

MINUTES
OPEN COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
TUESDAY, 2017-SEP-19, AT 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Members: Councillor D. M. Brennan, Acting Chair
 D. Appell
 M. Beaudoin-Lobb
 C. Brown
 T. Brown
 A. Griffin
 P. Reynes
 R. Steele
 K. Wardstrom

 Absent: Councillor J. A. Kipp, Chair
 Councillor G. W. Fuller
 G. Adrienne
 R. Finnegan

 Staff: B. Zurek, Planner
 P. Humphreys, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Open Community Planning and Development Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Chair Councillor Kipp was absent. By unanimous consent, Councillor Brennan assumed the Chair.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

(a) Dan Appell advised that he would be bringing forward two items under Agenda Item 7 Other Business, as follows:

 7 a. Terminal/Nicol Street Corridor Status; and,

 7 b. Rail to Trail Plan Status.

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 Community Planning and Development Committee rescind the following motion:

“It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Community Planning and Development Committee held in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Tuesday, 2017-JUN-20 at 5:00 p.m. be adopted as amended to show Committee member Colin Brown in attendance.”

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Community Planning and Development Committee held in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Tuesday, 2017-JUN-20 at 5:00 p.m. be adopted as amended to show Committee members Colin Brown and Daniel Appell in attendance. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Community Planning and Development Committee held in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Tuesday, 2017-JUL-18 at 5:00 p.m. be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) B. Zurek, Planner, provided a presentation regarding the Hospital Area Plan process update. Consultants have been secured to conduct separate studies of parking, transportation and streetscape design needs. An online survey has been concluded and results are currently being analyzed. An outline of preliminary results from stakeholder groups and survey feedback was included in the presentation. Next steps include stakeholder meetings on 2017-OCT-19 and 2017-OCT-24, and a second online survey to run from 2017-OCT-15 through 2017-NOV-15.

It was moved and seconded that the Community Planning and Development Committee receive the presentation regarding the Hospital Area Plan process update. The motion carried unanimously.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) Terminal/Nicol Corridor Status

D. Appell requested an update of the progress regarding the Terminal Nicol Corridor planning project that was initiated in 2016. B. Zurek advised that the plan was in progress but that its completion date could not be accurately estimated at this time.

- (b) Rail to Trail Plan Status

D. Appell asked for clarification of Council's current position regarding changing the land use of the E&N Railroad from railway tracks to trails. The request was spurred by comments from committee members at the 2017-JUL-18 Community Planning and

Development Committee meeting that he understood indicated Council had decided to get rid of railways entirely in favour of replacing the rail track routes with trails. He feels this is a critical land use issue that will affect both current and future projects in Nanaimo. He would like confirmation that related decisions by Council are made in a fully informed way through a report considering all costs and benefits associated when comparing a trail/track or trail only system.

Councillor Brennan clarified that Council has not made any official resolutions regarding the removal of rail tracks along the E&N Railway. This decision would involve all parties involved along the entire distance of the railway, including the Island Corridor Foundation, Regional District of Nanaimo, and First Nations. The intricate relationships and agreements between all parties makes it a complicated issue that will likely not be concluded in the near future.

By unanimous consent, the Committee decided not to pursue Council authorization for a Staff report on the railroad land use status at this time.

7. QUESTION PERIOD:

- Ms. Dorothy Houghton, re: transit service to accommodate hospital shift workers to be considered in the Hospital Area Plan studies; and, to note that although a goal of the Plan is to allow more restaurants near the hospital for staff, many workers have too short a lunch break to allow for this.

It was confirmed by Staff that transit service would be an important factor included in the Hospital Area Plan studies. It was suggested that Ms. Houghton bring up the transit issues at an upcoming meeting of the Regional District of Nanaimo's Transit Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:26 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.



ACTING CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



CORPORATE OFFICER