

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE,
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2019-APR-08, AT 4:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor L. Krog, Chair
Councillor S. D. Armstrong
Councillor D. Bonner
Councillor T. Brown (vacated 7:15 p.m.)
Councillor B. Geselbracht
Councillor E. Hemmens
Councillor Z. Maartman
Councillor I. W. Thorpe
Councillor J. Turley

Staff: J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Lindsay, Director, Community Development (arrived 5:07 p.m., vacated 5:53 p.m.)
B. Sims, Director, Engineering and Public Works
Supt. C. Miller, OIC, Nanaimo Detachment RCMP (arrived 4:33 p.m., vacated 5:07 p.m.)
K. Fry, Fire Chief (vacated 5:41 p.m.)
L. Mercer, Acting Director, Financial Services (vacated 5:48 p.m.)
B. Corsan, Deputy Director, Community Development (arrived 5:07 p.m., vacated 5:53 p.m.)
E. Williams, Manager, Recreation Services (arrived 4:54 p.m., vacated 5:52 p.m.)
J. Rose, Manager, Transportation (vacated 6:05 p.m.)
D. Blackwood, Client Support Specialist (vacated 6:05 p.m.)
S. Gurrie, City Clerk
S. Snelgrove, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Special Council Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

3. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Krog advised that members of Council are attending the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Convention (AVICC) in Powell River next week. AVICC is a gathering of local politicians from the Vancouver Island community. It is an opportunity to interact with colleagues, network and see if Council can do things cooperatively that assist in

minimizing tax increases, protecting the environment and ensuring good practices are adopted across the board.

Supt. C. Miller entered the Shaw Auditorium at 4:33 p.m.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) Superintendent Cameron Miller, OIC, Nanaimo Detachment RCMP, to provide a presentation regarding Quarterly Review and Council Priorities

Superintendent Cameron Miller, OIC, Nanaimo Detachment RCMP, provided a presentation regarding the RCMP detachment's quarterly update including increased calls for service at temporary shelters, increase in overall homelessness, increase in fatal motor vehicle accidents, traffic enforcement activities and special projects. He requested that Council identify priorities and to meet with Council at a future "In Camera" meeting to discuss initiatives and priorities for the coming year.

E. Williams entered the Shaw Auditorium at 4:54 p.m.

Supt. Miller vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 5:07 p.m.

5. DELEGATIONS:

- (a) Delegation from ACE Nanaimo regarding Downtown Nanaimo

Nigel Neufeld, Michaela Binda, Sara Holmes and Sarah Vowles, ACE Nanaimo, provided a presentation regarding their proposal for a revitalization project in Downtown Nanaimo to connect tourists and residents with an app which provides maps of Nanaimo, bus schedules and events. They recommended installing an art wall and community garden in Diana Krall Plaza and a skate park in Maffeo Sutton Park.

- (b) Delegation from Graham Truax, Innovation Island, regarding Innovate BC Initiatives

Graham Truax, Innovation Island, provided a presentation regarding Innovate BC initiatives that are delivered by Innovation Island and spoke regarding their role to provide funding and support idea development for the emerging tech community.

D. Lindsay and B. Corsan entered the Shaw Auditorium at 5:07 p.m.

6. REPORTS:

- (a) Departure Bay Waterfront Walkway Feasibility Study

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, Director, Community Development.

Presentation:

1. Bill Corsan, Deputy Director of Community Development, provided a presentation regarding the waterfront walkway including the implementation plan, individual sections of the walkway, a progress update, options for Departure Bay area near Northfield Creek, next steps and process.

K. Fry vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 5:41 p.m.

L. Mercer vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 5:48 p.m.

E. Williams vacated the Shaw Auditorium 5:52 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that the report titled "Departure Bay Waterfront Walkway Feasibility Study", dated 2019-APR-08, be received for information. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Corsan and D. Lindsay vacated the Douglas Rispin Room at 5:53 p.m.

Councillor Armstrong vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 5:54 p.m.

(b) Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Findings and Recommendations

Introduced by Sheila Gurrie, City Clerk.

It was moved and seconded that Council endorse Staff's initiatives to endeavor to comply with all of the recommendations of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of British Columbia. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant Opportunity Follow Up

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

Councillor Armstrong returned to the Shaw Auditorium at 5:57 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to:

1. participate in the Mid-Island Electric Vehicle Network Project and associated CleanBC Communities Fund Application with the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) as the lead applicant;
2. allocate up to \$24,000 from within the 2019-2023 Financial Plan for the installation of four public electric vehicle charging stations at City-owned sites within the community;
3. amend the 2019-2023 Financial Plan to add the charging stations project to 2019 for \$80,000 including private (grant) contributions and City share, and,
4. collaborate with RDN Staff to select specific locations within the area that optimize coverage.

The motion carried.

Opposed: Councillor Armstrong

7. QUESTION PERIOD:

No one in attendance wished to ask questions.

8. PROCEDURAL MOTION TO PROCEED IN CAMERA:

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

- (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;
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;

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 Special Council meeting moved “In Camera” at 6:05 p.m.

The Special Council meeting recessed at 7:17 p.m.

The Special Council meeting reconvened at 7:21 p.m. and moved “In Camera”.

The Special Council meeting moved out of “In Camera” at 8:01 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 8:02 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER