

**MINUTES**  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
MONDAY, 2021-MAY-17, AT 3:00 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 at 7:16 p.m.)  
Councillor E. Hemmens (joined electronically)  
Councillor Z. Maartman (joined electronically)  
Councillor I. W. Thorpe (joined electronically)  
Councillor J. Turley (joined electronically)
- 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)  
L. Fletcher, Inspector, Nanaimo Detachment RCMP (joined electronically)  
T. Doyle, Fire Chief (joined electronically, disconnected 7:00 p.m.)  
B. Corsan, Director, Community Development (joined electronically)  
J. Holm, Director, Development Approvals (joined electronically)  
L. Mercer, Director, Finance (joined electronically, disconnected 7:00 p.m.)  
L. Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community Planning (joined electronically, disconnected 7:00 p.m.)  
F. Farrokhi, Manager, Communications (joined electronically)  
D. Stevens, Supervisor, Applications Support (joined electronically)  
S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services (joined electronically)  
S. Snelgrove, Recording Secretary (joined electronically)

1. CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Remove *Community Charter* Section 90(2)(l):
- (l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report].

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*:

- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (d) the security of the property of 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;
- (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 3:01 p.m.  
Council moved out of In Camera at 6:17 p.m.

Council recessed the Open Meeting 6:17 p.m.  
Council reconvened the Open Meeting at 7:01 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS (continued):

- (a) Agenda Item 8(a) RCMP Quarterly Update – Add PowerPoint presentation.

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 Council Meeting held virtually on Monday, 2021-MAY-03 at 4:00 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Krog spoke regarding:

- National Nursing Week is May 10-16<sup>th</sup> and the slogan is “We Answer the Call”. During the COVID-19 pandemic nurses have continued to stand where they always do – caring for patients, families and communities when they need it most.
- National Police Week is May 9-15<sup>th</sup>. “Working together to keep our communities safe” is the theme for National Police Week 2021. Mayor Krog thanked those who work to keep our city safe.
- On May 17<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Norway’s national day to commemorate the signing of the country’s constitution in 1814. Mayor Krog wished all those with Norwegian heritage a happy celebration.

7. RISE AND REPORT

Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services, advised that Council passed the following motion at the 2021-MAY-17 In Camera Council Meeting:

“It was moved and seconded that Council amend the 2021 – 2025 Financial Plan to include \$262,193 in 2021 for the installation of security gates at the RCMP Detachment, to be funded from Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILTs). The motion carried. Opposed: Councillors Brown, Geselbracht.”

8. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Inspector Lisa Fletcher re: RCMP Quarterly Update

Inspector Lisa Fletcher, Nanaimo Detachment RCMP, provided Council with a presentation regarding the RCMP Quarterly Update. Highlights included:

- Overview of 2021 first quarter statistics
- Top 10 types of incidents police officers responded to during the first quarter of 2021
- Increase in violent offenses due to COVID-19 protocols where individuals are not held in custody as long as they typically would be
- Increase in child sexual exploitation as Nanaimo is one of eight communities that have advanced training and expertise in this area and is doing strong investigative work. This may impact scoring as Staff are better poised to recognize material
- Collaborative relationship with Island Health and mental health liaison officer and there may be more opportunities to collaborate in the future
- During 2020 Police took on a new role under the public health orders to provide support for BC Ferries while using an education and mediation approach
- Work with various provincial partners such as Situation Tables, School District 68
- Indigenous police services working with first nation leadership to provide a coordinated response

Councillor Geselbracht joined the meeting electronically at 7:16 p.m.

- Process for determining meaningful and translatable Nanaimo priorities for the City and citizens
- Target hardening and mitigating challenges within the community and ensuring adequate resources and redundancies are in place

9. 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-APR-28 at 4:00 p.m.

10. CONSENT ITEMS:

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

(a) Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness Meeting 2021 APR-28

1. 2021 Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness Work Plan

That Council endorse the 2021 Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness Work Plan.

(b) Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting 2021-MAY-10

2. Lenhart Bridge Upgrade Options

That Council direct Staff to include \$237,000 for the Lenhart Bridge replacement project in 2022 of the Draft 2022 – 2026 Financial Plan for consideration during the budget review process.

