



AGENDA COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 7, 2017, 4:30 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:**
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**
4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

- a. **Minutes**

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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, 2017-MAY-03 at 4:30 p.m.

5. **PRESENTATIONS:**
 - a. **Mr. Chris Sholberg, Culture/Heritage Planner, to provide an update regarding the Heritage Façade and Heritage Home Grants Programs.**
 - b. **Mr. Bruce Anderson to provide a presentation regarding "A Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo 2014-2020"**
6. **REPORTS:**

- a. **Tommy Douglas Memorial Plaque Location**

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Purpose of Report

To present information about a proposed Tommy Douglas Memorial Plaque and request the Community Vitality Committee to determine a location for the plaque.

Recommendation

That the Community Vitality Committee choose one of ten identified sites for the location of a Tommy Douglas Memorial Plaque, along with one back-up site, as directed by Council.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Dennis McMahon - A Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo 2013-2020

At the Regular Community Vitality Committee Meeting held 2017-MAY-03, Dennis McMahon advised that he would be bringing forward the following Notice of Motion to the Regular Community Vitality Meeting scheduled for 2017-JUN-07:

“Whereas on 2014-MAR-10, the City has adopted *A Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo 2013-2020*;

Whereas the actions recommended in this document have not been prioritized;

Whereas this document has not been updated in three years:

Be it resolved that *A Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo 2013-2020* be added to the 2017 Annual Strategic Directions for the Community Vitality Committee as Item 13; and,

Be it further resolved that the Committee devise a strategy to review, update and prioritize the plan with recommendations to City Council for inclusion in the City’s Cultural and Financial Plan.”

8. QUESTION PERIOD:

9. ADJOURNMENT:

MINUTES
OPEN COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
WEDNESDAY, 2017-MAY-03, AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Members: Councillor G. W. Fuller, Chair
 Councillor M. D. Brennan
 Dennis McMahon
 Erin Hemmens
 Ingrid Sly
 Paula Waatainen (vacated at 5:49 p.m.)
 Rob McGregor (arrived at 4:46 p.m.)

 Absent: Councillor J. Hong
 Councillor W. M. Yoachim
 Michele Green

 Staff: Bruce Anderson, Manager, Community and Cultural Planning
 Chris Barfoot, Culture & Heritage Coordinator
 John Horn, Social Planner
 Karin Kronstal, Social Planner
 Peggi Humphreys, Recording Secretary

1. CALL COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Open Community Vitality Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

- (a) D. McMahon advised that he would be bringing forward an item under Other Business regarding electing a vice-chair for the committee.
- (b) D. McMahon advised that he would be bringing forward a Notice of Motion regarding a review of *A Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo 2013-2020*.

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 Open Meeting of the Community Vitality Committee held in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2017-APR-05 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) 2017 Strategic Directions for the Community Vitality Committee

B. Anderson introduced the 2017 Strategic Directions for the Community Vitality Committee approved at the 2017-APR-24 Council meeting. He explained that items considered by the Community Vitality Committee should fall within the scope of the strategic directions, which are related to Council's strategic plan. The role of the Committee could include any of the following: making recommendations, participating in steering committees, receiving information on current issues and providing feedback, sharing resources; educating the community. Discussion of items on the agenda and new items brought forward by committee members is welcome.

(b) 2017 Temporary Public Art

C. Barfoot provided a presentation regarding the 2017 Temporary Public Art Program. New temporary art works are in the process of being installed in preparation for Public Art Week, May 8-12. The temporary nature of the artwork is beneficial to tourists and Nanaimo residents alike. It enhances public space for a minimal investment, allows for feedback as to what the public likes in consideration of future permanent acquisitions, and the pieces can be more creative and adventurous since they are not permanent. Chris offered to host a tour for committee members once all the new artwork is installed.

