



AGENDA

COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 6, 2018, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Board Room, Service and Resource Centre,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC

Pages

1. **CALL THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE TO ORDER:**
2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:**
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Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Community Vitality Committee held in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2018-MAY-02 at 4:30 pm.
5. **PRESENTATIONS:**
 - a. **Organ Donation Program by Ron Walker, Kidney Foundation of Canada** 6 - 8

[Note: Council referred this item to the Community Vitality Committee during the 2018-MAY-14 Special Council Meeting.]
 - b. **Point in Time Homeless Census by John Horn, Social Planner**

John Horn, Social Planner, to provide a presentation regarding a homeless count being conducted by the federal government's Homeless Partnering Strategy with communities locally and across Canada.
6. **REPORTS:**
7. **OTHER BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Information Item: New Committee Members**

On 2018-MAY-14, Council approved two new at-large members (James Bowen and Julia Stevens) to the Community Vitality Committee, for a term ending 2018-DEC-31.

b. Information Item: High School Poetry Competition Winners

The winners of the High School Poetry competition and Nanaimo's Youth Poet Laureate Kailey DeFehr will attend the 2018-JUN-11 Council Meeting to read their poems.

- 1st Place: "Untitled" by Jesse Nicholas Brittain
- 2nd Place: "Open Curtains; She is My Moon" by Isabella Cooper
- 3rd Place: "Ocean of Jubilation" by Rachel Ward

c. Information Item: Temporary Public Art Installed in City Parks and Public Spaces

During Public Art Week, eleven new pieces of temporary public art were installed in City parks and public spaces.

8. QUESTION PERIOD:

9. ADJOURNMENT:

MINUTES
OPEN COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
WEDNESDAY, 2018-MAY-02, AT 4:30 PM

PRESENT: Members: Councillor G.W. Fuller, Chair
 Dennis McMahon
 Ingrid Sly
 Paula Waatainen
 Rob McGregor

 Absent: Erin Hemmens

 Staff: Karin Kronstal, Social Planner (vacated 5:30 pm)
 Sheila Gurrie, City Clerk (vacated 4:54 pm)
 Sky Snelgrove, Steno Coordinator (vacated 4:54 pm)
 Rebecca Buckler, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE OPEN COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Open Community Vitality Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

There were no late items.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Community Vitality Committee held in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2018-APR-04 at 4:30 pm be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Meeting Procedures by Sheila Gurrie, City Clerk, and Sky Snelgrove, Steno Coordinator

Sheila Gurrie, City Clerk, attended the meeting to provide a presentation on Committee procedures and practices. Her presentation included an overview of the Committee Operating Guidelines and Council Procedure Bylaw, role of Committee members, and meeting basics.

Sheila Gurrie, City Clerk, and Sky Snelgrove, Steno Coordinator, vacated the Board Room at 4:54 pm.

(b) Affordable Housing Strategy Update by Karin Kronstal, Social Planner

Karin Kronstal, Social Planner, attended the meeting to provide an update on the City of Nanaimo's Affordable Housing Strategy Discussion Paper and process to date. Once complete, the deliverables will be two-fold: firstly, a Discussion Paper (complete); and secondly, a Strategy / Implementation Plan.

Her presentation included an overview of the process to date, the policy and data review, a summary of the public and stakeholder engagement completed to date (including the recently held Housing Expo), the top issues identified, and issue and policy options.

The next step (Phase 4: Draft Strategy) will kick off with a meeting with the internal advisory group to review and prioritize policies items for the consultant to use to create the Strategy / Implementation Plan.

Committee Comments:

- Infill and densification cannot be realized without improved transit options.
- Mixed uses (including commercial) are required in order to keep people in their own community
- Expectations of those seeking housing may need to be managed.
- Developers should explore potential of redeveloping empty mall sites.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Information Item: Immigrant Welcome Ceremony – Date Change

The City of Nanaimo's annual Immigrant Welcome Ceremony date has been changed to Saturday, 2018-JUN-23 and will be held from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.

(b) Information Item: Local Immigrant Partnership Launch

On 2018-MAY-14, Nanaimo's Local Immigrant Partnership Launch will be held from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Port Theatre Lobby.

(c) Information Item: Public Art Week (May 14 to 18, 2018)

The City of Nanaimo is celebrating Public Art Week from May 14 to 18, 2018. Eleven new pieces of temporary art were approved for 2018 and will be installed in City parks and public spaces over the course of the week.

It was moved and seconded that the following Information Items be received as circulated:

- Immigrant Welcome Ceremony – Date Change
- Local Immigrant Partnership Launch
- Public Art Week (May 14 to 18, 2018)

The motion carried unanimously.

Karin Kronstal, Social Planner, vacated the Board Room at 5:30 pm.

7. QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no members of the public in attendance wishing to ask questions.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Paula Waatainen vacated the Board Room at 5:31 pm.

It was moved and seconded at 5:32 pm that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER

From: Kelly Gerard

Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 8:16 AM

To: Gordon Fuller <Gordon.Fuller@nanaimo.ca>; Bruce Anderson <Bruce.Anderson@nanaimo.ca>; Chris Sholberg <Chris.Sholberg@nanaimo.ca>

Subject: Delegation from the Special Council Meeting - May 14, 2018

Good morning,

Mr. Ron Walker was a delegation at the Special Council meeting on Monday. Council made a motion to refer this item to the Community Vitality Committee.

The consensus was to invite him to a Community Vitality meeting to speak about the resolution he would like Council to pass in support of the Organ Donation Program from The Kidney Foundation of Canada. The handout he brought for Council is attached and explains better the UBCM resolution.

Ron Walker, Past President, BC and Yukon Branch, the Kidney Foundation of Canada, requested that the City of Nanaimo pass a resolution in support of the Organ Donor Program in line with the resolution of the Union of BC Municipalities.

It was moved and seconded that Council refer this item to the Community Vitality Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENT
for
DELEGATION TO NANAIMO CITY COUNCIL, MAY 14TH
by
THE KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF CANADA

At its 2016 conference UBCM passed the following motion:

“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call upon Mayors and Council Members to accept the Kidney Foundation’s challenge to *Save Lives Through Organ Donation* in their communities and to work with the Foundation to increase the number of people registered as organ donors in their respective communities.”

At the 2017 conference, a number of municipal legislators (although, regrettably, none from Nanaimo) stopped by our booth to talk with us about the issue and to be videotaped for presentation of their comments on our Youtube program “*Plugged In*” which runs in Nanaimo 4 days a week on Shaw Cable.

Our purpose here today is to request that the City of Nanaimo pass a resolution in support of the Organ Donor programme, in line with the resolution of the UBCM.

THE ISSUE

The medical community estimates, based on its experience, that 1 Canadian in 10 is living with Chronic Kidney Disease, although most of them don’t know it. Why not? Because it’s a disease with no symptoms until the patient has lost about 80% of his/her kidney function. Based on census numbers, that means that there could be as many as 9,000 citizens of Nanaimo living unknowingly with this disease.

Kidney disease is a chronic progressive disease in which the kidneys gradually lose their ability to cope with their primary purpose of filtering toxins out of the blood stream. When the kidneys finally fail altogether, the life expectancy is about 5-7 days unless therapy is instituted.. There is no cure for kidney disease today - just two forms of therapy: *dialysis*, which is intended as a short term process to remove toxins from the bloodstream through a flushing process, and transplantation, the process of replacing the failed kidney with a new organ from a donor, either living or deceased. In British Columbia in 2016, there were 305 kidney transplants completed, with 210 of them from deceased donors and 95 from living donors.

THE IMPACT OF ORGAN DONATION

Organ transplantation is the best and most permanent therapy available to a kidney patient, while dialysis is intended as a temporary life-sustaining therapy for a patient awaiting the opportunity for a transplant. Kidney patients on dialysis in BC can expect to wait for about five years to receive a new kidney, depending upon the patient’s blood type. The expectation is that about half of those patients will die on the waiting list.

(Over)

With about 300 transplants taking place each year, and with this number limited by the supply of organs, the successful transplants do not match the number of patients on the “official” waiting list, which runs between 300 and 400 patients. Significantly, there are probably another 400-500 patients waiting to get on the “official” list..

The success of the transplant program is heavily dependent upon deceased donors, as illustrated by the figures above for 2016. In 2016, a survey commissioned by The Kidney Foundation’s BCY Branch showed that some 90% of BC residents approved of organ transplantation, but at the time of the survey, only about 18% had registered with the organ donor data bank. Surprisingly some 51% of respondents believed that they had become organ donors through a sticker on their driver’s licence - a process that was discontinued 18 years ago with the advent of the on-line data bank.!

In order to become a donor a registrant needs to die in a trauma situation such as an auto accident or some similar trauma. A death from “old age” disqualifies the registrant from being a donor. As a result only about 2-3% of registered donors will ever become an actual donor.

In response to the information revealed by the survey, the BCY Branch undertook to increase the number of registered donors by 50% over 5 years, ending in 2021. With the assistance of the BC Service Centres, the number of registered donors has been increased to about 25% of the BC population - but we are only about half way to our goal.

OUR REQUEST

We are asking the City of Nanaimo to join us in providing education to our citizens about this problem. We would like to discuss with the City how we might partner in moving towards our goal in Nanaimo. Tonight’s request is a first step in that process, and we respectfully request your positive consideration.