

AGENDA
REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
SHAW AUDITORIUM, 80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2016-MAY-09, AT 4:30 P.M.

1. **CALL THE REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TO ORDER:**

2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:**

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

- (a) Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, 80 Commercial Street, on Monday, 2016-APR-11 at 2:00 p.m. *Pg. 4-8*

5. **PRESENTATIONS:**

NONE

6. **ADMINISTRATION:**

NONE

7. **CORPORATE SERVICES:**

(a) **Advisory Committee/Commission Minutes**

- Minutes of the Board of Variance Meeting held 2016-FEB-18. *Pg. 9-11*

8. **COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

(a) **Northfield/Boundary/Highway 19A Project Tender**

Purpose: To obtain direction from Council on deferring the Northfield/Boundary/19A intersection upgrade project.

Staff Recommendation: That Council defer the Northfield/Boundary/Highway 19A intersection project for one year or until such time as there is more certainty on the future of rail. *Pg. 12-14*

(b) **2016 Social Development Grant**

Purpose: To obtain Council direction with respect to the allocation of the \$60,000 2016 Social Development Grant funding.

Staff Recommendation: That Council allocate \$20,000 of the \$60,000 Social Development Grant program to the development and implementation of a Child Poverty Reduction Strategy for Nanaimo, and \$40,000 to the development of an Affordable Housing Strategy for the City of Nanaimo, with any unspent monies from these allocations reverting to the Housing Legacy Reserve fund.

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(c) **Nanaimo Foodshare Society Urban Farm Project**

Purpose: To obtain Council direction regarding the provision of a \$1,000 grant to the Nanaimo Foodshare Society to offset costs associated with the supply of water to an urban farm project on the "5 Acres" site at 933 Park Avenue.

Staff Recommendation: That Council allocate \$1,000 to the Nanaimo Foodshare Society to offset costs associated with the supply of water to an urban farm project at 933 Park Avenue; and, that the funds be drawn from the annual \$30,000 budget allocated to the Social Planning Department under the *Community Casino Revenue - Host Financial Assistance Agreement*.

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(d) **New Horizons for Seniors Grant Resolution**

Purpose: To obtain Council support for the application to the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Grant Program.

Staff Recommendation: That Council support the application to the Government of Canada, Ministry of Employment and Social Development for a 3-year \$168,360 New Horizons for Seniors Grant.

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9. **CORRESPONDENCE (not related to a Report to Council):**

NONE

10. **NOTICE OF MOTION:**

11. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

12. **DELEGATIONS (not related to a Report to Council):** (10 MINUTES)

- (a) Mr. Robert Fuller, regarding Council remuneration. *Pg. 21*
- (b) Mr. Richard Romer and Mr. Rob Christopher, on behalf of Nanaimo Search and Rescue, regarding a lease of land at Nanaimo Reservoir. *Pg. 22*
- (c) Mr. Holden Southward, regarding Nanaimo's cultural heritage. *Pg. 23*

13. **QUESTION PERIOD:** *(Agenda Items Only)*

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

ACTING MAYOR: COUNCILLOR YOACHIM
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MINUTES
REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
BOARD ROOM, CITY OF NANAIMO SERVICE & RESOURCE CENTRE,
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2016-APR-11, AT 2:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor W. B. McKay, Chair (vacated at 6:31 p.m.)

Members: Councillor W. L. Bestwick (arrived at 2:07 p.m.)
Councillor M. D. Brennan (vacated at 6:29 p.m.)
Councillor G. W. Fuller (vacated at 2:56 p.m.; returned at 5:08 p.m.)
Councillor J. Hong (arrived at 2:03 p.m.)
Councillor J. A. Kipp (arrived at 4:13 p.m.)
Councillor W. L. Pratt
Councillor I. W. Thorpe
Councillor W. M. Yoachim (vacated at 5:40 p.m.)

Staff: T. Samra, Chief Administrative Officer
Insp. S. Rupa, Nanaimo Detachment RCMP
C. Richardson, Fire Chief
R. Bradford, Police Financial Analyst
G. Goodall, Director of Engineering & Public Works
B. Sims, Manager of Water Resources
G. Ferrero, Director of Information Technology, Legislative Services & Communications
R. J. Harding, Director of Parks, Environment & Recreation
R. Lawrance, Environmental Planner
D. Lindsay, Director of Community Development
V. Mema, Director of Finance
A. Coronica, Financial Analyst
D. Hiscock, Revenue Services Manager
W. Fulla, Manager of Finance, Community Services
C. Sholberg, A/Director, Culture, Heritage and Strategic Relations
T. P. Seward, Director of Social & Protective Services
J. Van Horne, Director of Human Resources
D. Duncan, Manager of Financial Planning
P. Cooper, Communications Manager
D. Blackwood, Client Support Specialist
R. Botwright, Sr. Applications Analyst
C. Jackson, Manager of Legislative Services
P. Humphreys, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Agenda Item 8 (a) Municipal Natural Capital Pilot Study for the City of Nanaimo – Add delegation Mr. Wally Wells.
- (b) Remove Agenda Item 12(a) delegation Ms. Cathy Brzoza and Ms. Sabrina Hornfeldt, on behalf of CatNap Society.

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 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2015-MAR-14 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hong entered the Board Room at 2:03 p.m.

5. ADMINISTRATION:

(a) 2016-2020 Financial Plan Workshop

Mr. Victor Mema, Director of Finance, and Ms. Deborah Duncan, Manager of Financial Planning, provided a review of the 2016-2020 Financial Plan in consideration of the approaching 2016-MAY-15 adoption deadline.

Councillor Bestwick entered the Board Room at 2:07 p.m.

Councillor Fuller vacated the Board Room at 2:56 p.m.

Mayor McKay vacated the Chair and the Board Room at 3:53 p.m. Councillor Hong assumed the Chair.

Mayor McKay entered the Board Room at 3:56 p.m. and resumed the Chair.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to prepare the 2016-2020 Financial Plan bylaw amendment and 2016 Property Tax Rates bylaw for approval at the next Council meeting. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Brennan*

RECESS AND RECONVENE MEETING

By unanimous consent, Council recessed the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 4:03 p.m. with the intention to reconvene after a short break.

By unanimous consent, Council reconvened the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 4:13 p.m.

Councillor Kipp entered the Board Room at 4:13 p.m.

6. CORPORATE SERVICES:

(a) Home-based Business Bakery – 5491 Rutherford Road

Delegations:

1. Ms. Candice Jones addressed concerns raised by a petition regarding her proposed home-based bakery business.

Councillor Hong entered the Board Room at 4:18 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the delegation from Ms. Candice Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Ms. Angela Chan spoke in opposition to the proposed home-based bakery at 5491 Rutherford Road and requested a review of the bylaw covering home-based businesses.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the delegation from Ms. Angela Chan. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Mr. Brian Wallace spoke in opposition to the proposed home-based bakery at 5491 Rutherford Road.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the delegation from Mr. Brian Wallace. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to review the home-based business bylaw and prepare a report for Council. The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Fuller entered the Board Room at 5:08 p.m.

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES:

(a) Municipal Natural Capital Pilot Study of for the City of Nanaimo

Delegation:

1. Mr. Wally Wells spoke in support of the proposed pilot study toward protecting and sustaining natural assets in the City.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the delegation from Mr. Wally Wells. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. endorse the participation of the City of Nanaimo in the Municipal Natural Capital Initiative (MNCI) Pilot Study; and,
2. approve \$15,000 in new funding for 2016/17 to support the initiative.

The motion carried unanimously.

(b) College Park Water Supply Main – Pipe Supply Tender

Councillor Yoachim vacated the Board Room at 5:40 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that Council endorse the call for public tender in excess of \$250,000 for the Water Supply Development Cost Charge Project WS41. The motion carried unanimously.