(c) Social Planning Grant Program

J. Horn provided a presentation regarding the Social Planning Grant Program available to non-profit societies and recognized religious organizations. Social Development Grants totalling \$60,000 and Community Service Grants of \$25,000 are available annually for projects falling under the categories of social equity, community diversity, wellness, and vibrant neighbourhoods. The program objectives under these categories are broader than in past years with the goal being to accommodate a wide range of creative ideas from the community. The grants can be allocated to single projects or split amongst multiple organizations, as considered case by case. Staff will review grant applications and criteria for presentation to the Finance and Audit Committee, who will make final recommendations to Council.

6. REPORTS:

(a) Revised Social Development Strategy

J. Horn distributed an updated *Social Development Strategy* document that had been revised by staff in 2013 but has yet to be endorsed formally. He asked for committee members to review and provide comment on the document.

(b) Affordable Housing Strategy – Terms of Reference

K. Kronstal provided a presentation regarding the Affordable Housing Strategy that is currently being established. The final strategy will be a guiding document to help Council make strategic decisions regarding housing issues in the future. In the past, Nanaimo's planning staff has capitalized on opportunities as they occurred and counts many successes in this area over the past ten years. These include the establishment of low barrier housing in partnership with the provincial government; providing support to organizations building affordable housing facilities through land and services contributions; and, improving zoning provisions to encourage contributions from developers. With a formal Affordable Housing Strategy in place, a more focused, strategic approach to these issues can be established for even greater gains in the future. One representative of the Community Vitality Committee will be appointed to serve on a Steering Committee to provide direct input into finalizing the Affordable Housing Strategy. There will also be multiple opportunities for public engagement. It is anticipated it will take 15 months or longer to complete the process.

P. Waatainen vacated the Board Room at 5:49 p.m.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Election of a Vice Chair for the Community Vitality Committee

By unanimous consent the committee members determined that a Vice Chair position be established for the Community Vitality Committee, as allowed within the committee's Terms of Reference. Dennis McMahon was the sole nominee for the Vice Chair position.

It was moved and seconded that Dennis McMahon be appointed as Vice Chair of the Community Vitality Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION:

- (a) D. McMahon advised that he will be bringing forward the following motion for consideration at the Regular Meeting of the Community Vitality Committee to be held 2017-JUN-07:

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9. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:53 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER

DATE OF MEETING June 7, 2017

AUTHORED BY CHRIS SHOLBERG, CULTURE/HERITAGE PLANNER

SUBJECT TOMMY DOUGLAS MEMORIAL PLAQUE LOCATION

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To present information about a proposed Tommy Douglas Memorial Plaque and request the Community Vitality Committee to determine a location for the plaque.

Recommendation

That the Community Vitality Committee choose one of ten identified sites for the location of a Tommy Douglas Memorial Plaque, along with one back-up site, as directed by Council.

BACKGROUND

The City has been approached by a citizen of the community with a request to consider the installation of a memorial plaque (Attachment A) to the Honourable Tommy Douglas on City-owned land.

The purpose of the plaque is to recognize the service of Tommy Douglas both locally and at the national level, and to remember the positive, lasting impression he has left both as a federal representative for Nanaimo and as a Canadian politician and historical figure. In particular, the memorial will recognize the following accomplishments:

- His role as first leader of the New Democratic Party from 1961-1971;
- His role as Member of Parliament for the Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands riding from 1969-1979;
- His receipt of "Freedom of the City" by the City of Nanaimo on May 25, 1981; and,
- His selection as "The Greatest Canadian" through a Canada-wide CBC poll in January 2004.

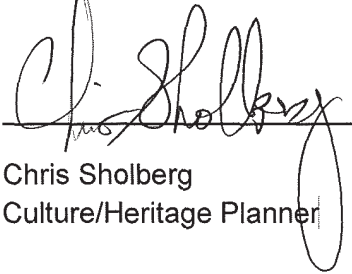
The donor of the proposed plaque wishes to remain anonymous and recently sought Council approval to proceed with the plaque's manufacture and installation to be paid for by the donor. Council considered the request at its 2017-MAR-06 Special "In Camera" Meeting and directed Staff to proceed with installation of the proposed plaque in a location to be determined by a Select Committee. For this issue, the most appropriate Select Committee is the Community Vitality Committee.

