

**MINUTES**  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
BOARDROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE,  
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC  
MONDAY, 2019-MAR-04 AT 12:00 P.M.

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Present: Mayor L. Krog  
Councillor D. Bonner (arrived 12:44 p.m.)  
Councillor B. Geselbracht  
Councillor Z. Maartman  
Councillor I. W. Thorpe  
Councillor J. Turley

Absent: Councillor S. D. Armstrong  
Councillor T. Brown  
Councillor E. Hemmens

Staff: J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer  
R. J. Harding, Director of Parks and Recreation  
D. Lindsay, Director of Community Development (arrived 12:07 p.m.)  
B. Sims, Director of Engineering and Public Works (vacated 12:15 p.m.)  
J. Van Horne, Director of Human Resources  
D. LaBerge, Manager of Community Safety (arrived 12:05 p.m.)  
L. Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community & Cultural Planning (arrived 12:07 p.m.)  
J. Horn, Social Planner  
K. Kronstal, Social Planner  
D. Blackwood, Client Support Specialist (vacated 12:15 p.m.)  
S. Gurrie, City Clerk  
G. Whitters, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Special Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m.

D. LaBerge entered the Boardroom at 12:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

3. REPORTS:

(a) Strategic Plan Survey Results

Introduced by Jake Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer.

L. Bhopalsingh and D. Lindsay entered the Boardroom at 12:07 p.m.

Committee discussion took place regarding past public engagement processes and posting the draft strategic plan to the website.

It was moved and seconded that the Committee of the Whole:

1. receive the report titled “Strategic Plan Survey Results” dated 2019-MAR-04 for information; and,
2. recommend that Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a status and action report on the strategic themes and focus areas.

The motion carried unanimously.

D. Blackwood and B. Sims vacated the Boardroom at 12:15 p.m.

(b) Municipal Response to Health and Social Issues

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, Director of Community Development.

Presentations:

1. Lisa Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community & Cultural Planning, provided an overview of the plan for the Special Committee of the Whole meeting.
2. John Horn, Social Planner, provided a presentation regarding the Municipal Response to Health and Social Issues which included the following information:
  - Causes of homelessness including structural and relational factors and system failures
  - The relevant homelessness causes for the today’s discussion
  - Which level of government is responsible for what social and health services
  - Why health and social issues matter to local government
3. Dave LaBerge, Manager, Community Safety, provided a presentation which included the following information:
  - Impacts to community and enforcement responses
  - Areas that are being overtaken by homeless
  - Environmental impacts of homelessness
  - Departments that are responsible for cleanup and hazards that they encounter

- Businesses' concerns
- Needle cleanup strategies

Committee discussion took place regarding the Homeless Outreach Team, funding of the Overdose Prevention Site on Wesley Street and the future of the Community Policing Services Office.

Councillor Bonner entered the Boardroom at 12:44 p.m.

John Horn, Social Planner, continued his presentation which included the following information:

- Supervised Consumption Sites
- City of Nanaimo responses include: supportive housing, emergency shelters, rental supplements, urban cleanup program, needle disposal boxes, coordination across City departments, enhanced patrols, meal programs, affordable housing projects, and funding of local agencies
- Partnership structures and community partners

S. Gurrie vacated the Boardroom at 1:00 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that the report titled "Municipal Response to Health and Social Issues", dated 2019-MAR-04, be received for information. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Supervised Consumption Service

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, Director of Community Development.

Presentations:

1. Karin Kronstal, Social Planner, provided a presentation regarding supervised consumption service which included the following information:
  - Levels of services provided at an Overdose Prevention Site
  - Municipal Role in Supervised Consumption Site siting includes input into Federal Exemption Application and land use zoning
  - Zoning approach used in different communities
  - Current applicable zoning in Nanaimo

S. Gurrie returned to the Boardroom at 1:06 p.m.

- Zoning options include maintaining the status quo or considering Supervised Consumption Sites as part of a health service provision
- Public engagement relating to zoning options
- Rezoning approaches taken in Victoria, BC, and London, Ontario

Dr. Hasselback, Medical Health Officer for Central Vancouver Island, provided a presentation regarding Nanaimo Opioid Overdose Update which included the following information:

- Engagement with previous Council and committees
- The purpose of an overdose prevention site
- Success of Insite (Safe Injection Site) in Vancouver
- Siting considerations for a Supervised Injection Site
- Dispersal of calls for attendance to overdoses across Nanaimo
- New therapies to address addictions
- Results of the encampment at Port Place
- Modernizing language in zoning bylaw
- Barriers going forward until zoning bylaw is resolved

Committee discussion took place regarding:

- Funding of the Supervised Consumption Sites
- Support, funding and current services available for detox and rehabilitation
- Earlier intervention activities
- Establishment of opiate agonist treatments
- Cannabis encouraged to replace opiates addiction
- Providing substances to those with substance abuse disorders
- Most overdose fatalities occurring in private residences with a small fraction occurring in shelters or in the street

It was moved and seconded that the report titled “Supervised Consumption Service” dated 2019-MAR-04 be received for information. The motion carried unanimously.

(d) Daytime Drop-In Centre Options

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, Director of Community Development.

R. Harding and S. Gurrie vacated the Boardroom at 2:04 p.m.  
Councillor Geselbracht vacated the Boardroom at 2:04 p.m.

Presentations:

1. John Horn, Social Planner, and Karin Kronstal, Social Planner, provided a presentation regarding a daytime drop-in resource centre which included the following information:
  - Collection of concerns from downtown businesses
  - Library downtown being used as a resource centre for the homeless

R. Harding returned to the Boardroom at 2:06 p.m.

- Benefits of the drop-in centre
- Past drop-in centres in Nanaimo

Councillor Geselbracht returned to the Boardroom at 2:09 p.m.  
S. Gurrie returned to the Boardroom at 2:12 p.m.

The presentation continued regarding:

- Scope of services to be provided
- Potential partnership with Our Place Society
- Siting considerations
- Working with all providers in community
- How does the drop-in centre fit in the strategic plan
- Who would be the driver to move the project forward

It was moved and seconded that the report titled “Daytime Drop-in Resource Centre Update”, dated 2019-MAR-04, be received for information. The motion carried unanimously.

4. QUESTION PERIOD:

No one in attendance wished to ask questions.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 2:33 p.m. p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CORPORATE OFFICER