The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Separately Addressed Consent Items

(1) Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting 2021-MAY-10

1. Long Lake Paddling and Rowing Centre Update

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. receive the three concepts for public review and comment and direct Staff to return with a finalized design, plan and costing for Council consideration and deliberation during the 2022-2026 Financial Plan Review process; and,

2. consider the addition of the overall park and playground redevelopment into the same project year to minimize park disruption.

The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Bonner*

11. DELEGATIONS UNRELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS:

(a) Bob Brash, Executive Director, Truck Loggers Association

Bob Brash, Executive Director, Truck Loggers Association, provided an overview of the association, value and importance of timber harvesting on Vancouver Island, the importance of collaboration and cooperation in forest policy review and development and advocacy with Federal and Provincial governments.

(b) Errin Poyner, Dan Morris and Tony Dobson re: Opal Road Traffic Calming Measures

Errin Poyner, Dan Morris and Tony Dobson, provided Council with a verbal presentation requesting that Mayor and Council reconsider Council's 2021-MAY-03, decision to remove traffic calming measures on Opal Road at Rock City Road and spoke regarding the negative impact the removal of the barriers will have on those living in the area.

12. REPORTS:

(a) Development Variance Permit Application No. DVP416 – 701 & 702 Fern Ridge Place, 1031-1047 Harewood Mines Road, 1018-1046 Palomino Place, and 703 & 729 Trailside Road

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services, and Jeremy Holm, Director, Development Approvals.

Delegations:

1. Brock Williamson, Williamson and Associates Professional Surveyors, advised he was in attendance to answer questions, noted his company petitioned the neighbourhood which had no comments or concerns. John Larson, CA Designs and Guy Wannacott were in attendance but did not speak.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Development Variance Permit No. DVP416 with variances to:

- increase the maximum permitted building height from 9.0m to 10.4m on Lots 1-6 and Lots 12-19; and,
- reduce the minimum rear yard setback from 7.5m to 3.0m on Lots 6, 11, 20, and 30.

The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Development Variance Permit Application No. DVP417 – 1925 Bowen Road

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Development Approvals.

Delegation:

1. Jason Hendricks, Eldorado Development Corp Ltd., provided a brief history of the property, noted challenges finding a suitable tenant, and noted due to the limited size of the electrical and hydro capacity, if the unit was separated into two units, high cost electrical upgrades at a would be required.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Development Variance Permit No. DVP417 at 1925 Bowen Road with the following variance to:

- increase the maximum permitted gross floor area for an individual retail use in the COR3 zone within existing Unit 17 from 750m<sup>2</sup> to 940m<sup>2</sup>.

The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Regional Growth Strategy Amendment - Nanaimo Airport

Introduced by Bill Corsan, Director, Community Development.

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. support the proposed Regional Growth Strategy amendment; and,
2. direct Staff to forward Council's decision to the Regional District of Nanaimo's Board.

The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Maartman*

(d) Land Exchange and Road Closure - 857 Old Victoria Road

Introduced by Bill Corsan, Director, Community Development.

It was moved and seconded that Council authorize the road closure and disposition of a portion of Eighth Street adjacent to 857 Old Victoria Road, and direct Staff to enter into a Road Closure and Land Exchange Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that "Highway Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw 2021 No. 7286" (To provide for highway closure and dedication removal of a portion of Eighth Street adjacent to 857 Old Victoria Road) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that "Highway Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw 2021 No. 7286" pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that that Council direct Staff to proceed with public notice for the closure and disposition of a portion of Eighth Street. The motion carried unanimously.

(e) Morningside Drive Sewer Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw

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

It was moved and seconded that “Morningside Drive Local Service Area Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw 2021 No. 7288.01” (To adopt amendments to reflect the change in the year of construction completion) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Morningside Drive Local Service Area Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw 2021 No. 7288.01” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Morningside Drive Local Service Area Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw 2021 No. 7288.01” pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

13. BYLAWS:

(a) “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2020 No. 4500.181”

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2020 No. 4500.181” (To rezone 5485 and 5495 Godfrey Road from Single Dwelling residential [R1] to Low Density Residential [R6]) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Bonner moved a motion to delay the deconstruction of the traffic calming measures at Opal and Rock City Roads until a thorough community engagement process has taken place and a report has been brought forward to Council.

Councillor Brown called a Point of Order on the proposed motion. Mayor Krog ruled the Point of Order sustained.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 8:26 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

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CORPORATE OFFICER