

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE,
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2020-FEB-24, 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: R. Harding, A/Chief Administrative Officer
D. Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services
B. Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works
L. Mercer, Director, A/General Manager, Corporate Services
P. Rosen, Director, Engineering (vacated 8:15 p.m.)
J. Holm, Director, Development Approvals
B. Corsan, Director, Community Development
P. Stewart, Manager, Engineering Projects (vacated 8:15 p.m.)
L. Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community Planning (arrived 8:42 p.m., vacated 8:50 p.m.)
A. Manhas, Economic Development Officer (vacated 8:43 p.m.)
D. Blackwood, 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 4:30 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:

- (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;
- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

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 4:30 p.m.
Council moved out of “In Camera” at 6:18 p.m.

Council recessed the Open Meeting at 6:18 p.m.
Council reconvened the Open Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Agenda Item 10(a) - 2019 Capital Projects & Development Review – replace 2019 Capital Projects and Development Review with the hard copy provided.

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 following Minutes be adopted as circulated:

- Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2020-JAN-20, at 11:00 a.m.
- Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2020-FEB-03, at 4:00 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Krog spoke regarding:

- BC Mayor's Caucus on Tuesday, May 5th to Wednesday, May 6th, in Whistler and requested a motion from Council for approval of his expenses

It was moved and seconded that Council approve attendance and expenses for Mayor Krog to attend the BC Mayor's Caucus from May 5th to May 6th, 2020 in Whistler, BC. The motion carried unanimously.

- 2020 Culture and Heritage Awards Ceremony is taking place on Thursday, April 16th, 2020, and tickets are free but must be reserved. The Awards will be honouring the following community members:
 - Trish and Geoff Horrocks, Honour in Culture
 - Patrick Aleck, Emerging Cultural Leader
 - Gary and Adam Manson, Honour in Heritage
 - Devon Joiner, Excellence in Culture
- Maffeo Sutton Playground upgrades began in January of 2020 and will be completed in the spring of 2020. The City of Nanaimo, Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island, Nanaimo Child Development Centre and other community organizations have partnered to increase inclusive play spaces for children of all abilities.
- The City of Nanaimo's Youth Poet Laureate, Valina Zanetti, and the Nanaimo SPCA invite local youth to help celebrate the SPCA's 125 years of rescuing and protecting animals. Youth between the ages of 11 and 18 are invited to submit original poems the Nanaimo SPCA by Monday, March 30th, 2020. For more information contact callingallpoets@nanaimo.ca
- Snuneymuxw First Nation flag raising ceremony took place on Thursday, February 20th, 2020. Returning the flag to City Hall recognizes the important relationship between the City of Nanaimo and Snuneymuxw First Nation.

7. CONSENT ITEMS:

Councillor Armstrong requested that Consent Item 8(b), bullets 7 and 9 be removed from Consent Items for separate consideration.

Councillor Bonner requested that Consent Item 8(c)(8) be removed from Consent Items for separate consideration.

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

(a) Committee Minutes

1. Minutes of the Special Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2020-JAN-20, at 12:30 p.m.
2. Minutes of the Design Advisory Panel Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Thursday, 2020-JAN-23, at 5:00 p.m.
3. Minutes of the Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on 2020-JAN-27, at 9:00 a.m.

(b) Committee Recommendation Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting 2020-FEB-10

That Council revise the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan with the following amendments:

1. Reword Key Focus Area 2 to read: “Ensure our community and transportation planning are multi-modal designed to encourage active and public transportation”
2. Reword the action item regarding public transit to read: “Work with the Regional District of Nanaimo to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of public transit services in the City”
3. Add “innovative” and remove “within our risk framework” under Key Focus Area 3
4. Add “as well as the health and safety of those in our community” under Key Focus Area 4
5. Add the following bullet as an action item: “Undertake a review of civic facilities to prioritize and plan for necessary upgrades, expansion and/or replacement”
6. Add “safe” under Council Priority
8. Add “connected” under Key Focus Area 7
10. Add the following bullet as an action item: “Support the work and implement the recommendations of the Health and Housing Task Force to address the health and housing crisis in our community”
11. Add the following bullet as an action item: “Implement improvements in the downtown core to increase pride of place, stimulate the economy and address public safety concerns”

(c) Committee Recommendations Finance and Audit Committee Meeting 2020-FEB-19

1. Community Program Development Grant - Nanaimo Science and Sustainability Society (NS3)

That Council approve the request from the Nanaimo Science and Sustainability Society (NS3) for a Community Program Development Grant in the amount of \$3,000 to assist in funding a Science in the Park summer program for children and families.

2. Next Phase for Nanaimo Art Gallery Development and Implementation

That Council:

1. direct Staff to work with the Nanaimo Art Gallery on moving forward with the next phase of the Nanaimo Art Gallery development process and return with options that may include an updated co-management agreement; and,
2. direct Staff to include funding options that address the next phase of Art Gallery Development and Operations for Council’s consideration in the 2021-2025 budget deliberations.

3. Rotary Centennial Garden Project Update

That Council approve adding \$186,120 to the 2020 budget for the Rotary Centennial Garden Project at Maffeo Sutton Park to be funded by the Strategic Infrastructure Reserve.

4. Closed Circuit Television Camera Van

That Council approve increasing the budget for the Closed Circuit Television Video Equipment and Camera Van by \$214,458, funded from the Sewer Reserve.

5. Funding for Overdose Emergency Response Conference

That Council direct Staff to dispense \$200,000 received from the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions to the British Columbia Patient Safety & Quality Council for the purpose of hosting a provincial Overdose Emergency Response Centre Conference in Nanaimo in 2020.

6. British Columbia Poverty Reduction Grant Application

That Council adopt the following resolution:

“That the City of Nanaimo supports the Regional District of Nanaimo as the primary applicant to the UBCM Poverty Reduction Planning and Action grant program for a Social Needs Assessment and Strategy and supports the Regional District of Nanaimo to receive and manage the grant funding on its behalf”.

7. Sponsorship Policy and Program Development

That Council take a two (2) phased approach to creating a sponsorship policy and strategic plan as follows:

- Phase 1 – Issue a Request For Proposals to:
 - Conduct a feasibility study/inventory asset valuation
 - Develop or update sponsorship/advertising/naming policy
 - Develop sponsorship strategic plan
- Phase 2 – Implement sponsorship program

The motion carried unanimously.

(d) Separately Addressed Consent Items

1. 2019 - 2022 Strategic Plan Amendments

It was moved and seconded that the words “social disorder” be replaced with the words “public safety” in bullets 7 and 9 from the 2019 – 2022 Strategic Plan Amendments:

7. Reword Key Focus Area 6 to read: “Proactively address public safety issues and advocate for support to ensure our community is a safe place for all people to live, work, play, create and learn”
9. Add the following bullet as an action item: “Work with the RCMP, Bylaw Services, community and neighbourhood block watch programs to enhance public safety issues”

It was moved and seconded that the motion be amended to read:

7. Reword Key Focus Area 6 to read: “Proactively address social disorder issues, enhance public safety and advocate for support to ensure our community is a safe place for all people to live, work, play, create and learn”
9. Add the following bullet as an action item: “Work with the RCMP, Bylaw Services, community and neighbourhood block watch programs reduce social disorder issues and enhance public safety”

The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Bonner and Hemmens*

It was moved and seconded that Council defer consideration of changes to bullets 7 and 9 of the 2019 – 2022 Strategic Plan Amendments to a future Governance and Priorities Committee meeting. The motion was defeated.

Opposed: *Mayor Krog, Councillors Armstrong, Maartman, Thorpe and Turley*

The vote was taken on the main motion as amended, as follows:

7. Reword Key Focus Area 6 to read: “Proactively address social disorder issues, enhance public safety and advocate for support to ensure our community is a safe place for all people to live, work, play, create and learn”
9. Add the following bullet as an action item: “Work with the RCMP, Bylaw Services, community and neighbourhood block watch programs to reduce social disorder issues and enhance public safety”

The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Bonner, Brown, Geselbracht and Hemmens*

- (e) CleanBC Better Homes Rebate Program

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. direct Staff to coordinate with the Province of BC and participate in the CleanBC Better Homes Rebate Program; and,
2. direct Staff to add \$100,000 to the 2020-2024 Financial Plan for the participation in the Province of BC CleanBC Better Homes Rebate Program with funding coming from the Emissions Reduction Reserve Fund.

