

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE,
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2019-SEP-09, AT 4:30 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
D. Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services
B. Corsan, Director, Community Development
D. Stevens, Client Support Specialist
S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services
K. Gerard, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 4:37 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:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; 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 4:38 p.m.
Council moved out of “In Camera” at 6:54 p.m.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Remove Agenda Item 10(a) – Municipal and Regional District Tax Renewal Bylaw.

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-AUG-26 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

6. MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Krog spoke regarding:

- Celebration of Life for Tim Ripka and Mike Rogers was held on September 7th and the Mayor thanked family, friends and co-workers who attended the events
- City of Nanaimo has been awarded a Level 3, BC Climate Action Community by the joint provincial and Union of British Columbia Municipalities Green Communities Committee
- The City of Nanaimo is accepting applications to become Nanaimo’s next Poet Laureate. Deadline for applications is Thursday, October 31st, 2019. Interested applicants can apply in person, online or by contacting cutlureandheritage@nanaimo.ca
- The first edition of “My Nanaimo This Week”, electronic newsletter is available at www.nanaimo.ca
- Terry Fox Run for cancer research will be held this Sunday, September 15th at Bowen Park, 500 Bowen Road
- The Parkinson SuperWalk was held on September 8th, at Maffeo Sutton Park and many residents and members of Council participated
- Mayor Krog thanked Staff, members of Council and the public for their participation in all the charity events that have taken place and encouraged all members of Council to attend future events including the Terry Fox Run

7. CONSENT ITEMS:

(a) Committee Recommendations

It was moved and seconded that the following items be adopted or received by consent:

1. Governance and Priorities Committee Agenda Planning

That Council direct Staff to schedule a Governance and Priorities Committee meeting on 2019-SEP-30.

(b) Committee Minutes

- Minutes of the Design Advisory Panel Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC on Thursday, 2019-JUL-25 at 5:00 p.m.
- Minutes of the Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC on Monday, 2019-JUL-29 at 1:00 p.m.

(c) Correspondence from the Green Communities Committee, dated 2019-AUG-15, re: Level 3 Recognition - 'Accelerating Progress on Charter Commitments'

The motion carried unanimously.

(d) Separately Addressed Consent Items

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the following item:

1. Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting 2019-AUG-26

Economic Development Function Service Model Recommendation

That Council endorse the recommendations set out in the Economic Development Service Model (Final Report), specifically:

1. That Council endorse an initial scope of services for the City's new economic development function as outlined in the report;
2. That Council endorse the In-House/City-Owned Agency Hybrid Model for the delivery of the City's new economic development function; and,
3. That Council, in accordance with the In-House/City-Owned Agency Hybrid Model, divide the scope of services between an in-house economic development group, operated by City Staff, and an arm's-length Nanaimo Prosperity Agency, incorporated and owned (primarily) by the City of Nanaimo, governed by an autonomous Board of Directors, and operated by its own staff.

4. That Council assign the following initial scope of services to the in-house economic development group:
 - a. The development of a new Nanaimo Economic Development Strategy;
 - b. The formulation of Nanaimo-specific economic reports on economic activity, performance, trends, opportunities and needs;
 - c. The provision of advice and assistance to existing and prospective businesses that must navigate City Hall to obtain permits, licenses and other permissions or information;
 - d. Management of the City's service contract with Tourism VI, as well as any future economic development related service contracts with external agencies; and,
 - e. The provision of input into the formulation of City policies for other departments and Council aimed at facilitating economic activity and investment.
5. That Council assign the following initial scope of services to the City-Owned Agency:
 - a. The implementation and maintenance of the Nanaimo Economic Development Strategy (once developed);
 - b. The coordination of organizations with roles to play in the community's ongoing economic development; and,
 - c. Business attraction effectors, including the development and embodiment of a single Nanaimo Brand.
6. That Council establish the Nanaimo Prosperity Steering Committee to oversee the creation of the new Nanaimo Economic Development Strategy, and to fully develop the ownership, funding, governance, staffing, and other elements of the City-owned Nanaimo Prosperity Agency; and,
7. That Council direct Staff to return to an upcoming Finance and Audit Meeting with a detailed business case for the new Economic Development Service Model.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. REPORTS:

(a) Road Closure and Disposition - Unnamed Road Adjacent to 3500 Rock City Road

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services.

It was moved and seconded that:

1. Council authorize the road closure and disposition of an unnamed road adjacent to 3500 Rock City Road to Hazelwood Holdings Ltd.;

2. The Mayor and Corporate Officer execute the conditional Road Closure and Transfer Agreement; and,
3. Council direct Staff to proceed with public notice of closure and disposition of a portion of the unnamed road.

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Highway Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw 2019 No. 7289” (To provide for highway closure and dedication removal of an unnamed road adjacent to 3500 Rock City Road) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Highway Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw 2019 No. 7289” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Proposed Road Closure - Part of Fifth Street and Land Exchange at 900 Fifth Street

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services.

It was moved and seconded that:

1. Council authorize the road closure and disposition of a portion of Fifth Street adjacent to 900 Fifth Street in exchange for a portion of 900 Fifth Street;
2. Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the Land Exchange Agreement; and,
3. That Council direct Staff to proceed with public notice of closure and disposition of a portion of Fifth Street.

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Highway Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw 2019 No. 7290” (To provide highway closure and dedication removal of a portion of Fifth Street adjacent to 900 Fifth Street) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Highway Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw 2019 No. 7290” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Spindle Whorl Maintenance & Repair

Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services informed Council that the “whorl” from the public art project titled “Spindle Whorl” will be replaced and permanently attached to the existing base and spindle.

9. BYLAWS:

(a) “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 4500.152”

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment bylaw 2019 No. 4500.152” (To rezone 350 Terminal Avenue to allow “Cannabis Retail Store” as a site-specific use in the Terminal Avenue [DT4] zone) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) “Nuisance Abatement and Cost Recovery Bylaw 2019 No. 7250”

It was moved and seconded that “Nuisance Abatement and Cost Recovery Bylaw 2019 No. 7250” (To prevent, abate, and prohibit nuisances and provide for the cost recovery of abatement or nuisances) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) “Housing Agreement Bylaw 2019 No. 7291”

It was moved and seconded that “Housing Agreement Bylaw 2019 No. 7291” (To authorize a housing agreement for a 31-unit multiple-family rental housing building at 337 Robson Street) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Councillor Bonner Motion regarding John Howard Society Treatment Beds

It was moved and seconded that Councillor Bonner’s following motion be referred to a future Health and Housing Task Force meeting for discussion accompanied by a Staff Report outlining funding options and implications:

Whereas it's recognized that the city has an addictions crisis and that there are not enough addiction facilities to meet the demand for treatment and that the John Howard Society presently has 5 beds available for addiction treatment that are not being used because of lack of funding.

That a one time grant of \$70,500 be provided to the John Howard Society to fund 5 beds at the Vancouver Island Therapeutic Community for 6 months.

The motion carried unanimously.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 7:36 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CHAIR

CORPORATE OFFICER