

**MINUTES**  
SPECIAL FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING  
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE,  
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC  
MONDAY, 2021-NOV-22, AT 3:23 P.M.

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

Staff: J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer  
D. Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services  
B. Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works  
T. Doyle, Fire Chief  
L. Mercer, Director, Finance  
S. Gurrie, Director Corporate Services  
K. Lundgren, Steno, Legislative Services  
A. Mac Coll, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE SPECIAL FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Special Finance and Audit Committee Meeting was called to order at 3:23 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Agenda Item 4(a) Rename topic title to "Refuse Truck Optimization" and replace the PowerPoint presentation.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda, as amended, be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) Refuse Truck Optimization

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

Laura Mercer Director, Finance, provided a PowerPoint presentation. Highlights included:

- Refuse Truck Life Cycle recommendations were provided by Neilson Strategies Inc.
- The slated increase for 2022 has increased from \$13 (\$202) to \$27 (\$216)
- The current rate increases include the change of the designated reception facility from Nanaimo to Chemainus
- Reviewed recommendations to replace some fleet vehicles with certified natural gas and to shorten the lifecycle of the fleet vehicles

Bill Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works, continued the presentation. Highlights included:

- Efficiencies found enabling an additional 20% capacity for refuse
- Volume and weight of waste curbside has increased 55% over the past three years due to larger bins, yard waste, and recycling from online shopping

Committee discussion took place. Highlights included:

- 20% reduction of the life cycle for refuse trucks from 10 years to 8 years
- Increasing carbon footprint from citizens and City charges to dispose of the refuse
- Zero waste strategy with the Regional District of Nanaimo

It was moved and seconded that the Finance and Audit committee recommend that Council direct Staff to:

1. Replace department owned diesel units #317 & #318 with fleet owned CNG units.
2. Lease a CNG refuse truck to replace unit #317 until new unit arrives.
3. Shorten the life-cycle on all fleet owned units to 8 years.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no members of the public in attendance to ask questions.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 3:38 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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CHAIR

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CORPORATE OFFICER