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Staff report to Council on the program uptake following the release of the first quarter CleanBC Better Homes Rebate Program implementation results. The motion carried unanimously.

8. REPORTS:

(a) Presentation: 2019 Capital Projects & Development Review

Bill Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works, provided Council with a presentation regarding the Engineering and Public Works, 2019 Capital Projects & Development Review, which included a review of projects under construction, out for tender and/or cancel or delayed, highlights from 2019 and upcoming projects for 2020.

Jeremy Holm, Director, Development Approvals, provided Council with a presentation regarding Development Approvals, 2019 Capital Projects & Development Review, which included new construction, comparison of residential units created from 2008 to 2019, permit processing times, current, and upcoming major projects, new assets, comparisons in development approvals from 2015 to 2019 and development variance requests.

P. Rosen and P. Stewart vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 8:15 p.m.

(b) State of the Nanaimo Economy

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services.

Presentation:

1. Amrit Manhas, Economic Development Officer, provided Council with a presentation regarding the State of the Nanaimo Economy, which included population increase in Nanaimo, origin of new residents, business licencing, value comparison of building permits from 2014 to 2019, average home and rental costs, labour force comparison and median, average and per capita income.

L. Bhopalsingh entered the Shaw Auditorium at 8:42 p.m.

A. Manhas vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 8:43 p.m.

(c) 2019 – 2023 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw

Introduced by Laura Mercer, Acting General Manager, Corporate Services.

It was moved and seconded “Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 2020 No. 7279.02” (To amend the 2019 – 2023 Financial Plan) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 2020 No. 7279.02” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 2020 No. 7279.02” pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

(d) Southern Community Transit Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1230.06, 2020

Introduced by Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services.

It was moved and seconded that Council consent to the adoption of the “Southern Community Transit Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1230.06, 2020” and further, that the Regional District of Nanaimo be notified accordingly. The motion carried unanimously.

(e) Coordinated Strategic Review (2020 – 2021) Status Update

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the report titled “Coordinated Strategic Policy Review (2020-2021) Status Update” dated 2020-FEB-24, and adopt the attached Coordinated Strategic Policy Review (2020-2021) Terms of Reference. The motion carried unanimously.

L. Bhopalsingh vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 8:50 p.m.

(f) Development Permit Application No. DP1134 – 633 Milton Street

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Development Permit No. DP1134 at 633 Milton Street with the following variances to:

- increase the building height from 7.75m to 8.15m;
- reduce the front yard setback from 8.5m to 4.3m; and
- reduce the required number of parking spaces from 4 to 3.

The motion carried unanimously.

(g) Liquor Licence Application No. LA141 – 11 Cliff Street

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services.

Delegations:

1. Jack Euback, Cliffside Brewing, spoke regarding the concerns from neighbouring businesses and residents including parking and noise and they would like the option to stay open later for downtown events and opening earlier would attract tourists, more customers and tour groups.
2. Vic Sweett spoke regarding noise concerns from the patio, extension of hours, parking and disorderly conduct.

It was moved and seconded that Council recommend the Liquor Cannabis and Regulation Branch approve the application for 11 Cliff Street (Hub City Ales) to amend the liquor licence to:

1. permit the hours of operation to be 9 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. seven days per week; and,
2. permit an outdoor patio

The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Turley*

9. BYLAWS:

(a) "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 4500.148"

It was moved and seconded that "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 4500.148" (To rezone 751 Haliburton Street to allow "office" as a site-specific use in the Local Service Centre [CC1] zone) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 4500.170"

It was moved and seconded that "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2019 No. 4500.170" (To rezone 4771 Hammond Bay Road from Single Dwelling Residential [R1] to Low Density Residential [R6]) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Correspondence dated 2020-JAN-31 from the City of Langley re: Modernizing the Motor Vehicle Act

It was moved and seconded that Council refer "Correspondence dated 2020-JAN-31 from the City of Langley re: Modernizing the Motor Vehicle Act" to the future Governance and Priorities Committee meeting regarding Transit and Sidewalks. The motion carried unanimously.

11. QUESTION PERIOD:

- Rory Konear spoke re: hours of operation of the public washroom located at Diana Krall Plaza.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 9:23 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CORPORATE OFFICER