

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE,
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2022-MAY-02, AT 3:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor L. Krog, Chair
Councillor S. D. Armstrong
Councillor D. Bonner
Councillor T. Brown
Councillor B. Geselbracht (joined electronically)
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/Deputy Chief
Administrative Officer
B. Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works
B. Corsan, Director, Corporate and Business Development
C. Sholberg, Community Heritage Planner
S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services
K. Robinson, Deputy City Clerk
N. Sponaugle, Legislative Communications Clerk
K. Lundgren, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 3:00 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*:

Section 90(1)

- (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;
- (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,

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 3:00 p.m.

Council moved out of In Camera at 5:57 p.m.

Council recessed the Open Meeting 5:57 p.m.

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

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Agenda Item 12(d) – Townsite Road Chinese Cemetery Gateway and Pagoda – Add PowerPoint presentation titled “Chinese Cemetery – 1598 Townsite Road”.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

5. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- BC Youth Week events held between May 1st to May 7th. Schedule of events can be found on the BC Youth Week Facebook page and City's Website
- The City of Nanaimo established a new tourism body, the Tourism Nanaimo Society. An inaugural meeting is set for mid-May. Funding is ongoing and will be supplemented with grants from other government agencies
- Council adopted the Neighbourhood Association Supports Policy and the Mayor encouraged Nanaimo citizens to participate in neighbourhood associations to voice their concerns and build community
- Emergency Preparedness Week is May 1st to May 7th. The City of Nanaimo (City) is encouraging residents to prepare for emergencies by preparing kits, drafting up a plan and signing up for the City's Voyent Alert! Emergency Notification System
- Family Fishing Day at Colliery Dam Park will be held on May 7th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a kick-off performance of the Concerts in the Park series from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Information is available on City's website at www.nanaimo.ca
- May 3rd is the 135th anniversary of the No. 1 Esplanade mine explosions. The accident killed 150 miners, creating a massive impact to a community of approximately only 2,000 people at the time. Forty six women lost their husbands and 126 children lost their fathers

6. REPORTS:

(a) 2022 - 2026 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw

Introduced by Laura Mercer, Director, Finance.

It was moved and seconded that “Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 2022 No. 7337.01” (To amend the 2022 – 2026 Financial Plan) pass first reading. The motion carried.
Opposed: Councillor Turley

It was moved and seconded that “Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 2022 No. 7337.01” pass second reading. The motion carried.
Opposed: Councillor Turley

It was moved and seconded that “Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 2022 No. 7337.01” pass third reading. The motion carried.
Opposed: Councillor Turley

(b) 2022 Property Tax Rates Bylaw

Introduced by Laura Mercer, Director, Finance.

It was moved and seconded that “Property Tax Rates Bylaw 2022 No. 7345” (a bylaw to set the property tax rates for 2022) pass first reading. The motion carried.
Opposed: Councillor Turley

It was moved and seconded that “Property Tax Rates Bylaw 2022 No. 7345” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.
Opposed: Councillor Turley

It was moved and seconded that “Property Tax Rates Bylaw 2022 No. 7345” pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.
Opposed: Councillor Turley

(c) Nanaimo Systems Planning Organization Society Charter

Bill Corsan, Director, Corporate and Business Development, provided a PowerPoint presentation. Highlights included:

- Provided background on the Health and Housing Action Plan and the System Planning Organization (SPO)
- Overview of the SPO Society Charter document including the purpose, vision, mandate, governance structure, Board of Directors, remuneration, operations and administration
- A review of the SPO will be completed in 2026 to ensure the SPO is meeting its goals
- Next steps, if Council chooses to proceed, include:
 - The City Solicitor preparing the formal constitution and bylaws for the Society and register the Society

- Working with the Transition Team will fill director positions as outlined in the Charter
- Develop the policies and procedures for the new Society to guide the initial Board

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. give final approval to the Nanaimo Systems Planning Organization Society Charter document;
2. direct Staff to develop the Nanaimo Systems Planning Organization Society Constitution, Bylaws and Statement of Directors and Registered Office required by the *Societies Act*;
3. direct Staff to complete and file, with the Registrar of Companies, an incorporation application for the Nanaimo Systems Planning Organization Society; and
4. direct Staff to advertise for the director positions as outlined in the Charter document to enable the Transition Team to appoint the initial Board.

The motion carried unanimously.

(d) Townsite Road Chinese Cemetery Gateway and Pagoda

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

Presentation:

1. Chris Sholberg, Community Heritage Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation. Highlights included:
 - Chinese Cemetery is located at 1598 Townsite Road, and its gateway and pagoda are important heritage cultural landmarks for the City
 - Cemetery was built on land acquired by the Chinese Community in the 1920's with ownership transferred to the City in 1985
 - While it is no longer exclusively Chinese, it retains traditional Chinese cultural elements
 - The alter and shine structures are in need of restoration work

7. QUESTION PERIOD:

Council received questions from one member of the public regarding agenda items 6(a) 2022-2026 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw and 6(c) Nanaimo Systems Planning Organization Society Charter.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 8:05 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

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