

**MINUTES**  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (PUBLIC HEARING)  
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE  
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC  
WEDNESDAY, 2022-JUN-22, AT 7:00 P.M.

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Present: Mayor L. Krog, Chair  
Councillor S. D. Armstrong  
Councillor D. Bonner  
Councillor T. Brown  
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/Deputy CAO  
R. Harding, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture  
T. Doyle, Fire Chief (joined electronically)  
L. Bhopalsingh, Director, Community Development  
J. Holm, Director, Development Approvals  
L. Brinkman, Manager, Community Planning  
J. Rose, Manager, Transportation  
L. Rowett, Manager, Current Planning  
T. Webb, Manager, Communications  
S. Robinson, Planner  
S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services  
S. Snelgrove, Deputy Corporate Officer  
A. Mac Coll, Steno, Legislative Services  
K. Lundgren, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS:

Mayor Krog advised that Council was meeting on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation and outlined the purpose and protocols for the Public Hearing.

Mayor Krog then outlined the process to accommodate members of the public who were attending in person and for those who wanted to participate by phone.

Lainya Rowett, Manager, Current Planning, explained the requirements for conducting a Public Hearing.

4. CALL THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER FOR CITY PLAN BYLAW 2022 NO. 6600 AND ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW 2022 NO. 4500.199

(a) “City Plan Bylaw 2022 No. 6600” and “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2022 No. 4500.199”

Mayor Krog called the Public Hearing to order at 7:04 p.m.

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services/Deputy CAO.

Presentation:

1. Lisa Brinkman, Manager, Community Planning, provided a PowerPoint presentation. Highlights included:
  - The City Plan Bylaw (the Plan) process began in 2020 and went through three phases (gathering ideas, exploring options and developing plans)
  - The Plan is an integration of the following six plans: Official Community Plan; Parks, Recreation, Culture and Wellness Plan; Transportation Plan; Active Mobility Plan; Climate Action and Resiliency Plan and Accessibility and Inclusion Plan
  - The Plan will continue to designate the Development Permit Areas (DPAs); however, DPA guidelines and exemptions will be moved into the Zoning Bylaw
  - The purpose of “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2022 No. 4500.1999” is to add DPA guideline exemptions and related definitions to the zoning bylaw for the eight development permit areas

Mayor Krog called for submissions from the Public.

1. Lawrence Rieper, Nanaimo, advised Council that he had made a written submission.
2. Dale Porter, Nanaimo, spoke in favour and noted a desire to complete the City Plan and move on to address other issues in the City.
3. Dan Appell, Nanaimo, spoke in opposition, and stated dismay that the planning process was unnecessarily convoluted and unclear in terms of objectives and that it represents poor effort to protect the City in 25 years. He acknowledged some merit to the goal of the Doughnut Economic Model; however, noted that there was no logical connection to the directions taken towards that goal.
4. Kathy (last name was not stated), Nanaimo, spoke in opposition, and expressed concerns with the Doughnut Economic Model that informs the Plan, concerns with where funding is coming from, and the negative impact of electric vehicles.

Some members in attendance started to clap and cheer. Mayor Krog then advised that those in attendance, whether in support or opposed to the bylaw, refrain from applause or other expressions.

5. Kevin Dewan, Nanaimo, spoke in opposition and stated concerns regarding the Doughnut Economic Model developed by Kate Raworth. He spoke regarding the World Economic Forum, citizens being uninformed of the Plan, the Plan not being community driven, and the symbolism of the Nanaimo sign.
6. Michelle Rizarro, Nanaimo, spoke in opposition and stated concerns regarding a lack of transparency in the Plan, the community not being informed of Plan, the Plan's focus on food security for the collective versus individual, and that there was no mention in the Plan regarding banning 5G towers. She also noted concerns with the Plan's emphasis on walking and bike paths and its focus on behaviour modification.
7. Jim Smith, Nanaimo, spoke in opposition and stated that the Plan is linked to the vision and agenda of several global institutions. He also spoke regarding the COVID-19 pandemic response, and a lack of democracy across the country. He requested that the Plan be put to municipal referendum during the upcoming election.
8. Jeff Annesley, Nanaimo, spoke in opposition, citing concerns with the circular economy, including forcing citizens away from vehicle transportation, reducing quality of life, the negative impact on tourism, and the Plan being linked to the World Economic Forum.

Mayor Krog called for submissions from the Public for a second time:

9. Kathy (last name was not stated), Nanaimo, spoke for a second time in opposition, and stated her concerns regarding the Plan's transparency.

Some members in attendance continued to cheer when members spoke in opposition. They also inquired as to why last names and addresses had to be provided when speaking to the bylaw.

Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services, provided an overview of the pertinent sections of Council's Procedure Bylaw related to meeting decorum and the Council policy that outlines the public hearing process.

10. Ken Offer, Nanaimo, spoke in opposition and stated concerns regarding the Metral Drive corridor redesign.
11. Joseph Gary Chemer, Nanaimo, spoke regarding concerns related to thorium.
12. Brian Short, Nanaimo, spoke in favour, and stated appreciation for the Plan in relation to the climate emergency. He noted that there were many different ways to give input. He stated support for the thought that went into taking the opportunity to add bike lanes in conjunction with replacing infrastructure and planning for the future.

