

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE,
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2018-JAN-22, AT 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor W. B. McKay, Chair

Members: Councillor S. D. Armstrong
Councillor W. L. Bestwick
Councillor M. D. Brennan (arrived 7:00 p.m.)
Councillor G. W. Fuller
Councillor J. Hong
Councillor J. A. Kipp
Councillor I. W. Thorpe (arrived 7:00 p.m.)

Absent: Councillor W. M. Yoachim

Staff: T. Samra, Chief Administrative Officer
V. Mema, Chief Financial Officer (arrived 7:00 p.m.)
N. Mloyi, Interim Deputy Director, Financial Services (arrived 7:00 p.m.)
D. Lindsay, Director of Community Development (arrived 6:50 p.m.)
J. Van Horne, Director of Human Resources (arrived 5:42 p.m.,
vacated 6:40 p.m.)
D. Blackwood, Client Support Specialist (arrived 6:40 p.m.)
S. Gurrie, City Clerk (vacated 6:40 p.m.)
S. Griffin, Steno
S. Snelgrove, Deputy Corporate Officer and Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Special Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. 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*.

Section 90(1) A part of a Council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and,
- (n) the consideration of whether a Council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2).

The motion carried unanimously.

Council moved “In Camera” at 5:00 p.m.
Council moved out of “In Camera” at 6:40 p.m.
The Open meeting recessed at 6:40 p.m.

S. Griffin and S. Snelgrove returned to the Shaw Auditorium at 6:41 p.m.

The Open meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Remove Agenda Item 5 (a) 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-JAN-08, at 4:30 p.m.
- (b) Agenda Item 9 (a) Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw – Add report titled “2017-2021 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw”.
- (c) Agenda Item 10 (a) Draft Terms of Reference for Council’s Ad-hoc Cannabis Task Force – Add delegation from Matthew O’Donnell.
- (d) Agenda Item 10 (c) - Add report titled “Nanaimo Citizens Advocacy Request for Assistance”.

Councillor Kipp advised that he would be bringing forward a late item regarding a Montreal Canadiens alumni charity hockey game to benefit Loaves and Fishes. Mayor McKay advised it would be discussed under Agenda Item 7 Mayor’s Report.

Councillor Fuller advised that Allison Evans was in attendance and wished to address Council as a late delegation regarding Agenda Item 10 (b) Shower Program for the Homeless.

It was moved and seconded that Council add to Agenda Item 7 Mayor’s Report a discussion regarding a Montreal Canadiens alumni charity hockey game to benefit Loaves and Fishes. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council add Allison Evans as a late delegation with a five minute time limit regarding Agenda Item 10 (b) Shower Program for the Homeless. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) Michael Lowry, Communications Manager, Western Canada Marine Response Corporation
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Michael Lowry, Communications Manager, Western Canada Marine Response Corporation, provided a presentation regarding construction of a new on-water spill response base in Nanaimo.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Councillor Kipp advised that on Sunday, February 18, 2018, at Frank Crane Arena, Montreal Canadiens alumni will play a charity hockey game to benefit Loaves and Fishes. Autograph signing will be available and tickets are on sale now.

7. ADMINISTRATION:

- (a) 2018 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Resolutions

Introduced by Sky Snelgrove, Deputy Corporate Officer.

Council advised they would like resolutions regarding the following topics:

- Strengthened ramifications regarding breaches of confidentiality
- Three year council term vs. four year Council term
- Wording to ban the retail sales of pets in pet stores

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. identify resolution topics for submission to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities for the 2018 Annual General Meeting; and,
2. direct Staff to prepare draft wording of resolutions for approval at the 2018-FEB-05 Council Meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) 2018 Appointments to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Directors

Introduced by Sky Snelgrove, Deputy Corporate Officer.

It was moved and seconded that Council appoint Councillor Brennan as the trustee and Councillor Hong as the alternate to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board for a one-year term, 2018-JAN-01 to 2018-DEC-31. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Council Appointments to the Public Works and Engineering Committee

Introduced by Sky Snelgrove, Deputy Corporate Officer

It was moved and seconded that Council appoint Councillor Brennan as chair and Councillor Armstrong as alternate chair to the Public Works and Engineering Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

8. CORPORATE SERVICES:

(a) 2017-2021 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw

Introduced by Victor Mema, Chief Financial Officer.

It was moved and seconded that “Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 2018 No. 7234.03” (To amend the 2017 – 2021 Financial Plan) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 2018 No. 7234.03” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 2018 No. 7234.03” pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

9. PUBLIC SERVICES:

(a) Draft Terms of Reference for Council's Ad-hoc Cannabis Task Force

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, Director of Community Development.

Delegation:

1. Matthew O'Donnell spoke in support of staff's recommendation and suggested an additional member from the cannabis industry and an additional member from the community at large be added to the committee.

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. endorse the proposed Terms of Reference for the Ad-hoc Cannabis Task Force; and,
2. appoint Councillor Kipp as the Chair of the Ad-hoc Cannabis Task Force.

It was moved and seconded that the motion be amended to add an additional representative from the community at large to the Cannabis Task Force. The motion was defeated.

Opposed: Councillors Armstrong, Fuller, Hong, Thorpe

It was moved and seconded that the motion be amended to add two representatives from cannabis industry to the Cannabis Task Force. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Armstrong and Thorpe*

The vote was taken on the main motion as amended as follows:

It was moved and seconded that Council

1. endorse the proposed Terms of Reference for the Ad-hoc Cannabis Task Force;
2. appoint Councillor Kipp as the Chair of the Ad-hoc Cannabis Task Force; and,
3. add two representatives from cannabis industry to the Cannabis Task Force (for a total of two representatives).

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McKay vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 8:06 p.m. Acting Mayor Hong assumed the Chair.

(b) Shower Program for the Homeless

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, Director of Community Development.

Delegation:

1. Alison Evans spoke regarding the increase in discarded needles, transient residents and homelessness near Ecole Pauline Haarer Elementary and the dangers and safety concerns facing children in the area in relation to garbage and used needles found on the school and City property.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the use of Caledonia Park sports field shower facility with a staff person from the Unitarian Extreme Weather Shelter managing access, use and safety and volunteer support from other community partners, and approve a budget of \$40,000 to implement the Shower Program for a one-year period. The motion carried. Opposed: *Councillor Bestwick*

Councillor Fuller vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 8:47 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that Council allocate \$10,000 from Council's contingency fund for 3 months, January, February and March 2018, to fund the shower program for the homeless and direct Staff to determine where funding can be allocated from in the future. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Nanaimo Citizen Advocacy Request for Assistance

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, Director of Community Development.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to provide a one-time financial contribution to Nanaimo Citizen Advocacy Association in the amount of \$10,000 to come from Council's contingency fund. The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Fuller returned to the Shaw Auditorium at 8:50 pm

10. QUESTION PERIOD:

- Ron Bolin, re: 2018 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities resolutions and community input.
- Ron Bolin re: 2017-2021 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw and impact on 2018 rates,
- Dorothy Houghton re: Shower Program for the Homeless clarification regarding motion.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 9:01 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER