

MINUTES
REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE,
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2018-MAR-12 AT 4:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor W. B. McKay, Chair
Councillor S. D. Armstrong
Councillor W. L. Bestwick (arrived 4:36 p.m.)
Councillor G. W. Fuller (vacated 8:23 p.m.)
Councillor J. Hong
Councillor I. W. Thorpe
Councillor W. M. Yoachim

Absent: Councillor M. D. Brennan
Councillor J. A. Kipp

Staff: D. Lindsay, Director of Community Development
K. Fry, Fire Chief and Director of Public Safety (vacated at 7:20 p.m.)
L. Mercer, Manager Accounting Services (arrived 4:46, p.m., vacated 8:31 p.m.)
W. Fulla, Manager, Business, Asset & Financial Planning (arrived 4:46 p.m., vacated 8:31 p.m.)
A. Britton, Manager, Parks Operations (vacated 6:29 p.m.)
C. Davis, Manager of Sanitation, Recycling & Public Works Admin (arrived 6:42 p.m., vacated 8:31 p.m.)
J. Elliot, Senior Manager of Public Works (arrived 6:42 p.m., vacated 8:31 p.m.)
K. Kronstal, Social Planner (vacated 5:27 p.m.)
D. Stevens, Supervisor, Applications Support
S. Gurrie, City Clerk
J. Vanderhoef, 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 13(a) – Don Hubbard to provide Council with an introduction and purpose of the new Nanaimo Serauxman Stadium Board of Directors in partnership with the City of Nanaimo – change presenters name to Dr. Lorne Goodall and add correspondence from Nanaimo Minor Baseball Association, dated 2018-MAR-08.
- (b) Councillor Armstrong advised that Alison Evans was in attendance and wished to address Council as a late delegation regarding the use of needles in public spaces.

It was moved and seconded that Alison Evans be permitted to address Council as a late delegation, under Agenda Item 9 – Public Safety, regarding the use of needles in public spaces, with a five-minute time limitation. The motion carried unanimously.

- (c) Councillor Yoachim advised that Matthew O'Donnell was in attendance and wished to address Council as a late delegation regarding tents at City Hall.

It was moved and seconded that Matthew O'Donnell be permitted to address Council as a late delegation, under Agenda Item 9 – Public Safety, regarding tents at City Hall, with a five-minute time limitation. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the 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, 2018-FEB-26 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Bestwick entered the Shaw Auditorium at 4:36 p.m.
W. Fulla and L. Mercer entered the Shaw Auditorium at 4:46 p.m.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Fire Rescue 2017 Summary Report

Karen Fry, Fire Chief and Director of Public Safety, provided a summary of the 2017 Fire Rescue statistics and ongoing projects.

(b) Presentation from Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council on Youth Public Transportation

Michael Ribicic, Chair, Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council, provided a presentation regarding transit issues affecting youth.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY:

- (a) Alison Evans spoke regarding safety concerns relating to Comox Park and requested that nightly security patrols, and morning sweeps of the park and neighbouring Ecole Pauline Haarer continue.

K. Kronstal vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 5:27 p.m.

- (b) Matthew O'Donnell and Kevin Donahue spoke regarding the tents at City Hall and requested urgent action regarding issues of homelessness and drug overdoses throughout the City.

Mayor McKay read aloud correspondence received from the Province regarding funding for Modular Housing and requested that this correspondence be included on the next scheduled Council Meeting agenda 2018-MAR-19.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

It was moved and seconded that Council support the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council attending the Regional District of Nanaimo Transit Select Committee, for the purpose of presenting identified priorities of youth for public transportation improvements. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to meet with School Board staff, and any relevant third parties, to discuss needles, clean-up, roles/responsibilities, and security, this week; and return to Council with feedback during the next regular scheduled Council Meeting 2018-MAR-19. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- (a) Dr. Lorne Goodall provided an introduction and overview of the new Nanaimo Serauxman Stadium Board of Directors and spoke regarding improvement plans for the Serauxman Stadium.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting recessed at 6:29 p.m.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting reconvened at 6:42 p.m.

- (b) Ilan Goldenblatt spoke regarding Nanaimo Recycling Exchange and the service it provides to the community. He requested that Council support the proposed model put forward by the Nanaimo Recycling Exchange.
- (c) Ben Geselbracht, Vice Chair of the Nanaimo Recycling Exchange and Member of the Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan Committee, spoke regarding the service Nanaimo Recycling Exchange provides to the community and the possible affect its closure may have on recycling practices.

K. Fry vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 7:20 p.m.

- (d) Jan Hastings spoke regarding the Nanaimo Recycling Exchange outgrowing their current space and what has been done to this point in an effort to build a new facility. She requested that the City provide Nanaimo Recycling Exchange with \$6.05 million to construct a new Nanaimo Recycling Exchange building on lands recently purchased by Nanaimo Recycling Exchange.

Councillor Fuller vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 8:23 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to prepare a report on options to financially support the \$6.05 million dollar request of the Nanaimo Recycling Exchange to build a new facility. The motion carried.

Opposed: Councillor Bestwick

C. Davis, J. Elliot, W. Fulla and L. Mercer vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 8:31 p.m.

9. QUESTION PERIOD:

- Dorothy Houghton re: overdose numbers and the comprehensive homeless strategy.
- Ron Bolin re: time frames for identifying eligible properties for the modular housing and access to a Regional District of Nanaimo “In Camera” report regarding Nanaimo Recycling Exchange.
- Ian Gartshore re: allocation of moneys received from Recycle BC, preparing a business plan for Nanaimo Recycling Exchange and services provided by Nanaimo Recycling Exchange.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 8:51 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER