

**MINUTES**  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
MONDAY, 2021-MAY-03, AT 4:00 P.M.

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Present: Mayor L. Krog, Chair (joined electronically)  
Councillor S. D. Armstrong (joined electronically)  
Councillor D. Bonner (joined electronically)  
Councillor T. Brown (joined electronically)  
Councillor B. Geselbracht (joined electronically)  
Councillor E. Hemmens (joined electronically)  
Councillor Z. Maartman (joined electronically)  
Councillor I. W. Thorpe (joined electronically)  
Councillor J. Turley (joined electronically 7:13 p.m.)

Staff: J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer (joined electronically)  
R. Harding, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture (joined electronically)  
S. Legin, General Manager, Corporate Services (joined electronically)  
D. Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services (joined electronically)  
B. Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works (joined electronically)  
T. Doyle, Fire Chief (joined electronically)  
J. Holm, Director, Development Approvals (joined electronically)  
L. Mercer, Director, Finance (joined electronically)  
F. Farrokhi, Manager, Communications (joined electronically)  
B. Thomas, Assistant Manager, Transportation (joined electronically)  
D. Blackwood, Client Support Specialist (joined electronically)  
S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services (joined electronically)  
K. Gerard, Recording Secretary (joined electronically)

1. CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 4:00 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*:

- (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;

*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 4:03 p.m.

Council moved out of In Camera at 6:09 p.m.

Council recessed the Open Meeting 6:09 p.m.

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

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Reorder Agenda Item 12(h) – Development Permit Application No. DP1184 – 558 Medea Way to 12(a).

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 (Public Hearing) held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Thursday, 2021-MAR-18, at 7:00 p.m.
- Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Thursday, 2021-APR-15, at 7:00 p.m.
- Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2021-APR-19, at 4:01 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Krog spoke regarding:

- May is Invasive Plant Month. Residents are invited to participate in a variety of work parties to cut down invasive plant species and bring the plants to one of two drop off zones. To register go to [www.nanaimo.ca](http://www.nanaimo.ca) or call 250-756-5200. Drop off zones are located at Linley Gyro Park on Saturday, May 1 and Bowen Park on Saturday, May 29. Drop off zones are open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Nanaimo invites applications for its next Poet Laureate. The chosen applicant will serve as the City's literary ambassador for a two-year term. The deadline to submit applications is April 30, 2021 by midnight. To view guidelines and how to apply go to [www.nanaimo.ca/goto/poetry](http://www.nanaimo.ca/goto/poetry)
- The City has invested in many downtown public realm improvements with the goal of enhancing the look and feel of downtown, the waterfront walkway and Maffeo Sutton Park. Along with the new landmark "Nanaimo" sign located at Maffeo Sutton Park other improvements include new wayfinding signage, expansion of the downtown patio program and renewed street lighting.
- 2021 Youth Week celebrations will be held May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup>. A full schedule of events can be found on the Youth Nanaimo Facebook page and the City of Nanaimo website.
- City Council recently approved the spending of \$400,000 to pay for increased security throughout downtown as the area copes with social disorder and increased theft. Residents are encouraged to go downtown and support local businesses.
- Registration for summer programs through Parks, Recreation and Culture begins on May 5, 2021. Residents are encouraged to use the online booking system to limit the number of people at Parks and Recreation facilities. Programs will follow COVID-19 Provincial guidelines. Should Provincial Health Orders require program changes, City Staff will follow up with those affected through email or telephone.
- May 3, 2021 is the 134<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1887 coal mine disaster that took the lives of 150 men. Flags will fly at half-mast today in memory of those who lost their lives. This disaster is the worst coal mining disaster in BC history and the second worst in Canada's history.

Councillor Turley joined the meeting electronically at 7:13 p.m.

7. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Emergency Preparedness Week

Shelley Legin, General Manager, Corporate Services, provided a brief update regarding Emergency Preparedness Week, the National campaign "Be Prepared for Anything" and encouraged residents to sign up for the City's Voyant Emergency Alert System and ensure they have an emergency kit prepared.

8. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

The following Committee Minutes were received:

- Minutes of the Board of Variance Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Thursday, 2021-MAR-04, at 4:00 p.m.

- Minutes of the Special Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on 2021-APR-12, at 1:00 p.m.

9. CONSENT ITEMS:

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

(a) Governance and Priorities Committee 2021-APR-26

1. Governance and Priorities Committee Agenda Planning

That Council add as a future Governance and Priorities Committee topic a staff update on issues related to Westwood Lake as a recreational facility specific to trail usages and parking issues.

2. Neighbourhood Association Organizational Capacity Review, Support and Engagement

That Council refer the Neighbourhood Association Organizational Capacity Review, Support and Engagement topic to Staff to provide the minutes and a summary report to share with neighbourhood associations, asking them to provide further comment, and return to a GPC meeting at least two months following the April 26, 2021 meeting, potentially in September.

3. Neighbourhood Association Organizational Capacity Review, Support and Engagement

That Council direct Staff to develop a detailed Partners in Community program and annual budget for consideration.

4. Zoning Bylaw 'Schedule D' - Affordable Housing Amendments

The Governance and Priorities Committee recommend that future amendments to Schedule D of the Zoning Bylaw be brought forward to a Governance and Priorities Committee meeting at a later date.

