

**MINUTES**  
OPEN COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE  
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC  
WEDNESDAY, 2018-JUL-04, AT 4:30 PM

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PRESENT:   Members:   Councillor G.W. Fuller, Chair  
                              Erin Hemmens  
                              James Bowen  
                              Julia Stevens  
                              Paula Waatainen

                  Absent:   Rob McGregor  
                              Dennis McMahon  
                              Ingrid Sly

                  Staff:     Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner  
                              Karin Kronstal, Social Planner  
                              Rebecca Buckler, Recording Secretary

1.    CALL THE OPEN COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Open Community Vitality Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:43 p.m.

2.    INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a)   Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner, requested that Item 6 (a) The Kidney Foundation of Canada BC & Yukon Branch's presentation be brought forward as the first item for discussion due to time constraints.

3.    ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be adopted as amended. 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, 2018-JUN-06 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) The Kidney Foundation of Canada's Organ Donation Program and Request for City Support
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Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner, noted that based on discussion at the 2018-JUN-06 Community Vitality Committee meeting, the following items are to be discussed and considered:

- A recommendation that Council endorse a Nanaimo-specific resolution similar to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) resolution;
- A recommendation that Council consider creating and adopting a City-wide policy for ways in which the City can offer support to non-profit and special advocacy groups; and
- A brainstorming of other creative suggestions for The Kidney Foundation's education and awareness campaign.

Randy Spensley, Nanaimo Chapter President of the Kidney Foundation of Canada BC & Yukon Branch, thanked the Committee for the discussion that took place at the last meeting and mentioned that he is in contact with City staff to assist with arranging a variety of efforts going forward.

It was moved and seconded that the Community Vitality Committee recommend that Council endorse a Nanaimo-specific resolution similar to the motion endorsed by Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), which reads as follows: *"THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that UBCM call upon Mayors and Council Members to accept the Kidney Foundation's challenge to Save Lives Through Organ Donation in their communities and to work with the Foundation to increase the number of people registered as organ donors in their respective communities."* The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the Community Vitality Committee recommend that Council consider creating and adopting a City-wide policy or set of guidelines for ways in which the City can offer support to non-profit and special advocacy groups. The motion carried unanimously.

6. PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) Affordable Housing Strategy Update by Karin Kronstal, Social Planner

Karin Kronstal, Social Planner, provided a presentation on the "Affordable Housing Strategy" process to date. The process is currently in Phase 4: Draft Strategy. She provided an update on the statistical data collected during the first steps of the process, the vision statement for the strategy, the principles, five policy objectives, and the draft policies.

Opportunity for public engagement (online survey, open house) will be provided over the summer and a final strategy should be available by September. Staff will seek endorsement from the Community Vitality Committee at their regularly scheduled 2018-SEP-05 meeting.

- (b) Nanaimo's Homelessness Coalition 5-Year Plan and Detailed Review of Point in Time Homeless Count by John Horn, Social Planner

Karin Kronstal, Social Planner provided a detailed review of the statistical information gathered in the Point in Time Homeless Count, as well as an overview of "Nanaimo's Action Plan to End Homelessness, 2018-2023".

"Nanaimo's Action Plan to End Homelessness, 2018-2023" was produced under the direction of the Nanaimo Homelessness Coalition, and with the administrative support of the United Way Northern and Central Vancouver Island. The City of Nanaimo provided extensive technical and advisory support. The 2018 Action Plan is also informed by the input of community members and service agencies. The plan identifies 10 specific priorities and will assist with future funding priorities and decision-making.

Staff will bring forward both the "Affordable Housing Strategy" and "Nanaimo's Action Plan to End Homelessness, 2018-2023" to the regularly scheduled 2018-SEP-05 Community Vitality Committee meeting for endorsement. Once endorsed, both documents will proceed to Council for final approval.

5. OTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED):

- (b) Information Item: Heritage Façade Grant for 499 Wallace Street Approved by Council

On 2018-JUN-18, Council approved a \$9,715.13 Heritage Façade Grant for an exterior repaint and installation of lighting and window boxes at the Merchant's Bank of Canada located at 499 Wallace Street.

- (c) Information Item: 2018/19 Street Banners Installed

The 2018/19 street banners designed by local artist Robert Plante have been installed on lamp posts on major streets throughout Nanaimo.

7. QUESTION PERIOD:

- Linda, re: If the Cranberry location is still being considered as a future modular housing site. Staff noted that the City continues to own the site and that its use is to be determined at Council's discretion.
- Frank, re: Why the old structure of reviewing Culture & Heritage Grants was changed from a Committee review to a staff review. Staff noted that the last round of Culture & Heritage Grants (Project and Operating) was evaluated through a staff review process and that changes to the process for future grants is at Council's discretion.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:49 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CHAIR

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CORPORATE OFFICER