

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE,
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2022-MAR-07, AT 5:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Councillor S. D. Armstrong

Staff: J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services/Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
R. Harding, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture
B. Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works
T. Doyle, Fire Chief (joined electronically)
L. Bhopalsingh, Director, Community Development
B. Corsan, Director, Corporate and Business Development
J. Holm, Director, Development Approvals
L. Mercer, Director, Finance (joined electronically)
P. Rosen, Director, Engineering
P. Stewart, Manager, Engineering Projects
T. Webb, Communications Consultant
N. Sponaugle, Legislative Communications Clerk
S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services
S. Snelgrove, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 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; 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 5:00 p.m.

Council moved out of In Camera at 5:58 p.m.

Council recessed the Open Meeting 5:58 p.m.

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

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting (Public Hearing) held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC on Thursday, 2022-FEB-17 at 7:00 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Krog spoke regarding:

- March 7th to 13th is Food Waste Action Week, led by Love Food Hate Waste International partners to drive home the message that wasting food feeds climate change. The City will share the impact of household food waste and inspire Canadians to make food go further and waste less
- Mayor Krog noted the amount of people in the community who go to bed hungry, those suffering and facing food shortages in Ukraine and asked the community to tailor their food habits

6. PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre - Together on the 'Pathway to Reconciliation'

Grace Elliott Nielsen, Ph.D., Order of British Columbia, Stz' uminus Matriarch and Executive Director, Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre, provided a verbal presentation. Highlights included:

- Together the community is on a path to reconciliation
- Hoping reconciliation might inspire to transform Canadian society so children can live together in dignity and peace in this community

- Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre provides 386 food hampers every two weeks to people in need
- Last year the health centre and education centre served over 4500 people
- Planning to incorporate and build a larger building for young mothers
- The importance of providing wraparound services for children as they go into foster care due to lack of support
- Noted the history of Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre including its opening in 1965, incorporation in 1968, and noted the need for their services has grown
- Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre continued to stay open during COVID-19
- Finding low cost housing is a concern for families as they are going into care when they don't have a place to live
- 85% of aboriginal people live off reserve, many status and band members do not have a place to live on reserve
- More kids are now going into care than went to residential schools
- There are over 100 staff employed at Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre
- Totem pole honouring missing and murdered indigenous women was raised and Council will be invited to a service on 2022-APR-22

A video presentation was played regarding the history, services provided and purpose of Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre.

(b) 2021 Development Review

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services/Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

Presentation:

1. Jeremy Holm, Director, Development Approvals, provided a PowerPoint presentation. Highlights included:
 - 221 new single family dwellings were created in 2021 which is relatively close to the 10 year average of 240 units
 - Importance of suites in single family dwellings and over 3600 suites created since 2005
 - Total units coming online for 2021 is 674
 - Construction value by permit type overall for 2021 is \$271 million
 - Increase in spending on public institutional permits such as the new intensive care unit at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital, BC Housing units, public schools and the corrections centre
 - Prediction for construction value to be on par with 2019
 - Noted distribution of new housing throughout the City and concentration around urban nodes and along corridors
 - Generally seeing 150-200 units per development permit application while the average is 50-60 per application
 - Noted the amount of Board of Variance and Development Variance Permit applications received and approved

- New assets have been brought online through construction activity, building permits and densification
- Advised Council of significant Development Permits completed in 2021
- Major initiatives for 2022 noted

(c) 2021/2022 Capital Projects

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

Presentation:

1. Poul Rosen, Director, Engineering, provided a PowerPoint presentation. Highlights included:
 - The capital program has grown substantially in 2022
 - 2021-2022 carry forwards are larger than in the previous year due to large capital projects in progress at year end (2021)
 - 85% of carry forwards are projects in progress which are typically tendered in the fall to span the fiscal year to get good value and spread the program out over the year
 - Challenges include the City competing for the same resources as the private sector, market demand for services, cost uncertainty and supply chains impacting the timing of materials
 - Significant projects have been completed such as the Nanaimo Search and Rescue building, Front Street transportation improvements, Bowen Utility and Trail Way upgrade, Fire Station No.1 and Metral Drive phase 1
 - Challenges were faced with the Seabold Road drainage project and the neighbourhood was thanked for their patience with the delay
 - Planned construction projects for 2022 include the Mid Town Water Supply, Haliburton Street sidewalks and various pedestrian upgrades
 - Presentation will come forward to Council regarding paving on Terminal Avenue between Commercial and Esplanade Streets

