

**MINUTES**  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE,  
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC  
MONDAY, 2020-SEP-14, AT 4:00 P.M.

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Present: Mayor L. Krog, Chair  
Councillor S. D. Armstrong  
Councillor D. Bonner  
Councillor T. Brown  
Councillor B. Geselbracht (arrived 4:18 p.m.)  
Councillor E. Hemmens  
Councillor Z. Maartman  
Councillor I. W. Thorpe  
Councillor J. Turley

Staff: J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Legin, General Manager, Corporate Services  
D. Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services  
B. Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works  
P. Rosen, Director, Engineering  
J. Holm, Director, Development Approvals  
F. Farrokhi, Manager, Communications  
J. Rose, Manager, Transportation  
T. Loewen, Communications and Marketing Specialist  
S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services  
J. Vanderhoef, Steno  
S. Snelgrove, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

(a) Add *Community Charter* Sections 90(1)(i) and (k).

3. 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*:

- (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;
- (d) the security of property of the municipality;

- (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;
- (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 4:02 p.m.

Council moved out of In Camera at 6:30 p.m.

Council recessed the Open Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS: (continued)

- (a) Add Agenda Item "Housing Agreement Bylaw 2020 No. 7313" and re-order to become Agenda Item 13(b).
- (b) Add Agenda Item 14(a) Councillor Bonner Notice of Motion re: Pilot Program to Reduce Residential Speed Limits.

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 Meeting of the Council of the City of Nanaimo held in the Shaw Auditorium, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2020-AUG-31 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Krog advised Board of Variance (BOV) member Ronald Nadeau passed away unexpectedly on September 8, 2020. He thanked Mr. Nadeau for his knowledge, expertise and wit and advised he will be greatly missed. The City is grateful for his contributions and service and our thoughts are with his family during this difficult time.
- On this day in 2017, as a tribute to the firefighters who risk their lives to keep Canadians safe, the formal establishment of Firefighters' National Memorial Day was announced. The second Sunday in September of each year (for 2020 it was September 13, 2020) is now designated in memory of firefighters who have fallen in the line of duty. The Canadian flag will be half-masted on all federal buildings and establishments. The Government of Canada recognized the dangers firefighters often face when carrying out their duties, and the ultimate sacrifice of firefighters who have given their lives in the line of duty. Firefighters' National Memorial Day will commemorate their courage, their selflessness, and their unwavering commitment to service of our communities, not just in facing dangers of fire, but dealing with death, dealing with outcomes of fires, dealing with other issues firefighters are called to attend, and being conscious of the risk they take every day on our behalf. The City is well served by an amazing group of firefighters.
- The City of Nanaimo is now accepting applications for funding assistance to support the 2021 activities of non-profit community organizations. Funds are available in three streams:
  - Culture and Heritage Operating Grant
  - Culture and Heritage Project Grant
  - Downtown Event Revitalization Fund
- Mayor Krog advised these funding opportunities provide support for a range of activities including arts and culture programs and events that generate social, cultural and economic impact. They contribute to the vibrancy and quality of life in Nanaimo. He advised that there has recently been controversy surrounding a mural in the community which may not please everyone, but a community that wants to be a real City supports its arts and culture.

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

The following Committee Minutes were received:

- Minutes of the Special Health and Housing Task Force Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2020-JUL-20, at 9:00 a.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, 2020-JUL-22, at 3:00 p.m.

8. DELEGATIONS:

(a) Delegation from Brunie Brunie re: People without a home

Brunie Brunie spoke regarding homelessness increasing in Nanaimo, the poor conditions of the homeless camp on Wesley Street, providing water and garbage containers for those living on Wesley Street and asked for compassion for our most vulnerable citizens. She spoke regarding the lack of affordable housing for people experiencing homelessness, costs associated with cleaning up the Wesley Street site and requested that the Reimagine Nanaimo process be inclusive of vulnerable people.

9. REPORTS:

(a) City's Role in Health and Housing

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services.

It was moved and seconded that Council defer consideration of the position statement on the "City's Role in Health and Housing" until 2021-FEB-01. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Heritage Alteration Permit No. HAP00030 - 421 Franklyn Street

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Heritage Alteration Permit No. HAP00030 for the demolition of the Franklyn Street Gymnasium at 421 Franklyn Street. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Development Permit No. DP1163 - 1220, 1225 and 1221 Manzanita Place

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Development Approvals.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Development Permit No. DP 1163 at 1220, 1225 and 1221 Manzanita Place with the following variances:

- increase the maximum allowable building height from 7m to 7.75m at 1220 Manzanita Place to 8.93m at 1225 Manzanita Place and 8.87m at 1221 Manzanita Place;
- reduce the minimum required front yard setback from 6m to 3.25m at 1225 Manzanita Place and from 6m to 4.5m at 1221 Manzanita Place; and
- reduce the minimum required rear yard setback from 7.5m to 5.8m at 1225 Manzanita Place

The motion carried unanimously.

(d) Development Permit Application No. DP1172 - 2348 Kenworth Road

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Development Approvals.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Development Permit No. DP1172 at 2348 Kenworth Road with the following variances:

- to increase the maximum permitted front yard setback from 6m to 22.41m for 100% of the front face of the building;
- to waive the minimum building height requirement to allow the building as proposed; and
- to allow parking between the front property line and the front face of the proposed building

The motion carried unanimously.

(e) Development Permit Application No. DP1177 - 191 and 195 Fourth Street

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Development Approvals.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Development Permit No. DP1177 at 191 and 195 Fourth Street with the following variances:

- reduce the minimum required rear yard setback from 7.5m to 1.3m;
- reduce the minimum landscape buffer width for the side and rear yard from 1.8m to 0m;
- eliminate the requirement for shrub plantings on the sides of the garbage enclosure; and
- reduce the minimum required setback for the garbage enclosure from 3m to 1.5m.

The motion carried unanimously.

(f) Wakesiah Avenue Corridor Improvements Project

(g) Terminal Avenue Trans Canada Highway Capital Upgrades

Bill Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works and Poul Rosen, Director, Engineering, introduced Wakesiah Avenue Corridor Improvements Project and Terminal Avenue Trans Canada Highway Capital Upgrades reports.

Council discussion took place regarding the Wakesiah Avenue Corridor Improvements Project and Terminal Avenue Trans Canada Highway Capital Upgrades reports. Highlights included:

- Process for acquiring land if needed from property owners in the surrounding area
- Staff will be working on developing project details over the next year or two
- Options to consider regarding priority of projects
- What projects could be delayed and potential consequences

- Work completed on the Terminal-Nicol Re-Imagined project and included in future Terminal Avenue Trans Canada Highway upgrades
- Presenting options in the context of the budget process

10. BYLAWS:

(a) “Subdivision Control Amendment Bylaw 2020 No. 3260.05”

It was moved and seconded that “Subdivision Control Amendment Bylaw 2020 No. 3260.05” (To amend Schedule A – Manual of Engineering Standards and Specifications) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) "Housing Agreement Bylaw 2020 No. 7313"

It was moved and seconded that "Housing Agreement Bylaw 2020 No. 7313" (To authorize a housing agreement for student housing at 326 Wakesiah Avenue) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) “Housing Agreement Bylaw 2020 No. 7314”

It was moved and seconded that “Housing Agreement Bylaw 2020 No. 7314” (To authorize a housing agreement to prevent any future restrictions on the rental of individual units at 20 Barsby Avenue) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION:

(a) Councillor Bonner Notice of Motion re: Pilot Program to Reduce Residential Speed Limits

Councillor Bonner advised that he would be bringing forward the following motion for consideration at the September 28, 2020 Council Meeting.

"That Council direct Staff to report back to Council on options for Nanaimo to participate in a potential Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure pilot project limiting residential speed limits."

12. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 7:58 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

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CHAIR

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CORPORATE OFFICER