

MINUTES
REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE,
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2019-FEB-11 AT 4:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor L. Krog
Councillor S. D. Armstrong
Councillor D. Bonner (arrived 4:31 p.m.)
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
Supt. C. Miller, OIC, Nanaimo Detachment RCMP
B. Corsan, Deputy Director of Community Development
J. Rose, Manager, Transportation
D. Thompson, Manager of Sanitation, Recycling and Public Works
Administration
K. Flood, Corporal, Nanaimo Detachment RCMP (vacated 7:00 pm)
D. Blackwood, Client Support Specialist (arrived 7:00 p.m.)
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.

Councillor Bonner entered the Douglas Rispin Room at 4:31 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Sheila Gurrie, City Clerk advised of one late item that falls under *Community Charter* section 90(2)(b).

3. PROCEDURAL MOTION:

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be closed to the public in order to deal with agenda items under the *Community Charter* Section 90(1):

- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (n) the consideration of whether a Council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2);

Community Charter Section 90(2):

- (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee of the Whole moved into "In Camera" at 4:32 p.m.

The Committee of the Whole moved out of "In Camera" at 6:56 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in the Shaw Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS: (continued)

- (b) Add Agenda Item 7(h) – delegation from Heather and Edward Ambo regarding property safety costs.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the following Minutes be adopted as circulated:

- Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2019-JAN-28 at 12:00 p.m.
- Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2019-JAN-28 at 4:30 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

(a) Delegation from John Dacombe regarding parking

John Dacombe spoke regarding problems with parking, pedestrians and bicycling in Nanaimo's older neighbourhoods. He specifically referenced Chestnut Street in the Brechin Hill area and cars parked on both sides of the street preventing access to homes. He provided a variety of solutions including strengthening bylaws, enforcing existing bylaws and reducing speed limits to 30 km/hr on residential streets.

(b) Delegation from Wanda Thompson regarding safer streets

Wanda Thompson spoke regarding safer streets for people of all abilities and those who walk, bike, drive and take transit. She spoke regarding Nanaimo's fragmented sidewalk network, cycling and pedestrian collisions in Nanaimo between 2013-2017, Nanaimo Transportation Master Plan, street design, complete streets that better integrate active transportation, making streets safer, community benefits and action on multiple levels.

(c) Delegation from Aaron Dixon regarding safe streets in Nanaimo

Aaron Dixon spoke regarding possibilities to make streets in the Brechin Hill area safer and extrapolate solutions to other areas of the City. He spoke regarding the Nanaimo Transportation Master Plan, Newcastle neighbourhood plan for enhanced local streets including pedestrian crossings, sidewalks and street trees. He provided shared street solutions, advised of various ways to implement safe streets including surface treatments, separation of modes and traffic flow using traffic diverters.

(d) Delegation from Janet Ismail regarding Labieux Supportive Housing Security and Crime Concerns

Janet Ismail spoke regarding seniors living in the area surrounding the Labieux Road Temporary Housing site and the personal impact of the site on residents. She requested that Council change the 2-5 year timeline for temporary housing to 1-2 years and provide monthly updates on prospective housing sites.

(e) Delegation from Joanne Sales and Lynn Kropinak regarding Broombusters Invasive Plant Society

Joanne Sales and Lynn Kropinak were not in attendance.

(f) Delegation from Chrissy Forsythe regarding 2020 Labieux Road Temporary Supportive Housing

Chrissy Forsythe spoke regarding the increase in thefts, assaults and break-ins in the area and their consequences. She requested that the City facilitate a meeting between Mayor and Council, RCMP, Crown Counsel, City management and community members. She spoke regarding the problems with the temporary supportive housing site and the need for stronger rules and action. She advised the

neighbourhood is not equipped to deal with this site and her communications with various agencies.

(g) Delegation from Marty Roberts and Hilary Harlow regarding 1400 Wingrove Street

Marty Roberts and Hilary Harlow spoke regarding their appearance before Council last year to request that the building at 1400 Wingrove Street be demolished or repaired. They spoke regarding the criminal element in the area due to the abandoned building, the lack of tax revenue to the City, hardships regarding selling property in the area and that the building has not been secured.

(h) Delegation from Heather and Edward Ambo regarding property safety costs

Heather Ambo spoke regarding security in the neighbourhood surrounding the Labieux Road Temporary Housing site. She spoke regarding the lack of communication from the City, RCMP, Pacifica and BC Housing. She spoke regarding the transfer of drugs in the neighbourhood, starting a block watch for the area, the need for correspondence and transparency and the importance of communication. Ms. Ambo requested that two councillors represent their community group and act in a liaison role.

7. REPORTS:

(a) New Horizons for Seniors Grant

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, Director of Community Development.

It was moved and seconded that the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council support the City of Nanaimo's participation in a collaborative Expression of Interest application to the Human Resources and Skills Development Canada New Horizons for Seniors Program for the purpose of enhancing social connectivity amongst adults 55 years and older. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Short-Term Rental Accommodation

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, Director of Community Development.

It was moved and seconded that the Short-Term Rental Accommodation report dated 2019-FEB-11 be received for information. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Consultation Plan - Single Use Checkout Bags Regulation

Introduced by Bill Sims, Director, Engineering and Public Works.

Presentation:

1. David Thompson, Manager of Sanitation, Recycling and Public Works Administration, provided a presentation regarding the communication plan for single-use checkout bags regulation including the objectives to inform, educate and listen.

It was moved and seconded that the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve the consultation plan as attached and add \$15,350 to the 2019 – 2023 Financial Plan, funded from General Taxation. The motion carried unanimously.

(d) Transportation Update 2019

Introduced by Bill Sims, Director, Engineering and Public Works.

Presentation:

1. Jamie Rose, Manager, Transportation, provided a presentation regarding 2019 transportation projects and the functions and duties of the transportation department. He spoke regarding transportation management, transportation challenges and opportunities, past projects and current projects.

It was moved and seconded that the Transportation Update 2019 report, dated 2019-FEB-11 be received for information. The motion carried unanimously.

8. QUESTION PERIOD:

- Ms. Janet Ismail, re: Labieux Road supportive housing site, payment for lease of land and future land acquisition for a permanent site.
- Mr. Wagar, re: Progress Council is making to identify permanent sites for supportive housing.

The Committee of the Whole moved “In Camera” at 8:59 p.m.
The Committee of the Whole moved out of “In Camera” at 9:39 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 9:40 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER