MINUTES

REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE,
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2018-NOV-26 AT 4:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor L. Krog
Councillor S. D. Armstrong
Councillor D. Bonner
Councillor T. Brown
Councillor B. Geselbracht
Councillor E. Hemmens
Councillor Z. Maartman
Councillor I. W. Thorpe
Councillor J. Turley

Staff: J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer
R. J. Harding, Director of Parks and Recreation
D. Lindsay, Director of Community Development
B. Sims, Director of Engineering and Public Works
K. Fry, Fire Chief
L. Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community & Cultural Planning
D. Thompson, Manager, Sanitation, Recycling and Public Works Administration
T. Webb, Communications Consultant
M. Desrochers, Client Support Specialist
S. Gurrie, City Clerk
S. Snelgrove, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

(a) Agenda Item 6(e) DVP343 – 110 Fry Street and 114 Fry Street - Remove Delegation Hommy 5 Holdings.

(b) Councillor Maartman advised that she would be bringing forward a motion to permit delegations Chris Beaton, Executive Director of Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre, and Joy Bremner, President of the Mid Island Metis Nation 10 minutes to speak regarding Agenda Item 6(c).

It was moved and seconded that Agenda Item 6(c) Delegation from Chris Beaton, Executive Director of Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre, and Joy Bremner, President of the Mid Island Metis Nation be given 10 minutes to speak. The motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

4. DELEGATIONS (not related to a Report to Council):

(a) Delegation from Holden Southward regarding a new vision for Nanaimo

Holden Southward spoke regarding his vision for Nanaimo to become self-reliant and self determined. He spoke regarding the costs of government housing, repatriating foreign owned land, democracy without nationalism and living in a plutocracy.

(b) Delegation from John Hankins regarding the Mid-Island Business Initiative

John Hankins spoke regarding the history of the Mid-Island Business Initiative (MIBI), future projects and the purpose, which is to raise awareness of the Mid-Island region to attract and facilitate businesses to locate or invest in the area. MIBI meets once a month to discuss strategy. Members include professionals from education, business and construction sectors. MIBI has held marketing awareness campaigns, focussing on Vancouver and their target audience as business decision makers.

(c) Delegation from Chris Beaton, Executive Director of Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre, and Joy Bremner, President of the Mid Island Metis Nation, to introduce the Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre and Mis Island Metis Nation

Trent Warren Jack, member of Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre Youth Advisory Council, recognized elder in residence Sally Williams and spoke regarding National Indigenous People's Day June 21. Ms. Bremner and Mr. Beaton spoke regarding the event and requested $15,000 in support of the event. Mr. Beaton spoke regarding the Indigenous Peoples Place of Culture, partnerships, proposed location at Beban Park, funding sources and requested to work with Council and City Staff to restart conversations surrounding this project.

(d) Delegation from Arlin Sansome regarding outbuildings

Arlin Sansome requested that Council reassess the timelines for allowing fabric covered structures to remain on private property. He requested that the structures be permitted for longer periods of time than what is currently allowed. He suggested a time period of two years and requested that parameters be set in place regarding the cleanliness and condition of the structures.

(e) Delegation from Douglas Bender regarding DVP343 – 110 Fry Street and 114 Fry Street

Douglas Bender, member of the South End Community Association, supplied Council with a petition signed by 37 immediate neighbours of 110 and 114 Fry Street, in opposition to the siting of the containers and requested that Council deny any request from OMNI Foods to extend the length of time the refrigerated containers are

permitted on the property. He spoke regarding the decibel level, noise mitigation and provided a timeline of events.

(f) Delegation from Les Barclay regarding his Top 10 List for Nanaimo City Council 2018-2022

Les Barclay spoke regarding his top ten suggested priorities for Nanaimo's new City Council which include a transportation update, parks and recreation, Port Drive waterfront plan, housing, governing process, crime and public safety, core services review, downtown Nanaimo, stronger neighbourhoods and community groups and spending and taxation.

5. REPORTS:

(a) Regulation of Single-Use Plastic Checkout Bags

Introduced by Bill Sims, Director of Engineering and Public Works and Mr. David Thompson, Manager of Sanitation, Recycling and Public Works Administration.

It was moved and seconded that delegation Denis Hughes be given 10 minutes to speak regarding Agenda Item 7(a) Regulation of Single-Use Plastic Checkout Bags. The motion carried unanimously.

Delegation:

1. Denis Hughes spoke regarding the lack of progress regarding Council's motion one year ago to implement a bylaw to ban single-use checkout bags and the negative impact on the environment and negative impact of micro plastic on human health. He requested that Council implement a bylaw to ban the use of all single-use retail store bags.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to prepare a bylaw to regulate the use of single use checkout bags using the City of Victoria's bylaw as a model and prepare a consultation plan for Council's review. The motion carried.
Opposed: Councillor Turley

(b) Fire Station #1 Replacement Update

Introduced by Karen Fry, Fire Chief.

Presentation:

1. Karen Fry, Fire Chief, provided a presentation regarding the background of Fire Station #1, recommended development scenarios, timelines for development, phased implementation and involvement of Council in decision making.

It was moved and seconded that the Fire Station #1 Replacement Update report, dated 2018-NOV-26, be received for information. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Port Theatre Community Performing Arts Centre (CPAC) Update

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, Director of Community Development, and Lisa Bhopalsingh, Manager of Community and Cultural Planning.

Delegation:

1. Bruce Halliday, General Manager of the Port Theatre Society, spoke on behalf of the Port Theatre Board of Directors. He advised of the history of the project, the opportunity for short term and long term jobs, community consultation and the improved vibrancy of the downtown core and specifically the Diana Krall Plaza with this addition to the Port Theatre.

It was moved and seconded that the "Port Theatre Community Performing Arts Centre (CPAC) Update" report, dated 2018-NOV-26, be received for information. The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Turley vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 6:33 p.m.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Rise and Report from 2018-NOV-19 "In Camera" Council Meeting

Mayor Krog announced Council appointed Michelle Corfield as the City's representative to the Nanaimo Port Authority Board effective immediately, for a term ending 2021-JUN-30.

Councillor Turley returned to the Shaw Auditorium at 6:35 p.m.

7. QUESTION PERIOD:

- Debbie Trueman, re: Banning all single use checkout bags.
- Bill Manners, re: Consultation process regarding banning single use bags, amount of microns in plastic bags that will be banned, Council's 4.6 million dollar commitment to the Port Theatre.
- Les Barclay, re: Costs associated with the planning and design phase of Fire Hall #1, costs related to the Port Theatre addition project, operating costs the City would be responsible for once construction was completed.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:45 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CORPORATE OFFICER