

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE,
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2019-OCT-21, AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Councillor Z. Maartman

Staff: J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services (vacated 7:44 p.m.)
J. Holm, Director, Development Approvals (vacated 7:44 p.m.)
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 7:00 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Remove Agenda Item 9(a) – Property Maintenance – 188 Capt. Morgans Boulevard and 63 Pirates Lane.
- (b) Agenda Item 9(b) – Nanaimo Region Foundry BC Centre – Add Presentation from Jason Harrison, Executive Director, Canadian Mental Health Association Mid-Island Branch.

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 following Minutes be adopted as circulated:

- Minutes of the Special Council meeting held in the Douglas Rispin Room, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2019-SEP-30, at 4:00 p.m.
- Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2019-OCT-07, at 7:00 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Krog spoke regarding:

- The upcoming meeting with the Honourable Selina Robinson, in Victoria on 2019-OCT-31 regarding concerns addressed by the community.
- Mayor Krog announced that Equal Voice Central Vancouver Island in partnership with Councillor Erin Hemmens were the successful recipients of the Toward Parity Grant. Councillor's Hemmens grant proposal titled "Women Lead!" received a \$5000 grant which will be used toward new ideas and/or enhancing existing programs to gain support for gender equality in the community and encourage women and young girls to consider positions in local government.
- The City of Nanaimo is currently recruiting members for the recently approved Economic Development Task Force. Interested applicants need to submit a completed Application Form to Legislative Services between Thursday, October 17th, 2019 and 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 1st, 2019 by Mail/in person: Legislative Services, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6 or email: Legislative.Servicesoffice@nanaimo.ca The application form and terms of reference are on the website at Nanaimo.ca.
- On Friday, October 25, 2019, Beban Park pool will host the annual Halloween Howl Pool party between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Many activities and prizes will be offered.
- Go By Bike week will run for two weeks, October 21 to November 3, 2019. Register yourself, your family or a team at www.gobybikebc.ca to participate and win prizes throughout the event.
- Vancouver Island University is hosting a Green Idea Event – Greening the Campus on October 24th. Presentations start at 4:15 p.m. For more information contact sustainability@viu.ca.
- The City of Nanaimo is seeking Park, Recreation and Culture program proposals for the upcoming Spring/Summer Parks, Recreation and Culture Activity Guide. Submission deadline is November 8, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.
- The City of Nanaimo is encouraging the community to stay safe for Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night, October 31, 2019 and November 5, 2019. Bonfire permits must be obtained from the City of Nanaimo for each event. Fees are \$50.00 each and can be paid at the Service and Resource Centre building at 411 Dunsmuir Street. Permits must be obtained by noon on October 31st and noon on November 5th.
- Daylight savings time is on November 3rd and Mayor Krog reminded residents that this is also a good time to check your smoke alarms.

6. CONSENT ITEMS:

(a) Advisory Committee Minutes

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

- Minutes of the Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2019-SEP-09, at 1:00 p.m.
- Minutes of the Design Advisory Panel Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Thursday, 2019-SEP-12, at 5:00 p.m.
- Minutes of the Health and Housing Task Force Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2019-SEP-18, at 12:30 p.m.

(b) Committee Recommendations

1. Governance and Priorities Committee Recommendations 2019-OCT-07

1. Council Policy Update

That Council approve the Notice of Motion Policy.

2. Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness

That Council refer "Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness" to Staff for further input and information.

3. Presentation: Fire Department Update and Services Delivery Plan

That Council direct Staff to prepare a report for Council on transitioning pre-hospital care up to Emergency Medical Responder.

4. Discussion: Boathouse and Paddling Centre

That Council direct Staff to invite the Boathouse and Paddling Centre to make a presentation at a future Council meeting.

5. Agenda Planning

That Council direct Staff to invite the Medical Director, Nanaimo Community, to make a presentation during a future Council meeting.

2. Finance and Audit Committee Recommendations 2019-OCT-16

1. Community Resiliency Investment Program (FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Program)

That Council support the City of Nanaimo's application to the Union of BC Municipalities for the Community Resiliency Investment Program (FireSmart Community Funding and Support Program) and if successful the 2020-2024 Financial Plan be amended to include this grant.

2. Heritage Façade Grant Application - 34 Victoria Crescent

That Council approve a Heritage Façade Grant of up to \$20,000 for the Queen's Hotel located at 34 Victoria Crescent to repaint the building's exterior, as well as install new brick cladding, a new awning system, new signage (including a vintage refurbished Queen's sign), and new exterior lighting to the building's Victoria Crescent façade.

