

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE,
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2020-MAR-02, 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

Absent: Councillor J. Turley

Staff: J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Harding, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture (arrived 7:04 p.m., vacated 7:31 p.m.)
D. Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services (vacated 7:39 p.m.)
B. Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works
S. Legin, General Manager, Corporate Services
F. Farrokhi, Manager, Communications
M. Desrochers, 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:

- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (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;
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public; 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 4:31 p.m.
Council moved out of “In Camera” at 6:57 p.m.

Council recessed the Open Meeting 6:57 p.m.
Council reconvened the Open Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Agenda item 7(a) – Add attached presentation titled “Five Year Performance of the 2% Municipal Regional and District Tax”
- (b) Add Agenda Item 9(a) - Delegation from Norman Hamilton regarding the Howard Johnson Hotel and low income housing.
- (c) Remove Agenda Item 10(b) - Subdivision Control Bylaw 1989 No. 3260" - Proposed Amendment to the Manual of Engineering Standards and Specifications (MoESS).

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-FEB-10, at 11:00 a.m.
- Minutes of the Special Council Meeting (Public Hearing) held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Thursday, 2020-FEB-13, at 7:00 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

R. Harding entered the Shaw Auditorium at 7:04 p.m.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Krog spoke regarding:

- The Parks and Recreation Spring and Summer Activity Guide has arrived and can be viewed online through www.nanaimo.ca or be picked up at local grocery stores, malls and libraries. Registration will begin on March 4th, at 6:00 a.m. and can be completed online, over the phone or in person.
- The first State of the Economy report is now available for public viewing at www.nanaimo.ca. The report shows insight and statistics for Nanaimo's economy.
- The City of Nanaimo is celebrating a record year for development and capital projects in 2019. Over \$445 million in building construction with 1,115 new multi-family units, 208 single family dwellings and 229 suites were developed in 2019.
- The City of Nanaimo's annual water main flushing program began on March 2nd. City crews will flush water supply mains from the South Forks Dam to the water treatment plant. In addition, each street water main will be flushed to ensure that all piping is refreshed and any minor sediment within the pipes is removed.
- The Supreme Court has ruled and given municipalities the authority to allow overnight camping in parks throughout Nanaimo and the Regional District of Nanaimo for those requiring overnight shelter. The Mayor encouraged residents to voice their concerns regarding the number of homeless people to the Provincial and Federal governments and to question why so many of our citizens do not have proper housing.
- The Mayor apologized to Councillor Maartman for not recognizing her attendance at the Black History Month event held on February 29th.

7. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Dan Brady - Municipal Regional District Tax (2% Hotel Tax)

Dan Brady provided Council with a presentation regarding the first five year implementation of the Municipal Regional District Tax (2% Hotel Tax), which included the following information:

- Review of Nanaimo Hospitality Association (NHA) and their role
- Vision and goals include increase overnight visitations to Nanaimo, develop industry partnerships and community pride
- \$ 2.5 million in revenues from 2015 to 2020
- Review of the Municipal Regional District Tax (MRDT) business plan, funding initiatives including the Nanaimo Sports Tourism Strategy, events and festivals in Nanaimo
- Development of Explore Nanaimo App which allows user to find out where and when different festivals and events are happening
- Upcoming partnerships including Nanaimo Minor Hockey League and events in Nanaimo

R. Harding vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 7:31 p.m.

8. CONSENT ITEMS:

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

(a) Advisory Committee Minutes

1. Minutes of the Special Finance and Audit Committee Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2019-DEC-09, at 3:43 p.m.
2. Minutes of the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2019-DEC-18, at 9:00 a.m.
3. Minutes of the Health and Housing Task Force Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2020-JAN-22, at 3:00 p.m.

(b) Committee Recommendations

1. Health and Housing Task Force - 2020-FEB-19

Funding for Long-Term Recovery Beds

That the Health and Housing Task Force will report to Council regarding allocation of funds for long-term recovery beds subject to the completion of the needs assessment.

2. Governance and Priorities Committee – 2020-FEB-24

1. Municipal Government Advocacy

That Council:

1. endorse “Attachment A” (Effective Municipal Government Advocacy Efforts) of the report titled “Municipal Government Advocacy” dated 2020-FEB-24;
2. direct Staff to proceed with drafting a robust social disorder advocacy strategy as outlined in “Attachment A” (Effective Municipal Government Advocacy Efforts) of the report titled “Municipal Government Advocacy” dated 2020-FEB-24; and,
3. Schedule a Governance and Priorities Committee meeting to review specific topics Council wishes to advocate for and why.

The motion carried unanimously.

9. REPORTS:

(a) Union of BC Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Grant 2020

Introduced by Shelley Legin, General Manager, Corporate Services.

It was moved and seconded that Council endorse the application for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund grant and the administration for \$25,000 to enhance the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) capacity through the purchase of additional equipment. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Updated 2019 - 2022 Strategic Plan

Introduced by Jake Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer.

It was moved and seconded that Council adopt the revised 2019-2022 Strategic Plan as seen in Attachment A of the report titled "Updated 2019-2022 Strategic Plan". The motion carried. Opposed: *Councillors Bonner and Brown*

10. BYLAWS:

(a) "2019 - 2023 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw"

It was moved and seconded that "Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 2020 No. 7279.02" (To amend the 2019 – 2023 Financial Plan) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Lindsay vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 7:39 p.m.

11. QUESTION PERIOD:

- Les Barclay re: Agenda Item 10(c) – Updated 2019 – 2022 Strategic Plan and the City of Nanaimo's new community engagement tool Bang the Table.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 7:42 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CHAIR

CORPORATE OFFICER