13. Glenn Brower, agent for Oceanview Resort and Spa, Nanaimo, expressed concern regarding Oceanview properties being removed from the Urban Containment Boundary. He conveyed that the exclusion of the properties is unreasonable as lands adjacent to the properties are designated for industrial use and services will be brought into that area expanding directly to the border of the Oceanview properties.
14. Julia Marshall, Nanaimo, spoke in opposition, and stated concerns with the lack of consideration for an inclusive and democratic society, unclear jargon in the Plan and how the choices made today have an impact on children of the future.
15. Derek Burton, Nanaimo, spoke in opposition and stated that the Plan does not address crime in Nanaimo, including safety in the downtown core. He also noted that the REIMAGINE Nanaimo survey only targets a small population and that social media comments provide a greater sense of what the community is feeling.
16. Deborah (did not state last name), Nanaimo, spoke in opposition and stated concerns regarding tax increases, particularly for people on fixed incomes and urged Council to slow down and spend accordingly.
17. Jessica Timmin, Nanaimo, spoke in opposition and stated that the Doughnut Economic Model is an unbalanced and unproven model. She spoke regarding the restrictions on buildings/development and how that will impact meeting the City's housing needs. She noted concerns regarding growth in Urban Centres and how the Plan lacks an element of safety.
18. Carol Myer, Nanaimo, spoke in opposition and cited concerns regarding the REIMAGINE Nanaimo process being introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic, and not feeling informed. She requested more time and that changes not be made until people are more informed.
19. Jeff Hyne, Nanaimo, spoke in opposition and expressed concerns regarding the need to fix downtown Nanaimo before more is spent on the Doughnut Economic Model.
20. Barry Spillman, Nanaimo, spoke generally in favour, and noted that there was a lot of opportunity for community input. He noted concerns regarding the 6% tax increase and that some policies are not working in the same direction as others.
21. Tony Gibson, Nanaimo, spoke in opposition, and stated concerns regarding the negative impact the Plan will have on the people of Nanaimo.
22. Jim Smith, Nanaimo, spoke for a second time in opposition, and expressed concerns that the bylaw is primarily Council driven and that there was a lack of transparency and democracy in the process. He requested that the bylaw be sent to referendum.

23. Deborah (last name was not stated), Nanaimo, spoke in opposition for a second time, and spoke regarding price increases and requested that Council slow down the spending and that the bylaw be sent to a referendum.
24. Jessica Timmin, Nanaimo, spoke in opposition for a second time and stated concerns regarding the Plan's targets regarding greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and zero waste goals and the impact they will have on the community. She also expressed concerns regarding the money spent on bike lanes and reduced investment return from removing investments in fossil fuels.
25. Kevin Dewan, Nanaimo, spoke for a second time, and expressed concerns regarding issues with crime in the City, residents not being fully informed on the REIMAGINE Nanaimo plan, the influence of global organizations, the need for more transparency, and making decisions on what is best for future generations.
26. Tony Gibson, Nanaimo, spoke for a second time and requested the Plan be put to a referendum.
27. Michelle Rizzaro, Nanaimo, spoke for a second time, and expressed concerns regarding the Plan's connection with global organizations. She also noted concerns regarding the structure of the REIMAGINE Nanaimo survey questions, the need to slow down and investigate who is funding this initiative.
28. Jeff Annesley, Nanaimo, spoke for a second time, and spoke regarding the hardship that many people have endured over the last two years, how the City is not united right now, and the Plan's links to the World Economic Forum.
29. Michelle Rizzaro, Nanaimo, spoke for a third time, and urged Council to avoid using the term conspiracy theorist.
30. Amber Walker, Nanaimo, spoke in opposition and noted the hardship that families have endured over the past two and a half years and the negative impact the Plan will have on citizens.
31. Jennifer (last name was not stated), Nanaimo, spoke regarding the rezoning of properties next to Cavallotti Lodge to build a large data centre, and stated concerns for the effect that 5G radio frequency will have on the health of people in the area.
32. Toni Gibson, Nanaimo, spoke for a third time and requested that the City Plan Bylaw go to a referendum.

Mayor Krog called for submissions from the Public for a third time:

No one wished to speak regarding City Plan Bylaw 2022 No. 6600 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2022 No. 4500.199.

15 written submissions were received prior to the start of the Special Council Meeting (Public Hearing), 2022-JUN-22, and 3 written submissions were received at the Public

Hearing with respect to City Plan Bylaw 2022 No. 6600 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2022 No. 4500.199.

Mayor Krog announced that following the close of a Public Hearing, no further submissions or comments from the public or interested persons could be accepted by members of City Council.

Hearing no further comments from the public the Mayor declared the Public Hearing for City Plan Bylaw 2022 No. 6600 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2022 No. 4500.199 be closed at 8:32 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2022 No. 4500.199” (To include development permit area guidelines, exemptions, and related definitions in addition to other amendments for consistency with the proposed Official Community Plan [City Plan]) pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 8:33 p.m. that the Special Council meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

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CHAIR

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DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER