

**MINUTES**  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE,  
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC  
MONDAY, 2021-MAR-15, AT 4:30 P.M.

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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: J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer  
R. Harding, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture  
B. Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works  
L. Fletcher, A/OIC, RCMP, Nanaimo Detachment  
B. Corsan, Director, Community Development  
L. Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community Planning  
F. Farrokhi, Manager, Communications  
B. Thomas, Assistant Manager, Engineering  
T. Loewen, Communications and Marketing Specialist  
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. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

(a) Agenda Item 2 – Procedural Motion - Add *Community Charter* Reason 90(1)(e):

(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.

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;

- (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; and,

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 6:04 p.m.

Council recessed the Open Meeting at 6:04 p.m.  
Council reconvened the Open Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS continued:

- (b) Agenda item 12(b) – Add Report titled “Situation Table Update”.
- (c) Add Agenda Item 15(a) - Correspondence dated 2021-FEB-25, to the Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia from Wendy Clifford, Nanaimo Airport, Board Chair, Nanaimo Airport Commission re: Nanaimo Airport and COVID-19.
- (d) Add Agenda Item 14(a) - Notice of Motion – Councillor Geselbracht re: Immediate Protection of All At-Risk Old Growth Forest in BC

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 Regular Council Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2021-FEB-22, at 3:31 p.m.
- Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2021-MAR-01, at 4:30 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Krog spoke regarding:

- The Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association sent a letter of appreciation to the City of Nanaimo (the City), thanking Staff in making the 2020/2021 hockey season a success
- A statement issued by the BC Urban Mayor's Caucus and Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), thanked Minister Fleming for the strong commitment to public transit and active modes of transportation
- Submissions to be the City of Nanaimo's next poet laureate are now being accepted. To review guidelines, eligibility requirements and details on how to apply go to [www.nanaimo.ca/goto/poetry](http://www.nanaimo.ca/goto/poetry). Deadline to submit applications is April 30, 2021 by midnight
- Starting this month, the Front Street complete streets transformation will begin. Front Street, once completed, will increase the comfort and safety for those who walk, bike, take transit and drive. The Government of Canada contributed \$605,000 to the project from the Federal Gas Tax program. The project will be completed before the summer of 2021
- Nanaimo has been globally recognized as a Showcase City for climate adaptation. The City, among 25 other municipalities across Canada, is part of a pilot program focusing on local climate actions. Nanaimo has been awarded the Adaptation Badge for its Climate Resiliency Strategy
- The second State of Economy report has been released and shows Nanaimo is performing well in most economic indicators despite the COVID-19 pandemic. The hospitality industry has suffered greatly through the pandemic but hopefully will bounce back as restrictions continue to be lifted

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

The following Committee Minutes were received:

- Minutes of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2021-FEB-24, at 4:00 p.m.

8. CONSENT ITEMS:

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

(a) Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness Meeting 2021-FEB-24

1. Live Closed Captioning Service

That Council direct Staff to implement a live captioning service for all future Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness meetings with the potential to expand to all meetings of Council and Council's committees.

2. 2020 Annual Report for Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness

That the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness approve and provide to Council the 2020 Annual Report for information.

(b) Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting 2021-MAR-08

1. Community Amenity Contribution Policy

That Council:

1. support the Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) Policy with the rates and defined increases as recommended in the Rollo report (July 2020), as follows:

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>CAC rate starting 2022-JAN-01</b>	<b>CAC rate starting 2023-JAN-01</b>	<b>CAC rate starting 2024-JAN-01</b>
<b>Single Residential Dwelling</b>	\$3,000 per unit	\$5,500 per unit	\$8,000 per unit
<b>Townhouse Residential Dwelling</b> A dwelling that shares one or more walls with another unit, with no unit above, and has a ground level entrance.	\$2,500 per unit	\$5,000 per unit	\$7,500 per unit
<b>Multiple Family Dwelling</b>	\$2,000 per unit	\$3,500 per unit	\$5,000 per unit
<b>Commercial and Industrial</b>	\$34 per m <sup>2</sup> (GFA)	\$34 per m <sup>2</sup> (GFA)	\$34 per m <sup>2</sup> (GFA)
<b>Cannabis and Liquor Retail Store</b>	\$10,000 per store	\$10,000 per store	\$10,000 per store
<b>Student Housing</b>	\$1,000 per bed	\$1,000 per bed	\$1,000 per bed

2. and prior to endorsement, direct Staff to move forward with community consultation, including creating an information page on the City website, and send a referral to the Neighbourhood Network.

The motion carried.

Opposed: Councillor Turley

(c) Separately Addressed Consent Items

1. Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness Meeting 2021-FEB-24

[At the request of Councillor Armstrong, the wording of the original motion "That Council immediately ban conversion therapy within the City of Nanaimo" has been changed to include direction for a Staff report.]

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to prepare a report outlining options to ban conversion therapy within the City of Nanaimo. The motion carried unanimously.

9. REPORTS:

(a) Memorandum of Understanding between Island Health and BC Housing – Navigation Centre

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Bill Corsan Director, Community Development, provided Council with an update regarding the status of the Memorandum of Understanding between Island Health and BC Housing relating to Nanaimo hosting a Navigation Centre for people experiencing long-term homelessness.

(b) Situation Table Update

Lisa Fletcher, A/OIC, RCMP, Nanaimo detachment, provided Council with an update regarding the Situation Table and advised Council that the City of Nanaimo was successfully awarded \$30,000 toward the implementation of a coordinated access and situation table.

(c) Mid-Island Region Child Care Action Plan

Introduced by Bill Corsan, Director, Community Development, and Lisa Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community Planning.

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. receive the Mid-Island Region Child Care Action Plan;
2. endorse the child care space targets for the City of Nanaimo included in the report; and,
3. include the Action Plan as formal stakeholder input into the REIMAGINE NANAIMO process.

The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Armstrong*

(d) Allocation of Unallocated Pedestrian Funds – Part 1

Introduced by Bill Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works.

It was moved and seconded that Council allocate \$505,000 of the Pedestrian Unallocated Funds to all projects listed under Intersection Upgrades and Sidewalk Item (1) Needham Street north. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to allocate \$554,000 from the Special Initiatives Reserve to construct sidewalks on Haliburton Street to be completed in 2022.

It was moved and seconded that Council defer the following motion:

“It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to allocate \$554,000 from the Special Initiatives Reserve to construct sidewalks on Haliburton Street to be completed in 2022”,

subject to a report from Staff showing all financial implications and any infrastructure concerns that may occur in the future. The motion was defeated.

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

The vote was taken on the main motion as follows:

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to allocate \$554,000 from the Special Initiatives Reserve to construct sidewalks on Haliburton Street to be completed in 2022. The motion carried.

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

10. BYLAWS:

(a) "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2020 No. 4500.177"

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2020 No. 4500.177” (To rezone 30 Lorne Place from Duplex Residential [R4] to Low Density Residential [R6]) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS:

(a) Notice of Motion – Councillor Geselbracht re: Immediate Protection of All At-Risk Old Growth Forest in BC

Councillor Geselbracht advised that he would be bringing forward the following motion for consideration at the 2021-MAR-29 Regular Council Meeting.

City of Nanaimo Resolution

WHEREAS ancient high productivity (big tree) old growth ecosystems are globally one of the most valuable climate mitigation and resiliency assets in terms of carbon storage, sequestration, protection against wildfire, storage of water and bank of biodiversity;

AND WHEREAS, of the miniscule fraction (2.7%) of the original high productivity (big tree) old-growth forests (less than 1% of BC’s total current forested area), 75% are still slated to be eliminated through logging including the headwaters of Fairy Creek, the last unprotected intact old-growth watershed in southern Vancouver Island; BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the City of Nanaimo call on the provincial government to immediately defer logging in all and at-risk old-growth forests, as identified by the independent Old

Growth Strategic Review Panel, until all 14 of the panel's recommendations have been implemented;

AND THAT the City of Nanaimo formally oppose the logging of at-risk old-growth forests;

AND THAT the City of Nanaimo call on the Government of British Columbia to immediately and permanently protect the Fairy Creek watershed from further logging;

AND THAT the City of Nanaimo call on the Government of British Columbia to allocate funding to enact deferrals in an economically just manner, in the full spirit of reconciliation and to support the economic transition of affected communities and workers from unsustainable old-growth logging for the development of long-term sustainable local economies.

AND THAT the following resolution be sent to the Union of BC Municipalities and AVICC as a late submission.

Union of British Columbia Municipalities and Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Resolution

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WHEREAS ancient high productivity (big tree) old growth ecosystems are globally one of the most valuable climate mitigation and resiliency assets in terms of carbon storage, sequestration, protection against wildfire, storage of water and bank of biodiversity;

AND WHEREAS, of the miniscule fraction (2.7%) of the original high productivity old-growth forests (less than 1% of BC's total current forested area), 75% are still slated to be eliminated through logging including the headwaters of Fairy Creek, the last unprotected intact old-growth watershed in southern Vancouver Island; BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT UBCM and AVICC call on the provincial government to immediately defer logging in all and at-risk old-growth forests, as identified by the independent Old Growth Strategic Review Panel, until all 14 of the panel's recommendations have been implemented.

AND THAT UBCM and AVICC call on the Government of British Columbia to immediately and permanently protect the Fairy Creek watershed from further logging.

AND THAT UBCM and AVICC call on the Government of British Columbia to allocate funding to enact deferrals in an economically just manner in the full spirit of reconciliation where applicable and to support the economic transition of affected communities and workers from unsustainable old-growth logging for the development of long-term sustainable local economies.

12. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) Correspondence dated 2021-FEB-25, to the Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia from Wendy Clifford, Board Chair, Nanaimo Airport Commission re: Nanaimo Airport and COVID-19

It was moved and seconded that Council direct the Mayor to write a letter of support to Wendy Clifford, Board Chair, Nanaimo Airport Commission, in response to her letter regarding Nanaimo Airport and COVID-19 correspondence sent to the Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia. The motion carried unanimously.

Council moved In Camera at 8:34 p.m.  
Council moved out of In Camera at 8:45 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 8:45 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

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