

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE,
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2019-JUL-15 AT 4:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor L. Krog, Chair
Councillor S. D. Armstrong
Councillor D. Bonner
Councillor T. Brown
Councillor B. Geselbracht (arrived 4:32 p.m.)
Councillor E. Hemmens
Councillor Z. Maartman
Councillor I. W. Thorpe
Councillor J. Turley

Staff: J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer
R. J. Harding, General Manager, Parks and Recreation
D. Lindsay, General Manager, Community Development
(vacated 5:14 p.m.)
B. Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works
L. Mercer, Director, Financial Services
D. LaBerge, Manager, Community Safety (vacated 5:14 p.m.)
D. Blackwood, Client Support Specialist
S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services
S. Snelgrove, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

Councillor Geselbracht entered the Shaw Auditorium at 4:32 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Agenda Item 7(a) – 150 Nicol Street – Stone Soup Kitchen – Add Delegation from Tim McGrath.
- (b) Agenda Item 9 – Other Business - Add - Councillor Hemmens: Motion regarding letter to the Ministry of Education regarding library funding.
- (c) Mayor Krog advised that Kent Morgan was in attendance and wished to address the Committee of the Whole as a late delegation regarding the LEAP program.

It was moved and seconded that Kent Morgan be permitted to address the Committee of the Whole as a late delegation with a five-minute time limitation. The motion was defeated. Opposed: Councillors Armstrong, Bonner, Brown, Geselbracht, Hemmens, Maartman, Thorpe.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2019-MAR-25, at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. DELEGATIONS:

(a) Nanaimo Aboriginal Youth Advisory Council: Raising Awareness regarding Youth Homelessness

The Nanaimo Aboriginal Youth Advisory Council provided Council with recommendations to support youth facing homelessness within the community, which included:

- Create a youth homeless coordinator position within the City to support youth and collect data about youth homeless experiences
- Support projects for youth supportive housing complexes
- Support a low barrier, culturally based youth drop in centre
- Create a supported youth position on the Health and Housing Taskforce
- Build a stronger relationship with youth in the community to ensure youth voice is captured in City strategies, projects and initiatives.

(b) Tanya Hiltz regarding the Stone Soup Kitchen

Andrew Homzy on behalf of Tanya Hiltz, Stone Soup Kitchen, requested a facilitated meeting between Stone Soup Kitchen and City Staff. He advised:

- The space is needed, established, zoned, permitted, well used and helps connect homeless with health agencies
- Free service that hasn't cost the City or Province money
- 18/20 residents on Wisteria Lane support Stone Soup
- Thanked volunteers and donors for providing meals for 16 months.

6. REPORTS:

(a) 150 Nicol Street - Stone Soup Kitchen

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services.

Delegation:

1. Tim McGrath withdrew his delegation.

(b) Terms of Reference: Environment Committee

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services.

It was moved and seconded that the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the Environment Committee. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Brown, Bonner, Geselbracht.*

D. Lindsay and D. LaBerge vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 5:14 p.m.

(c) Amendments to “Council Procedure Bylaw 2018 No. 7272”

Introduced by Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services.

It was moved and seconded that the Committee of the Whole refer the report Amendments to “Council Procedure Bylaw 2018 No. 7272” to a future Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

(d) 2019 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention Meetings with Provincial Cabinet Ministers

Introduced by Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Councillor Hemmens: Motion regarding Letter to the Ministry of Education

It was moved and seconded that the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council direct the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write a letter to Minister Fleming asking that the BC Government restore library funding to a minimum of \$20 million annually to reflect inflationary and population increases and recommit to a progressive funding approach, reflecting the role of public libraries in achieving the goals of the Province and our communities. The motion carried unanimously.

8. QUESTION PERIOD:

- No members of the public wished to ask questions.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:34 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CHAIR

CORPORATE OFFICER