The donor has requested that the plaque be placed on City-owned land in the downtown area. In consultation with the donor, Staff has identified ten possible sites for consideration (Attachment B) and requests that the Community Vitality Committee identify one site that they feel would best suit the plaque's installation, along with an additional back-up site. Based on this direction, Staff will work with the donor to manufacture and install the plaque.

ATTACHMENTS


Attachment A: Proposed Tommy Douglas Plaque
Attachment B: Possible Locations for Consideration

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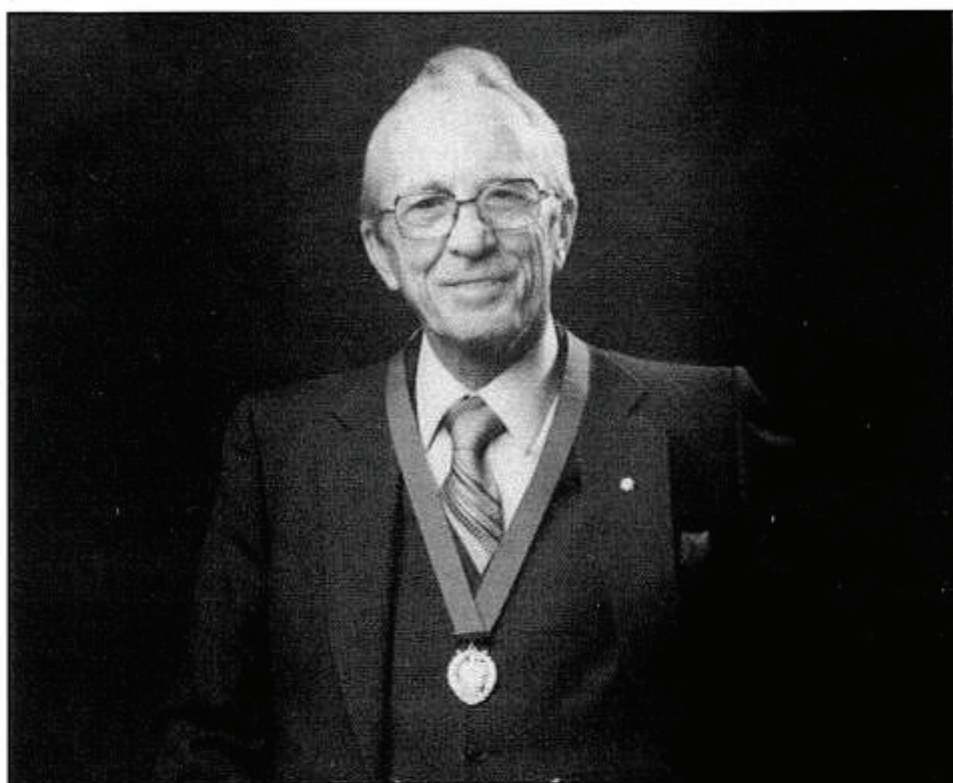
Chris Sholberg
Culture/Heritage Planner

Concurrence by:



Bruce Anderson
Manager, Community and Cultural Planning

Attachment A – Proposed Tommy Douglas Plaque



The Honourable Tommy Douglas

In memory of Thomas Clement "Tommy" Douglas
1904-1986

First Leader of the New Democratic Party from 1961-1971

Member of Parliament for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands
from 1969-1979

Granted "Freedom of the City" by the City of Nanaimo
on May 25, 1981

Named "The Greatest Canadian" in a Canada wide CBC Poll
January 2004

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Attachment B – Possible Locations for Consideration



Diana Krall Plaza



Commercial Street



Dallas Square



Vancouver Island Conference Centre (Commercial Street)



Pioneer Plaza



Waterfront (near Harbour City Air Terminal)



Waterfront (near Pacifica Condo)



Waterfront (near Troller's Fish and Chips)



Waterfront (across from Port Theatre)



Vancouver Island Conference Centre (Freedom of the City Portrait Gallery)