8. CORRESPONDENCE (not related to a Report to Council):

- (a) Letter dated 2016-Apr-04 from Mr. Bill McKay, Chair, and Ms. Judith Sayers, Co-chair, Island Corridor Foundation (ICF), requesting that a Council member be appointed to the Island Corridor Foundation Liaison Committee.

Mayor McKay vacated the Board Room at 5:47 p.m. due to a perceived conflict of interest. Councillor Hong assumed the Chair.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive for information the letter dated 2016-APR-04 from Mr. Bill McKay, Chair, and Ms. Judith Sayers, Co-chair, Island Corridor Foundation. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council not support appointment of a Council member to the ICF Local Government Liaison Committee. The motion carried.
Opposed: *Councillors Brennan, Pratt, and Thorpe.*

Mayor McKay entered the Board Room at 6:11 p.m. and resumed the Chair.

9. DELEGATIONS (not related to a Report to Council):

- (a) Mr. Peter Sinclair, Loaves and Fishes Food Bank, expressed gratitude for a grant received last year that has enabled the organization to purchase a larger warehouse which allows greatly increased volumes of food to be distributed to the community.

Councillor Brennan vacated the Board Room at 6:29 p.m.

It was moved and seconded to receive the delegation from Mr. Peter Sinclair. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Mr. Matthew O'Donnell previously requested via email that his delegation be removed.

10. QUESTION PERIOD:

- Mr. Fred Taylor, regarding Loaves and Fishes Food Bank accounting requirements; the Island Corridor Foundation, and the future of rail transport on Vancouver Island.

Mayor McKay vacated the Board Room at 6:31 p.m. due to a perceived conflict of interest.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:39 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF VARIANCE
HELD IN THE BOARDROOM AT 411 DUNSMUIR STREET
ON TUESDAY, 2016-FEB-18 COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM**

PRESENT: **Members:** Mr. Tyler Brown – Chair
 Mr. Gerald (Gerry) Johnson
 Mr. Mark Dobbs

Absent: Mr. Gordon Turgeon
 Mr. Richard Finnegan

Staff: Dave Stewart, Planner, Planning & Design Section

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Variance held on Thursday, 2016-FEB-18 be adopted as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

3. APPLICATIONS:

APPEAL NO: **BOV674**

Applicant: Ms. Kara Wiseman, on behalf of Mr. Shane Norhaug

Civic Address: 60 Acacia Avenue

Legal Description: LOTS 39 AND 40, BLOCK 7, SECTION 1, NANAIMO DISTRICT, PLAN 1465

Purpose: Zoning Bylaw No. 4500 requires a side yard setback of 1.5m for a principal dwelling. The applicant is requesting to vary provisions of Zoning Bylaw No. 4500 in order to permit the construction of a deck and stairs 0.8m from the side yard property line. This represents a variance request of 0.7m.

Zoning Regulations: Single Dwelling Residential – R1. The applicant requests a variance to the City of Nanaimo "ZONING BYLAW 2011 NO. 4500":

*"Section 7.5.1 – Yard Requirements
A side yard setback of 1.5m is required."*

Local Government Act: The existing fence is considered legal non-conforming. Section 911 (9) and (10) of the Local Government Act states:

"If the use and density of buildings and structures conform to a bylaw under this division...but the siting, size or dimensions of a building or structure constructed before the bylaw was adopted does not conform with the bylaw, ... the building or structure ... may be maintained, extended or altered ... only to the extent that the repair, extension or alteration would, when completed, involve no further contravention of the bylaw than that existing at the time the repair, extension or alteration was started."

Discussion: Mr. Shane Norhaug and Ms. Kara Wiseman were in attendance for their appeal.

Mr. Peter Stewart – 56 Acacia Avenue – spoke in favour.

Decision: It was moved and seconded that the variance request be **approved**. The motion carried.

APPEAL NO: **BOV675**

Applicant: Mr. Thomas Hoyt, on behalf of Harjit Singh Kahlon and Amanpreet Knur Kaholn

Civic Address: 4634 Sheridan Ridge Road

Legal Description: LOT 9, DISTRICT LOT 55, WELLINGTON DISTRICT, PLAN VIP84780

Purpose: Zoning Bylaw No. 4500 requires a side yard setback of 1.5m for a principal dwelling. The applicant is requesting to vary provisions of Zoning Bylaw No. 4500 in order to permit a single residential dwelling 0.9m from the side yard property line, as shown on the attached survey. This represents a variance request of 0.6m.

Zoning Regulations: Steep Slope Residential – R10. The applicant requests a variance to the City of Nanaimo "ZONING BYLAW 2011 NO. 4500":

*"Section 7.5.1 – Yard Requirements
A side yard setback of 1.5m is required."*

Local Government Act: The property is considered legal-conforming and, as such; Local Government Act, Section 911 - Non-conforming Uses and Siting, does not apply.

Discussion: Mr. Thomas Hoyt was in attendance for his appeal.

Decision: It was moved and seconded that the variance request be **approved**. The motion carried based on the survey provided.


4. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved and seconded at 5:38 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried.

APPROVED BY:



CHAIR

APRIL 21 / 2016

DATE

CONCURRENCE BY:



STAFF LIASON

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Dep. CORPORATE OFFICER

DATE OF MEETING May 9, 2016

AUTHORED BY GEOFF GOODALL, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

SUBJECT NORTHFIELD/BOUNDARY/HWY 19A PROJECT TENDER

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain direction from Council on deferring the Northfield/Boundary/19A intersection upgrade project.

Recommendation

That Council defer the Northfield/Boundary/Hwy 19A intersection project for one year or until such time as there is more certainty on the future of rail.

BACKGROUND

The intersection(s) of Northfield Road/Boundary Avenue and Highway 19A/Northfield Road has long been an area of concern due to the high number of vehicle collisions. The City of Nanaimo in partnership with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has developed a safety focused upgrade project for the intersection(s). In June 2015, a joint public announcement between MoTI and CoN was made, announcing funding for the project.

To facilitate the intersection upgrades, it is a requirement to upgrade the railway crossing and bring it into compliance with current rail crossing regulations.

Council approved tendering the work and making a sole source purchase from SVI for the rail hardware at the Regular Council meeting on February 15, 2016. The tender for the project was issued on March 11th, 2016 and it is scheduled to close on May 18th, 2016. Once it closes the City will have a contract with the low compliant bidder. The sole source purchase has not been made yet since it is necessary to know the tender value first to ensure project viability.

There have recently been some decisions by local governments that could affect the future of trains on the E&N railroad. At the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board meeting on March 22nd, 2016 a resolution was carried providing the Island Corridor Foundation (ICF) notice of termination as per Section 11.1 Contribution Agreement, essentially withdrawing funding for rail track upgrades. Also, at the AVICC (Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities) meeting on April 8 - 10th, 2016 two resolutions related to the ICF and the future of rail were passed.

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With the intersection upgrade there are significant costs associated with the rail crossing on Northfield Road. Both the direct and indirect costs associated with the active rail crossing are shown below:

Direct costs

- Upgrade of rail hardware associated with project - \$565,000.
- Potential future costs if rail track upgrades occur - \$560,000.

Indirect costs

- Traffic signal at Boundary – \$200,000.
- Multiuse trail ramp and fencing - \$110,000.

Total potential costs related to the active rail crossing are approximately \$1,500,000 and the City's share would be half. Given the recent decisions related to rail, the City may want to revisit the timing of the intersection upgrade project and wait for more certainty.

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has indicated that they would respect the City's decision to defer the project and that they would continue to be interested in a partnership should the City wish to carry on in the future with intersection upgrades.

OPTIONS

1. Option 1 – Defer the project

- **Budget Implication:** The City has allocated funding for the project in the 2016 Financial Plan. Deferral would delay the expenditure until such time as the City moves forward with the project.
- **Legal Implication:** When traffic accidents occur, there is always the potential for a claim against the City. Deferring the project may attract additional claims.
- **Engagement Implication:** This project has been covered a number of times by the local media and there is considerable expectation in the community to complete it. Deferring it may be controversial.
- **Political Implication:** Deferring this widely anticipated project may inadvertently intensify the debate about the future of rail.
- **Other Implications:**
 - i. Deferring this project may impact the City's working relationship with ICF and SVI which could have adverse consequences for other initiatives.
 - ii. Given that the intersection is one of the higher crash locations, deferring the upgrades will allow the current accident rate to continue.
 - iii. If there were no active rail crossing, the scope of the intersection upgrade project could be revised and improved even further than what is currently proposed.

2. Option 2 – Proceed with project tender (no deferment)

- **Budget Implication:** The City has allocated funding to complete the project and once the tender is received, a better understanding of the costs would be available.
- **Engagement Implication:** This project has been covered a number of times by the local media and there is considerable expectation in the community to complete the upgrades.
- **Political Implication:** If the project is completed, and in the near future the rail is deactivated, the rail upgrades could be seen as a waste.

SUMMARY POINTS

- Given the recent decisions by Local Governments on Vancouver Island, the future of active rail on the E&N railroad is uncertain.
- A significant cost of the Northfield/Boundary/19A project is either directly or indirectly related to the active railroad.
- The City may want to defer the project for a period of time to allow more certainty on the future of rail to be established.

Submitted by:



Geoff Goodall
Director, Engineering & Public Works

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AUTHORED BY JOHN HORN, SOCIAL PLANNER

SUBJECT 2016 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council direction with respect to the allocation of the \$60,000 2016 Social Development Grant funding.

Recommendation

That Council allocate \$20,000 of the \$60,000 Social Development Grant program to the development and implementation of a Child Poverty Reduction Strategy for Nanaimo, and \$40,000 to the development of an Affordable Housing Strategy for the City of Nanaimo, with any unspent monies from these allocations reverting to the Housing Legacy Reserve fund.

BACKGROUND

The Social Development Grant funding, \$60,000 annually, is derived from the Nanaimo Casino's community contribution agreement. In past years the Social Planning Advisory Committee has made recommendations to Council regarding the allocation of this grant, and prior to the recess of this committee in 2016 the recommendation was to support the development of a strategy to enhance outcomes for children in Nanaimo.

At Council's 2015-JUN-22 meeting Council directed staff to "prepare an affordable housing strategy for Nanaimo". No funding source was identified at that time to resource the development of an affordable housing strategy.

These two issues, affordable housing and child poverty, have emerged as key focuses for the Social Planning function of the municipality in 2016.

OPTIONS

1. Proceed with the staff recommendation: \$20,000 of the \$60,000 Social Development Grant program to the development and implementation of the Child Poverty Reduction strategy, and \$40,000 to the development of an Affordable Housing strategy for the City of Nanaimo, with any unspent monies from these allocations reverting to the Housing Legacy Reserve fund.
 - **Budget Implication:** Allocation of the 2016 Social Development grant funding.
 - **Policy Implication:** An affordable housing strategy will include policy recommendations for consideration by Council.
 - **Engagement Implication:** The development of these two strategies will include a public and stakeholder engagement process.

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- **Strategic Priorities Implication:** An affordable housing strategy will identify key priorities for the City's investments in affordable housing.
 - **Political Implication:** The provision of affordable housing can sometimes generate opposition from affected neighbourhoods.
2. Allocate \$20,000 to the development of a Child Poverty Reduction strategy for Nanaimo and \$20,000 to an Affordable Housing strategy for Nanaimo and allocate the remaining \$20,000 to enhance the rent supplement program currently in place to address homelessness in Nanaimo.
- **Budget Implication:** Allocation of the 2016 Social Development grant funding.
 - **Policy Implication:** An affordable housing strategy and a child poverty reduction strategy will include policy recommendations for consideration by Council.
 - **Engagement Implication:** The development of these two strategies will include a public and stakeholder engagement process.
 - **Strategic Priorities Implication:** An affordable housing strategy will identify key priorities for the City's investments in affordable housing and a contribution to the rent supplement program will further Council's commitment to reduce homelessness in line with Nanaimo's Response to Homelessness Action Plan.
 - **Political Implication:** The provision of affordable housing can sometimes generate opposition from affected neighbourhoods.

