning.

Councillor Krall requested that the recommendations be dealt with seriatim.

Recommendation No. 1:

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Manhas that Council appoint Mr. Leonard Krog as an alternate Nanaimo City Centre Association member to the Downtown Nanaimo Partnership. The motion carried.

Recommendation No. 2:

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Krall that Recommendation No. 2 be referred to Council for information. The motion carried.

Recommendation No. 3:

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Krall that Recommendation No. 3 be referred to Council for information. The motion carried.

3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

CORPORATE SERVICES:

FINANCE:

(1) Street Entertainers Bylaw

As Council is aware, there have been ongoing problems with the current Street Entertainers Bylaw. This is in a large part due to the current Bylaw lacking a clear set of rules and regulations. As a result of this lack of definition, and the Port Authority deciding to remove all street entertainment locations from property under its jurisdiction, the Downtown Nanaimo Partnership (DNP) initiated a street entertainment review process. This process started in April, 2002, with the formation of an ad-hoc Committee made up of 15 representatives from a wide variety of groups and organizations which included the following: two Street Entertainers, DNP, Nanaimo Port Authority, RCMP, Downtown Business Owner, Downtown Resident, Social Agencies and the City.

The Street Entertainment Committee has met numerous times to review all issues related to street entertainment in detail. In addition, the Committee or some of its representatives have met with the various downtown associations and with the street entertainment community on three separate occasions. Also, it is the understanding of the Committee that the two street entertainment representatives have been liaising with their constituency.

As a result of this review, the Committee is recommending numerous revisions to the current bylaw as well as the addition of street entertainment location maps and a set of policies and guidelines. The Committee is recommending that the Bylaw and its accompanying policies and guidelines be reviewed at the end of September 2003.

The Committee is aware that the recommended changes will not satisfy everyone. Many business owners and residents will be of the opinion the regulations do not go far enough while the street entertainers will believe they are being over-regulated. The majority of Committee Members believe the proposed Bylaw strikes a balance between the extremes of banning street entertainment all together or simply allowing practices to continue that are inappropriate to the broader needs of the downtown community. It is the Committee's belief the proposed Bylaw is being sensitive to the concerns of residents, merchants and property owners while at the same time providing a reasonable number of street entertainment sites.

Recommendations: The Economic Development Standing Committee recommends that Council:

1. give first three readings to "STREET ENTERTAINER REGULATIONS BYLAW 2003 NO. 5602";
2. endorse the Street Entertainer Policies and Guidelines; and,
3. direct Staff to review the "STREET ENTERTAINER REGULATION BYLAW 2003 NO. 5602" and the Street Entertainer Policies and Guidelines in six months.

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Manhas that the recommendations be adopted with the following amendments to the "STREET ENTERTAINER REGULATION BYLAW 2003 NO. 5602" and the Street Entertainer Policies and Guidelines:

- (a) remove the entertainer location at 44 Commercial Street;
- (b) create an additional entertainer location at the Lion's Great Bridge; and,
- (c) require that all outstanding fines be paid before a suspended Street Entertainer Permit can be reinstated.

The motion carried.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councillor Manhas, seconded by Councillor Brennan at 10:46 a.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried.

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SENIOR MANAGER,  
CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION