

MINUTES
OPEN PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2017-MAY-04 AT 3:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor I. W. Thorpe, Chair

Members: David Holmes
Rick Hyne
David Lemire
Fiona MacInnes
Muir (Thomas) Meredith
Bruce Parker
Robert Whitton

Absent: Councillor J. A. Kipp
Councillor W. M. Yoachim
Alexis Petersen

Staff: B. McRae, Chief Operations Officer
R. Davidson, Manager Bylaw, Regulation and Security
J. Horn, Social Planner
C. Richardson, Fire Chief (vacated 4:51 p.m.)
S. Snelgrove, Deputy Corporate Officer
S. Griffin, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Open Public Safety Committee Meeting held in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre at 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo BC on Monday 2017-APR-06, at 3:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Thorpe advised the Committee that the strategic direction put forward to Council on 2017-APR-24 were approved as follows:

- Community Policing Services Office Revitalization;
- Nanaimo Crime Prevention/Public Safety Strategy; and,
- Emergency Management Public and Business Awareness Strategy.

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Visioning Exercise – Community Policing and Services Office (CPSO)

Brad McRae, Chief Operations Officer and Rod Davison, Manager of Bylaw, Regulation and Security provided a presentation regarding the Community Policing and Services Office including its mandate, purpose, history and vision.

Committee discussion took place regarding the following:

- Location and use of the CPSO and possible name change,
- Effectiveness of the ambassador program and a non profit society to take over operations,
- No longer a satellite office for the RCMP,
- Increase in the number of homeless in downtown area,
- With no RCMP foot patrol in downtown area some homeless getting more aggressive,
- Bylaw Officers spending more time dealing with homeless rather than enforcing bylaws,
- Servicing two groups: The homeless and downtown merchants,
- Fire Department interaction with CPSO office, and
- Potential tourism office.

Rod Davidson made suggestions on simple things to start with such as:

- Removing garbage cans,
- Changing the lids to drop down style to prevent people from reaching in and keep the garbage in the container,
- Have the sidewalks power washed more often and swept to make the downtown core look cleaner and,
- Encourage business owners in the downtown sector to take ownership of their storefronts by having them cleaned everyday.

C. Richardson vacated the Board Room at 4:51 p.m.


It was moved and seconded that Public Safety Committee direct Staff to bring back options for a community response to the current needs of the downtown community and potential limitations to the Community Policing and Services Office current location and that Staff base their options based on a community approach. The motion carried unanimously.

5. QUESTION PERIOD:

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

6. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:16 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.



CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



CORPORATE OFFICER