SUMMARY POINTS

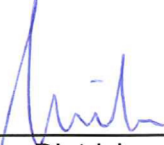
- Staff seeking direction to allocate the 2016 Social Development Grant funding.
- Recommendation to divide the money and support two strategy documents; affordable housing and child poverty.
- Possibility of enhancing the rent supplement program in support of Housing First initiative.

Submitted by:



John Horn
Social Planner

Concurrence by:



Mike Dietrich
Manager, Police Support Services

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AUTHORED BY JOHN HORN, SOCIAL PLANNER

SUBJECT NANAIMO FOODSHARE SOCIETY URBAN FARM PROJECT.

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council direction regarding the provision of a \$1,000 grant to the Nanaimo Foodshare Society to offset costs associated with the supply of water to an urban farm project on the "5 Acres" site at 933 Park Avenue.

Recommendation

That Council allocate \$1,000 to the Nanaimo Foodshare Society to offset costs associated with the supply of water to an urban farm project at 933 Park Avenue; and, that the funds be drawn from the annual \$30,000 budget allocated to the Social Planning Department under the *Community Casino Revenue - Host Financial Assistance Agreement*.

BACKGROUND

Nanaimo Foodshare is a local non-profit society focused on bringing sustainable food systems to Nanaimo. They recently obtained the use of a five acre parcel in Harewood to run an urban farm project and are seeking financial support from the City of Nanaimo to bring a 2" water line to the site. The at cost estimate for this work is \$2,968.24 and Foodshare is seeking a \$1,000 contribution towards that cost. The urban farm project will include a demonstration site for seed production, variety trials for organic crops, a teaching component and a carrot seed research project. The project is designed to increase community food security by engaging community members to grow food collectively and is open to people of all abilities.

Food produced at the site will go to participants and will be used in Foodshare programs such as the "Kids Get Cooking" and "Summer Lunch Munch". Nanaimo Foodshare is a member of "Farm Folk City Folk Society" which supports sustainable agriculture and celebrates local food in communities across BC.

In 1884, Samuel Robins, the Superintendent of the Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Company, purchased Harewood Estates, a large parcel of land between Nanaimo and the base of Mount Benson. Robins subdivided the area into "Five Acre" farms and made them available to mining families at affordable prices. Robins envisioned farming as a way for miners to provide for themselves whenever coal markets were depressed. This property, 933 Park Avenue, is one of the few remaining original "Five Acres" farms created by Robins.

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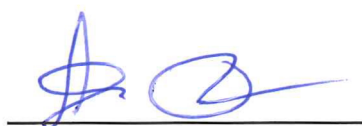
OPTIONS

1. To support the provision of a water line to the Nanaimo Foodshare urban farm project by way of a \$1,000 grant.
 - **Budget Implication:** The \$1,000 would be drawn from the funds provided under the Community Casino Revenue- Host Financial Assistance Agreement"
 - **Policy Implication:** The proposed grant contribution supports aspects of the Harewood Neighbourhood Plan (3.14) and the OCP (3.4.3)
2. To **not** support the provision of a water line to the Nanaimo Foodshare urban farm project.
 - **Budget Implication:** No budget implications if the request is denied
3. To support the provision of a water line to the Nanaimo Foodshare urban farm project by way of a grant covering the full cost of the work; \$3,000.
 - **Budget Implication:** The \$3,000 would be drawn from the annual funds provided under the Community Casino Revenue- Host Financial Assistance Agreement"
 - **Policy Implication:** The proposed grant contribution supports aspects of the Harewood Neighbourhood Plan (3.14) and the OCP (3.4.3)

SUMMARY POINTS

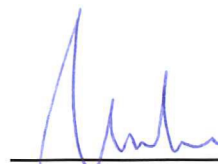
- Nanaimo Foodshare Society has developed an urban farm project and is seeking financial support to bring a 2" water supply line to the site.
- The project is open to all members of the community and the food produced will go to the participants who helped grow it and to various Foodshare Society programs.
- The 5 acre site at 933 Park Avenue is being provided to the project at no cost by the landowner.

Submitted by:



John Horn
Social Planner

Concurrence by:



Mike Dietrich
Manager, Police Support Services

DATE OF MEETING May 9, 2016

AUTHORED BY JOHN HORN, SOCIAL PLANNER

SUBJECT NEW HORIZONS FOR SENIORS GRANT RESOLUTION

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council support for the application to the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Grant Program.

Recommendation

That Council support the application to the Government of Canada, Ministry of Employment and Social Development for a 3-year \$168,360 New Horizons for Seniors Grant..

BACKGROUND

The New Horizons for Seniors Program has been established to provide support for pan-Canadian projects that address the social isolation and engagement in the community among the seniors population. The city has a large population of seniors, many that are hard to reach and vulnerable that may have environmental barriers to social participation. The city can increase the proportion of seniors who participate regularly in activities by removing barriers to participation and encouraging inclusion of seniors in activities.

The funding noted above is part of a larger funding allocation to Nanaimo (approximately \$1.3 million) that includes projects that will be delivered by community partners such as Nanaimo Family Life Association, The Women's Resource Centre, the Nanaimo Hospital Foundation/Lifeline and others.

OPTIONS

1. To support the application for the New Horizons Grant and the related investment of \$168,360 to address the needs of seniors in our community.
 - **Budget Implication:** The project (\$168,360) is fully funded by the grant. The application has been submitted and the grant has been awarded for the project, with a start date of May 2, 2016 and an end date of April 30, 2019.
 - **Engagement Implication:** The project which arises from the grant includes a significant engagement process to ensure seniors are involved in the development and delivery of the program.
 - **Strategic Priorities Implication:** The project addresses the pillars of social equity and cultural vitality and the strategic priorities of Transportation and

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Mobility as it relates to seniors and Taking Responsibility to be an excellent municipal government.

2. To **not** support the funding application to New Horizons for Seniors.

- **Budget Implication:** The project (\$168,360) is fully funded by the grant. This money would need to be returned to the Federal government.

SUMMARY POINTS

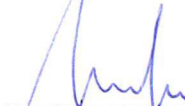
- Employment and Social Development Canada has approved a \$168,360 grant to the City of Nanaimo to address the social integration needs of seniors.
- The project is part of a larger initiative that addresses a broad range of issues related to seniors that include programs designed to serve marginalized individuals 65 years and older.
- The project timeframe is 3 years.

Submitted by:



John Horn
Social Planner

Concurrence by:



Mike Dietrich
Manager, Police Support Services

Delegation Request

Mr. Robert Fuller has requested an appearance before Council.

The requested date is May 9, 2016.

The requested meeting is:
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Presenter's Information:

City: Nanaimo
Province: BC
Bringing a presentation: No

Details of Presentation:

Council remuneration.

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Delegation Request

Mr. Richard Romer and Mr. Rob Christopher, on behalf of Nanaimo Search and Rescue, have requested an appearance before Council.

The requested date is May 9, 2016.

The requested meeting is:
COW

Presenter's Information:

City: Nanaimo
Province: BC
Bringing a presentation: No

Details of Presentation:

Request for the lease of land at old Nanaimo Reservoir to Nanaimo Search and Rescue.

Regular Committee of the Whole
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Delegation Request

Mr. Holden Southward has requested an appearance before Council.

The requested date is May 9, 2016.

The requested meeting is:
COW

Presenter's Information:

City: Nanaimo
Province: BC
Bringing a presentation: No

Details of Presentation:

A way to revive Nanaimo's cultural heritage that includes the first peoples in synergy.

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