

MINUTES
OPEN COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
WEDNESDAY, 2018-FEB-07, AT 4:30 PM

PRESENT: Members: Councillor G.W. Fuller, Chair (arrived at 4:57 pm)
 Dennis McMahon, Vice Chair
 Erin Hemmens
 Rob McGregor
 Ingrid Sly
 Paula Waatainen

 Staff: Bruce Anderson, Manager, Community & Cultural Planning
 Chris Sholberg, Culture & Heritage Planner
 Chris Barfoot, Culture & Heritage Coordinator
 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 4:37 pm.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Dennis McMahon advised that he would be bringing forward an item under Agenda Item 6 (b) New Business regarding the Port Drive Waterfront Master Plan.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Dennis McMahon requested a change to the 2018-JAN-03 Community Vitality Committee meeting Minutes under Item 7 (c) Other Business to include that a motion was moved, seconded, then withdrawn.

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-JAN-03 at 4:30 pm be adopted as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

[Note: An amendment to the minutes was requested by the committee. As the amendment is prohibited by "Council Procedure Bylaw 2007 No. 7060" the change was not made.]

5. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Affordable Housing Strategy Update

Karin Kronstal, Social Planner, provided an update on the City of Nanaimo's Affordable Housing Strategy to date, a process that has been in progress since 2015. Her presentation included: purpose, process to date, steering committee membership, project deliverables, survey responses, top issues identified, housing and population statistics, sales and affordability.

Councillor Gord Fuller entered the meeting at 4:57 pm and resumed as Chair.

The next step (Phase 3) will include a World Café event to be held on February 21, 2018 from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.

It was moved and seconded that the Affordable Housing Strategy Update presentation be received as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) 2018 Strategic Directions

Bruce Anderson, Manager of Community and Cultural Planning, introduced the 2018 Strategic Directions, requesting that the Community Vitality Committee review the proposed 2018 Strategic Directions and provide suggestions on additional items for consideration. Once endorsed by the Committee, the Strategic Directions will be forwarded to Council for final approval. He provided an overview of each item listed, stating it's purpose, status, and potential action items that could arise as the year proceeds.

The Strategic Directions serve as a list of umbrella topics that may be brought forward to the Committee for information, consideration, discussion, endorsement, etc., and represent the Committee's "scope" as endorsed by Council. The items may not be actioned right now.

After reviewing the document, the Committee requested that the following items be added to the list of 2018 Strategic Directions:

- Immigrant Attraction and Retention
- Cannabis Task Force
- Response to Health, Social and Safety Issues
- Food Security

It was moved and seconded that the 2018 Strategic Directions for the Community Vitality Committee be endorsed as follows:

Item 1: Poverty Reduction Strategy

Item 2: Community Plan to End Homelessness (homelessness Coalition)

Item 3: Affordable Housing Strategy

Item 4: Heritage Register Amendments

- Item 5: Archaeological Mapping and Liaison - Archaeological Overview Assessment
- Item 6: Heritage Promotion and Interpretation – Coal Town Trail
- Item 7: Culture & Heritage Sector Recognition
- Item 8: Poet Laureate
- Item 9: Public Art
- Item 10: Arts/Culture Community Space
- Item 11: Heritage Building Design Guidelines Update
- Item 12: Immigrant Attraction and Retention
- Item 13: Cannabis Task Force
- Item 14: Response to Health, Social & Safety Issues
- Item 15: Food Security

The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Port Drive Waterfront Master Plan

Dennis McMahon shared the draft Port Drive Waterfront Master Plan with a colleague, Mr. Rick Hulbert, an international award-winning and published architect, urban designer and photographer; in order to seek his opinion on the plan. Dennis McMahon noted that, in general, Mr. Hulbert was generally complimentary to the draft plan, noting that it seemed to indicate a thoughtful and considerate approach to planning, and shared a number of his thoughts on the plan for staff consideration.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

(a) 2018 Culture & Heritage Grants Approved by Council

The Committee was advised that on 2018-JAN-15, Council approved the 2018 Culture & Heritage Grants in the amount of \$330,052.

(b) 2018 Social Planning Grants Approved by Council

The Committee was advised that on 2017-DEC-18, Council approved the 2018 Social Planning Grants in the amount of \$85,000.

(c) 2018 Temporary Outdoor Public Art Approved by Council

The Committee was advised that on 2018-JAN-15, Council approved eleven new pieces of temporary outdoor public art for 2018.

(d) 2018 Culture & Heritage Awards

The Committee was advised that on 2018-JAN-15, Council approved the 2018 Culture & Heritage Award recipients. The award ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Port Theatre.

(e) Shower Facilities for the Homeless Approved by Council

The Committee was advised that on 2018-JAN-22, Council approved the use of Caledonia Parks sports field shower facility for homeless persons, providing interim

funding of \$10,000 for three months.

(f) 2018 Living History Speaker Series

The Committee was advised that the 2018 Living History Speaker Series will be held on March 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 6:30 pm at the Wellington Community Hall.

(g) 2018 Heritage Summit

The Committee was advised that the 2018 Heritage Summit will be held on 2018-FEB-21 at 7:00 pm at the Nanaimo Museum.

It was moved and seconded that the following Correspondence Items be received as circulated:

- 2018 Culture & Heritage Grants Approved by Council
- 2018 Social Planning Grants Approved by Council
- 2018 Temporary Outdoor Public Art Approved by Council
- 2018 Culture & Heritage Awards
- Shower Facilities for the Homeless Approved by Council
- 2018 Living History Speaker Series
- 2018 Heritage Summit

The motion carried unanimously.

8. QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no members of the public in attendance wishing to ask questions.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:17 pm that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER