

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE,
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2019-MAY-13, AT 5:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor L. Krog, Chair
Councillor S. D. Armstrong
Councillor D. Bonner
Councillor T. Brown
Councillor B. Geselbracht
Councillor E. Hemmens
Councillor Z. Maartman
Councillor I. W. Thorpe
Councillor J. Turley

Staff: J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer (arrived 5:43 p.m.)
D. Lindsay, Director, Community Development
B. Sims, Director, Engineering and Public Works (vacated 6:33, returned 7:31 p.m.)
L. Mercer, Acting Director, Financial Services (vacated 8:09 p.m.)
F. Farrokhi, Manager of Communications (vacated 6:33 p.m.)
B. Corsan, Manager of Real Estate
L. Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community and Cultural Planning (arrived 7:00 p.m., vacated 8:40 p.m.)
D. Blackwood, Client Support Specialist
S. Gurrie, City Clerk
S. Snelgrove, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Special Council Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. PROCEDURAL MOTION TO PROCEED IN CAMERA:

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be closed to the public in order to deal with agenda items under the *Community Charter*:

Section 90(1) A part of a Council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;
- (l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under Section 98 [annual municipal report]; and,

Community Charter Section 90(2):

- (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

The motion carried unanimously.

Council moved “In Camera” at 5:31 p.m.
Council moved out of “In Camera” at 6:32 p.m.

The Council Meeting recessed at 6:33 p.m.
The Council Meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Agenda Item 10(b) - Task Force on Health and Housing - Replace Attachment A with updated version.
- (b) Add Agenda Items 11 (b) - “Parcel Tax Roll Preparation Bylaw 2019 No. 7284” and 11 (c) - “Regional Parks and Trails Parcel Tax Bylaw 2019 No. 7285” for adoption.
- (c) Remove Agenda Item 8(a) – Delegations – Holden Southward regarding destruction of the natural environment.
- (d) Add Agenda Item 12 (a) Correspondence from Landen M. dated 2019-APR-11 regarding problems of plastic pollution.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC on Monday, 2019-APR-29 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

6. MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Krog advised of the following items:

- May 13, 2019 is the first day of the week long 16th annual Healthamoungus event which is a partnership between School District 68 and the City of Nanaimo.

- e-Town Hall event to be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2019. Residents are encouraged to connect with Council and submit questions on Council's priorities, through the City's website or in person.
- City water parks are now open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Councillor Brown's request for authorization of travel expenses.

It was moved and seconded that Council authorize travel expenses including ferry and mileage for Councillor Brown to attend the BC Active Transportation Summit June 17-18, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

7. PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) Brian Green, Manager, Terminal Development, British Columbia Ferry Services Inc., provided a presentation regarding a new Terminal Development Plan for the Nanaimo Harbour Ferry Terminal connecting to Gabriola Island. He spoke regarding:

- BC Ferries structure
- Infrastructure spending
- Increase in service between Nanaimo harbour and Gabriola Island
- 6 phase Terminal Development Plan process
- Incorporation of waterfront walkway in plan redevelopment
- New vessels scheduled to be on route in 2022

- (b) KPMG presentation regarding the 2018 Summary of Audit Findings

Introduced by Laura Mercer, Acting Director, Financial Services.

Liette Bates-Eamer, KPMG, provided a presentation regarding the summary of audit findings:

- Audit is almost complete, last step discussion with Council and approval of financial statements.
- Opinion as drafted is a clean opinion
- Received full cooperation from management during audit
- Risk of management override, performed procedures to address risk and were satisfied with findings
- No uncorrected adjustments

B. Sims entered the Shaw Auditorium at 7:31 p.m.

8. DELEGATIONS:

- (a) Holly Bright, Crimson Coast Dance Society, regarding funding and pilot projects

Holly Bright, Crimson Coast Dance Society, spoke regarding Council's support of pilot projects, thanked Council for approving the recent application for three-year operating funding and led Council and the audience in a exercise and dance routine.

(b) Pat Squire and Louise Gilfoy regarding buried historical grave markers

Louise Gilfoy and Pat Squire spoke regarding:

- History of headstones at cemetery
- Markers removed to make it easier to mow the grass
- Past presentations to Council and timeline of work in cemetery
- Parts of history of Nanaimo have been lost
- Public Works Department involvement
- Chemainus cemetery in it's natural state

(c) Sapha Habibi, Kevin Donoghy and Sarah Lovegrove, New Leaf Outreach, regarding goals of New Leaf Outreach organization

Sapha Habibi and Sarah Lovegrove, New Leaf Outreach, spoke regarding the purpose, mission and goals of the New Leaf Outreach organization:

- Incorporated as not for profit
- Peer run supervised consumption site
- Collected over 1,140 needles in Nanaimo
- Face barriers to provide work in community
- Requested Council grant them a safe space to operate their work
- Reversed 5 overdoses
- Have served 100-200 people per shift

9. REPORTS:

(a) 2018 Annual Financial Statements

Introduced by Laura Mercer, Acting Director, Financial Services.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the 2018 Annual Financial Statements for the City of Nanaimo. The motion carried unanimously.

L. Mercer vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 8:09 p.m.

(b) Task Force on Health and Housing

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, Director, Community Development and Lisa Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community and Cultural Planning.

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. approve the creation of a Health and Housing Task Force; and,
2. approve the proposed Task Force on Health and Housing Terms of Reference.

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council appoint Councillor Hemmens and Councillor Bonner as Council representatives to the Task Force on Health and Housing. The motion carried unanimously.

10. BYLAWS:

(a) “Parcel Tax Roll Preparation Bylaw 2019 No. 7284”

It was moved and seconded that that “Parcel Tax Roll Preparation Bylaw 2019 No. 7284” be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) “Regional Parks and Trails Parcel Tax Bylaw 2019 No. 7285”

It was moved and seconded that “Regional Parks and Trails Parcel Tax Bylaw 2019 No. 7285”. The motion carried unanimously.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Councillor Hemmens spoke regarding a letter dated 2019-APR-11 from Landen M. of Mr. Ossa's class at Cedar Elementary School regarding the problems of plastic pollution.

L. Bhopalsingh vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 8:40 p.m.

12. QUESTION PERIOD:

- No one in attendance wished to ask questions.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 8:41 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER