

MINUTES
OPEN COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
WEDNESDAY, 2017-JUN-07 AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: **Members:** Councillor G. W. Fuller, Chair
 Erin Hemmens (arrived 5:38 p.m.)
 Rob McGregor
 Dennis McMahon
 Ingrid Sly
 Paula Waatainen

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

Staff: Bruce Anderson, Manager, Community and Cultural Planning
 Chris Sholberg, Culture/Heritage Planner
 Peggi Humphreys, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Open Community Vitality Meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m.

2. PRESENTATIONS

(a) Heritage Facade and Heritage Home Grants Programs

C. Sholberg, Culture/Heritage Planner, provided a presentation regarding recent Heritage Facade Grant and Heritage Home Grant Programs projects at the following locations:

- Nanaimo Fire Hall #2 (34 Nicol Street); and,
- Young/Pargeter Residence (45 Milton Street).

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular 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. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

2. PRESENTATIONS (continued)

(b) *A Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo 2014-2020 Implementation Update*

B. Anderson, Manager, Community and Cultural Planning, provided an overview presentation regarding implementation of the “A Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo 2014-2020”.

C. Sholberg, Culture/Heritage Planner, facilitated a review of a “Strategies/Actions – Priorities List” document distributed to members, which detailed actions currently being taken by the City in support of Cultural Plan directives.

Discussion took place regarding initiatives from the Cultural Plan.

P. Waatainen vacated the Board Room at 5:22 p.m. Quorum was lost at 5:22 p.m.

P. Waatainen returned to the Board Room at 5:24 p.m. Quorum was regained at 5:24 p.m.

E. Hemmens vacated the Board Room at 5:37 pm. Quorum was lost at 5:37 p.m.

E. Hemmens returned to the Board Room at 5:38 p.m. Quorum was regained at 5:38 p.m.

5. REPORTS:

(a) Tommy Douglas Memorial Plaque Location

C. Sholberg introduced the report and provided background information regarding the Council’s resolution instructing the Community Vitality Committee to determine a location for a memorial plaque dedicated to Tommy Douglas being donated by a private citizen.

The pros and cons of ten potential sites identified in the Staff report were discussed. It was suggested by members that the location be a place that is frequented by the public and was of significance to Tommy Douglas during his time in Nanaimo. Alternate sites were suggested near the Seacrest Apartments at 1 Chapel Street where he lived. C. Sholberg committed to investigating the feasibility of the suggested sites and will return to a future Committee meeting with further information to consider.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Dennis McMahon – A Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo 2014-2020

Committee discussion took place regarding an update to *A Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo 2014-2020*.

B. Anderson advised that to update the *Cultural Plan* it is large undertaking that would need to be endorsed by Council. The probable start time for a full review of the *Cultural Plan* is the year 2019.

Members discussed the need for space for visual artists to exhibit and sell their artwork. In past years, space for this purpose was offered at the Nanaimo Art Gallery but space for community artists is no longer available there since the Gallery's expansion in recent years,. An assessment of needs of the arts community would be the first step toward remedying this deficiency.

It was moved and seconded that the Community Vitality Committee recommend that Council amend *A Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo 2014-2020*, Section 5.5 – "Cultural Asset Priority Plan" to include the following item:

- To support multi-use community arts space.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. QUESTION PERIOD:

- Mr. Dan Appell, Nanaimo Arts Council, asked if support for more community arts space for gallery displays and performances, studio rental, and classroom education, might be best utilized in multiple locations rather than just one.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:30 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.


CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


CORPORATE OFFICER

