

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

PRESENT: Mayor W. B. McKay, Chair

Members: Councillor W. L. Bestwick
Councillor M. D. Brennan
Councillor G. W. Fuller
Councillor J. Hong
Councillor J. A. Kipp
Councillor W. L. Pratt
Councillor I. W. Thorpe
Councillor W. M. Yoachim

Staff: T. Samra, Chief Administrative Officer
M. Dietrich, Manager of Police Support Services
P. Rosen, Senior Manager of Engineering
D. Lindsay, Director of Community Development
J. Horn, Social Planner
T. Loewen, Communications & Marketing Specialist
S. Gurrie, Claims/FOI Coordinator
D. Blackwood, Client Support Specialist
C. Jackson, Manager of Legislative Services
P. Humphreys, Recording Secretary
W. Taylor, Bylaw Enforcement Officer – Parking Patroller

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Agenda Item 8(a) Northfield/Boundary/Highway 19A Project Tender – Add delegation Mr. Tim McGrath.
- (b) Remove Agenda Item 8(b) 2016 Social Development Grant.
- (c) Agenda Item 8(d) New Horizons for Seniors Grant Resolution – Add delegation Mr. Tim McGrath.
- (d) Councillor Hong advised that Mr. Rick Meyers, President, Nanaimo Pride Society, was in attendance and wished to address Council as a late delegation regarding an upcoming Pride event.

- (e) Councillor Yoachim advised that Mr. Dennis McMahon of Harbour City Photography Club was in attendance and wished to address Council as a late delegation regarding an upcoming photography event at Vancouver Island University.
- (f) Mayor McKay requested to add to Other Business a request for Council endorsement of the Fort McMurray fundraiser being held at the Port Theatre on Tuesday, 2016-MAY-24.
- (g) Mayor McKay requested to add to Other Business two Travel and Conference Expense related items:
 - 1. A request to attend Government House in Victoria on Wednesday, 2016-MAY-25, in order to honour two Nanaimo citizens who are receiving community awards; and,
 - 2. A request to attend the Conference Board of Canada Western Business Outlook conference at the Coast Bastion Hotel in late May.

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, on Monday, 2016-APR-11 at 2:00 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. CORPORATE SERVICES:

(a) Advisory Committee/Commission Minutes

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the 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. The motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES:

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

Delegation:

- 1. Mr. Tim McGrath spoke in support of deferring the Northfield/Boundary/Highway 19A intersection upgrade project for financial considerations.

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

It was moved and seconded 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.

It was moved and seconded that Council amend the motion to replace the words “one year” with “up to one year” and remove all wording after the word “year”. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Mayor McKay*

The main motion as amended:

It was moved and seconded that Council defer the Northfield/Boundary/Highway 19A intersection project for up to one year. The motion as amended carried.

Opposed: *Mayor McKay, Councillors Brennan and Pratt.*

(b) Nanaimo Foodshare Society Urban Farm Project

It was moved and seconded 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*. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) New Horizons for Seniors Grant Resolution

Delegation:

1. Mr. Tim McGrath requested clarification of the Staff report describing the New Horizons for Seniors initiative.

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

It was moved and seconded 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.

It was moved and seconded that Council amend the motion to replace the words “application to” with “allocation of”. The motion carried unanimously.

The main motion as amended:

It was moved and seconded that Council support the allocation of the Government of Canada, Ministry of Employment and Social Development for a 3-year \$168,360 New Horizons for Seniors Grant. The motion as amended carried unanimously.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Mayor McKay - Fort McMurray Fundraiser at the Port Theatre

It was moved and seconded that Council endorse the Fort McMurray fundraiser to be held at the Port Theatre on 2016-MAY-24. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Mayor McKay – Travel and Conference Expense Approvals

It was moved and seconded that Council approve expenses for the Mayor and a guest to attend the event at Government House in Victoria on 2016-MAY-25 where Nanaimo citizens Mr. George Anderson (former Councillor) and Mr. Don Hubbard will be honoured by the Governor General. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve expenses for the Mayor to attend the Western Business Outlook Conference held by the Conference Board of Canada on 2016-MAY-19 at the Coast Bastion Hotel. The motion carried unanimously.

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

(a) Mr. Robert Fuller spoke regarding Council remuneration bylaws in place in other municipalities.

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

(b) Mr. Richard Romer and Mr. Rob Christopher, on behalf of Nanaimo Search and Rescue, spoke regarding leasing land at the old Nanaimo Reservoir as a permanent location for a new building for their volunteer organization.

Mayor McKay vacated the Chair and the Shaw Auditorium at 6:06 p.m. Councillor Yoachim assumed the Chair.

Mayor McKay returned to the Shaw Auditorium at 6:15 p.m. and resumed the Chair.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the delegation from Mr. Richard Romer and Mr. Rob Christopher on behalf of Nanaimo Search and Rescue. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to provide a report regarding the lease of land at the old Nanaimo Reservoir to Nanaimo Search and Rescue and all related development issues. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Mr. Holden Southward, spoke regarding Nanaimo's cultural heritage.

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

- (d) Mr. Rick Meyers and Mr. Mark O'Neil, on behalf of the Nanaimo Pride Society, spoke requesting that two crosswalks in downtown Nanaimo be painted in rainbow colours and that permitting fees be waived in celebration of Pride Week taking place in June 2016.

It was moved and seconded to receive the delegation from Mr. Rick Meyers and Mr. Mark O'Neil on behalf of the Nanaimo Pride Society. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to prepare a report regarding the painting of crosswalks in rainbow colours in Downtown Nanaimo; and, providing financial assistance for Pride Week celebrations in June 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

- (e) Mr. Dennis McMahon, on behalf of Harbour City Photography Club, spoke regarding the Photo Salon event taking place at Vancouver Island University on 2016-MAY-27.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the delegation from Mr. Dennis McMahon on behalf of Harbour City Photography Club. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McKay asked if there was any business arising from any of the delegations.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to prepare a report regarding Council remuneration related to attendance at Council meetings. The motion carried.

Opposed: Councillor Brennan

9. QUESTION PERIOD:

- Mr. Kevin Storrie, re: the Northfield/Boundary/Highway 19A intersection; and, Staff reports to Council.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 7:08 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER