

MINUTES
OPEN COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
TUESDAY, 2018-SEP-18, AT 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: **Members:** Councillor M. D. Brennan, Chair
 Daniel Appell
 Tyler Brown (vacated at 5:59 p.m.)
 Janae Enns
 Richard Goatcher
 Anthony Griffin

Absent: Mercedes Beaudoin-Lobb
 Colin Brown
 Richard Finnegan
 Patricia Reynes
 Richard Steele

Staff: D. Lindsay, Director of Community Planning
 J. Horn, Social Planner
 P. Humphreys, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Community Planning and Development Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

- (a) Agenda Item 6. (a) – Supervised Consumption Service Zoning Regulations - add presentation by Dr. Paul Hasselback, Medical Health Officer, Island Health.

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 Special Open Meeting of the Community Planning and Development Committee held in the 2nd Floor, Training Room, City Hall, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Tuesday, 2018-SEP-06 at 5:00 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS:

(a) Supervised Consumption Service Zoning Regulations

John Horn, Social Planner, provided background information regarding the creation of overdose prevention sites in Canada in relation to Nanaimo's municipal zoning requirements. Nanaimo first established its zoning rules a decade ago when its overdose problem was much smaller compared to larger Canadian cities. Since then, the overdose crisis has increased dramatically to the point where harm reduction facilities are now required in Nanaimo; however, some of the original definitions and requirements in the Zoning Bylaw require updating to be relevant today. Also, overdose prevention sites have evolved into supervised consumption services that offer enhanced treatment services beyond preventing drug users from dying from overdoses. These factors affect the processes at the municipal, provincial and federal government levels when determining new site locations.

Presentation:


1. Dr. Paul Hasselback, Medical Health Officer, Island Health, provided a presentation detailing background information on supervised consumption services in Nanaimo and other areas of Vancouver Island, including medical statistics from emergency response and coroner's reports. Points mentioned include the following:
 - Since the opioid crisis began in 2013, there have been 150 overdose deaths on Vancouver Island; this number exceeds the number of deaths by motor vehicle crashes, suicides and homicides collectively.
 - Overdose prevention sites and distribution of naloxone kits have helped prevent deaths.
 - An application for a site specific rezoning of the City-owned property at 437 Wesley Street to allow for a supervised consumption service failed at third reading; subsequently, an overdose prevention site has been operating at 437 Wesley Street on a temporary basis enabled by the declaration of a public health emergency by the province of BC.
 - A permanent, supervised consumption service would be run by medical professionals who could offer medical supports, treatments and monitoring to patients for longer hours each day.
 - Open, transparent dialogue between all levels of government, health authorities and public consultation must occur when establishing a site that meets the needs of the whole community.

It was moved and seconded that the Community Planning and Development Committee receive the presentation from Dr. Paul Hasselback regarding the opioid overdose crisis in British Columbia and the role of supervised consumption services. The motion carried unanimously.

Tyler Brown vacated the Board Room at 5:59 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The Community Planning and Development Committee meeting was terminated due to loss of quorum at 5:59 p.m.



CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



CORPORATE OFFICER