Council and Staff discussion took place. Highlights included:

- Once the Metral Drive project is completed, there will be multiple corridors from Woodgrove to downtown
- Staff are trying to find ways to moderate the workload as the market doesn't have capacity for all projects in the provisional plan
- Bruce and Albion project anticipated to be finished in the spring or potentially summer
- Transportation Master Plan identified challenges accommodating mobility and growth of the City by shifting towards active modes of transportation and transit usage
- By providing transportation facilities people are willing to use, and having a fairly consistent linkage, there will be an uptick in use

7. CONSENT ITEMS:

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

- (a) Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness Recommendation 2022-FEB-23

1. 2022 Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness Work Plan

That Council review and approve the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness 2022 Work Plan.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. REPORTS:

- (a) Parcel Tax Repeal Bylaw 2022 No. 7343

Introduced by Laura Mercer, Director, Finance.

It was moved and seconded that “Regional Parks and Trails Parcel Tax Repeal Bylaw 2022 No. 7343” (To repeal “Parcel Tax Roll Preparation Bylaw 2021 No. 7323” and “Regional Parks and Trails Parcel Tax Bylaw 2021 No. 7324”) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Regional Parks and Trails Parcel Tax Repeal Bylaw 2022 No. 7343” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Regional Parks and Trails Parcel Tax Repeal Bylaw 2022 No. 7343” pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Development Permit Application No. DP1258 and Development Variance Permit No. DVP431 - 3123 Robin Hood Drive

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Development Approvals.

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. issue Development Permit No. DP1258 at 3123 Robin Hood Drive with a variance to reduce the minimum required watercourse setback from 7.5m to 0m for the proposed driveway access and site servicing improvements; and,
2. issue Development Variance Permit No. DVP431 at 3123 Robin Hood Drive with a variance to reduce the minimum lot depth requirement from 30m to 29.6m for proposed Lots A and B.

The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Geselbracht*

(c) Development Variance Permit Application No. DVP432 - 2384 Mill Road

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Development Approvals.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Development Variance Permit No. DVP432 at 2384 Mill Road with a variance to reduce the minimum lot depth requirement from 30m to 26.43m for proposed Lot A; and, 29.44m for proposed Lot B. The motion carried unanimously.

(d) Short-Term Rental - Operator's Guide

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services/Deputy Chief Administrative Officer. Highlights included:

- Last year Staff completed a review of short term rental regulations, which culminated in a new bylaw adopted this year and one recommendation was to develop operating guides for those looking to participate in the short-term rental program

Council discussion took place regarding multiple ways to provide in the operator guide to the public and carriage houses included under secondary suites guidelines.

9. BYLAWS:

(a) "Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 2021 No. 6500.045"

It was moved and seconded that "Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 2021 No. 6500.045" (To include the Bowers District Master Plan as Schedule M of the "Official Community Plan Bylaw 2008 No. 6500") be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) "Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 2021 No. 6500.047"

It was moved and seconded that "Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 2021 No. 6500.047" (To re-designate 30 Maki Road on the Official Community Plan Schedule A - Future Land Use Plan [Map 1] from 'Neighbourhood' to 'Light Industrial;' and to re-designate 30 Maki Road on the Chase River Neighbourhood Plan Schedule A – Future Land Use and Mobility from 'Low-Medium Density Residential' to 'Service Industrial Enterprise Area') be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Councillor Armstrong Motion re: The Caledonia Warming Centre

Due to Councillor Armstrong's absence it was agreed to move the proposed motion to the 2022-MAR-21 Council meeting.

"That Council direct Staff to return with costs of security for the Caledonia warming centre."

11. QUESTION PERIOD:

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

12. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 8:33 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

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CORPORATE OFFICER