5. Councillor Maartman re: Recreational Vehicle Permanent Accommodation

That the Governance and Priorities Committee defer consideration of the topic "Councillor Maartman re: Recreational Vehicle Permanent Accommodation" to a future date and Staff will return with options for when to have this discussion.

The motion carried unanimously.

10. REPORTS:

(a) Development Permit Application No. DP1184 - 558 Medea Way

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services.

Delegations:

1. Ken Riddell did not wish to speak.
2. Douglas Riddell spoke regarding his years of building experience in Nanaimo, and that the design of this development encourages social interaction between residents.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Development Permit No. DP1184 at 558 Medea Way with the following variances to:

- reduce the minimum front yard setback from 6.00m to 1.09m;
- reduce the minimum front yard landscape buffer from 1.80m to 1.09m
- increase the maximum lot coverage from 40.0% to 43.4%;
- reduce the minimum required parking from 9 parking spaces to 8 parking spaces; and,
- increase the maximum percentage of small car parking from 40% to 50%.

The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Brown disconnected from the Regular Council Meeting at 7:22 p.m.

(b) 2021 - 2025 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw

Introduced by Laura Mercer, Director, Finance.

It was moved and seconded that “Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 2021 No. 7320.01” (To amend the 2021 – 2025 Financial Plan), pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 2021 No. 7320.01” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 2021 No. 7320.01” pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) 2021 Property Tax Rates Bylaw

Introduced by Laura Mercer, Director, Finance.

It was moved and seconded that “Property Tax Rates Bylaw 2021 No. 7321” (To set the property tax rates for 2021) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Property Tax Rates Bylaw 2021 No. 7321” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Property Tax Rates Bylaw 2021 No. 7321” pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

(d) 2021 911 Reserve Fund Amendment Bylaw

Introduced by Laura Mercer, Director, Finance.

It was moved and seconded that “911 Reserve Fund Amendment Bylaw 2021 No. 7295.01” (To amend the 911 Reserve Fund Bylaw), pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “911 Reserve Fund Amendment Bylaw 2021 No. 7295.01” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “911 Reserve Fund Amendment Bylaw 2021 No. 7295.01” pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Brown returned to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:34 p.m.

(e) Automated Garbage Truck - Equipment Financing

Introduced by Laura Mercer, Director, Finance.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the borrowing of up to \$459,600, with a maximum five (5) year term, through the Municipal Finance Authority’s (MFA) Equipment Financing Program to purchase one (1) additional automated garbage truck. The motion carried unanimously.

(f) Extension Road Traffic Calming

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

Presentation:

1. Barbara Thomas, Assistant Manager, Transportation, provided Council with a verbal update regarding traffic calming on Extension Road and reasons for the acceleration of the public consultation portion of the project.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve advancement of Extension Road traffic calming to the public consultation stage, which will be used to inform the traffic calming design. The motion carried unanimously.

(g) Opal Road Traffic Calming

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

Presentation:

1. Barbara Thomas, Assistant Manager, Transportation, provided Council with a verbal update regarding traffic calming on Opal Road.

It was and seconded that Council direct Staff to remove the existing turn control measures on Opal Road. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Bonner, Geselbracht, Thorpe and Turley*

(h) Departure Bay Road Seasonal Traffic Calming

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

Presentation:

1. Barbara Thomas, Assistant Manager, Transportation, provided Council with a verbal update regarding traffic calming on Departure Bay Road.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to implement 2021 seasonal traffic calming measures using the same layout as used in 2020.

It was moved and seconded the main motion be amended as follows:

That Council direct Staff to implement 2021 seasonal traffic calming measures using the same layout as used in 2020 and initiate stakeholder consultation for further traffic calming measures in 2022.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to implement 2021 seasonal traffic calming measures using the same layout as used in 2020 and initiate stakeholder consultation for further traffic calming measures in 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

(i) Development Permit Application No. DP1207 - 5594 Linley Valley Drive

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Development Approvals.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Development Permit No. DP1207 at 5594 Linley Valley Drive with the following variances:

- increase the maximum permitted building height from 7m to 8.62m;
- increase the maximum allowable perimeter wall height from 7.32m to 8.77m; and,
- reduce the minimum required rear yard setback from 7.5m to 5.9m.

The motion carried unanimously.

(j) Development Variance Permit No. DVP418 - 421 Franklyn Street and 420/430 Selby Street

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Development Approvals.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Development Variance Permit No. DVP418 at 421 Franklyn Street and 420/430 Selby Street with variances to:

- increase the maximum permitted height of a fence within the front yard setback from 1.20m to 1.83m; and,
- increase the maximum permitted height of a fence within the side and flanking side yard setback from 1.80m to 1.83m.

The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Bonner*

(k) Zoning Bylaw "Schedule D" - Affordable Housing Amendments

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services.

It was moved and seconded that "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2021 No. 4500.180" (To amend Schedule D of "City of Nanaimo Zoning Bylaw 2011 No. 4500" to provide density bonusing points for rental and affordable housing developments) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2021 No. 4500.180" pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 8:41 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

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CHAIR

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CORPORATE OFFICER