The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Separately Addressed Consent Items

1. Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council

It was moved and seconded that Council hold the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council in abeyance; that staff prepare a report on an engagement session to inquire with youth on how they would like to be engaged with and included in local governance structures; and that correspondence be sent to School District 68 and the Regional District of Nanaimo inviting their involvement in organizing the initial engagement session. The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Brown vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 7:16 p.m. declaring a conflict of interest as he is a member of the Rotary Club of Nanaimo.

2. Loudon Boathouse Project

That Council:

1. consider funding of \$123,750 during the 2020 financial plan review for detailed design and costing of the Loudon Boathouse (with \$15,000 coming from private contributions);
2. direct Staff to return with, final costing and funding options for Council's review and consideration during the 2021 budget review if design phase is approved; and,
3. direct Staff to work with the Long Lake Flatwater Training Centre Society and Rotary Club of Nanaimo North on fundraising and other sources of revenue for the project.

The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Brown entered the Shaw Auditorium at 7:16 p.m.

7. REPORTS:

(a) Nanaimo Region Foundry BC Centre

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services.

Delegation:

1. Jason Harrison, Executive Director, Canadian Mental Health Association, Mid-Island Branch, spoke and stated the following:
 - Foundry Centre BC brings resources and service providers together to support youth in the community without delays or waits to obtain assistance for things such as family support, mental health issues and others problems facing youth
 - Focuses on youth ages 12 – 24
 - Eight Foundry Centres are currently operating in BC with two operating on Vancouver Island
 - Requesting that Council appoint a representative to the steering committee and provide a letter of support to enclose in the application to the Province

It was moved and seconded that Council authorize the Mayor to provide a letter of support to the Nanaimo Region Foundry BC Steering Committee regarding their application to create a Foundry BC site in Nanaimo and direct a representative from City Staff to participate as a non-voting member on the committee. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Rezoning Application No. RA419 – 150 Esplanade and 155 Fry Street

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services.

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 4500.159” (To rezone 150 Esplanade and 155 Fry Street from Community Corridor [COR3] to Mixed Use Corridor [COR2]) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 4500.159” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to secure the community amenity contribution should Council support the bylaw at third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Rezoning Application No. RA436 – 120 Commercial Street

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services.

Delegation:

1. Andrew Gordon, Burnaby BC, Aura Cannabis Inc. spoke regarding Aura Cannabis Inc., their commitment to safety in the community by following all rules and regulations set out by the City of Nanaimo, Province of BC and Government of Canada, community contributions and best practices followed by their other retail locations in BC and Saskatchewan.

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 4500.161” (To rezone 120 Commercial Street to allow “Cannabis Retail Store” as a site-specific use in the Core [DT1] zone) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 4500.161” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to secure the amenity contribution prior to adoption of the bylaw, should Council support the bylaw at third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

(d) Rezoning Application No. RA437 – 115 Chapel Street

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services.

It was moved and seconded “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 4500.160” (To rezone 115 Chapel Street to allow “Cannabis Retail Store” as a site-specific use the Core [DT1] zone) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 4500.160” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded Council direct Staff to secure the amenity contribution and BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch approval prior to adoption of the bylaw, should Council support the bylaw at third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

8. BYLAWS:

(a) "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 4500.132"

It was moved and seconded that "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 4500.132" (To rezone 111 Nicol Street to allow a site-specific Cannabis Retail Store use in the Gateway [DT12] Zone) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) "Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 7272.01"

It was moved and seconded that Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 7272.01" (To remove references to the Committee of the Whole and include amendments related to delegations, task forces and other administrative matters) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) "Property Tax Exemption Bylaw 2019 No. 7293"

It was moved and seconded that "Property Tax Exemption Bylaw 2019 No. 7293" (To provide exemptions from 2019 property taxes) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

(d) "Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 7224.02"

It was moved and seconded that "Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 7224.02" (To introduce BC Energy Step Code regulations, and amend demolition permit expiration, amend works and services) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

(e) "Highway Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw 2019 No. 7292"

It was moved and seconded that "Highway Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw 2019 No. 7292" (To provide highway closure and dedication removal of Lubbock Square adjacent to 618 Fitzwilliam Street and 285 Prideaux Street) pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

(a) Correspondence from Vancouver Island Regional Library dated, 2019-OCT-11, re: Letter of Support for Canadian Libraries Access to Digital Content

It was moved and seconded that Council send a letter of support to the Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULS) regarding support for Canadian libraries access to digital content. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Holm and D. Lindsay vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 7:44 p.m.

10. QUESTION PERIOD:

No one in attendance wished to ask questions.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 7:47 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CHAIR

CORPORATE OFFICER