

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE,
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2023-MAR-20, AT 5:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor L. Krog, Chair
Councillor S. Armstrong
Councillor T. Brown
Councillor H. Eastmure
Councillor B. Geselbracht
Councillor E. Hemmens
Councillor P. Manly
Councillor J. Perrino (joined electronically)
Councillor I. Thorpe

Staff: J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services/Deputy Chief
Administrative Officer
J. Holm, Director, Development Approvals
L. Mercer, Director, Finance (joined electronically)
T. Webb, Manager, Communications
S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services
N. Sponaugle, Communications Advisor
J. Vanderhoef, Steno Coordinator, Legislative Services
K. Lundgren, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER:

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

(a) Agenda Item 2 Procedural Motion – Add *Community Charter* Section 90(1)(k).

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*:

Section 90(1) A part of the Council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- (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;

- (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,

The motion carried unanimously.

Council moved In Camera at 5:01 p.m.

Council moved out of In Camera at 6:18 p.m.

Council recessed the Open Meeting 6:18 p.m.

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS: (continued)

- (b) Agenda Item 11 Delegations – Remove delegation from Tim McGrath.
- (c) Remove Agenda Item 12(a) Housing Needs Report.
- (d) Agenda Item 12(c) Rezoning Application No. RA490 - 6030 Pine Ridge Crescent – Add delegation from Raymond de Beeld.
- (e) Agenda Item 15(a) Correspondence from Nanaimo Community Advisory Board re: Request for additional access to showers and laundry in Nanaimo – Add delegation from Vicky Trill, Deborah Hollins, and Guy Beaulieu.

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 in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, on Monday, 2023-FEB-27, be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Krog advised of the following:

- The 2023-MAR-27 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting will include topics related to community wellness and livability, as well as an update on the Downtown Action Plan;
- The total value of building permits issued in 2022 was \$410 million, which is second only to 2019;

- John McCormick is the new Executive Director of the Systems Planning Organization (SPO) which will commence operations on April 1st. The creation of the SPO was one of the key recommendations that came from the Health and Housing Task Force and was adopted by Council in 2021;
- A statement was issued by Mayor Krog recognizing that the public safety crisis is beyond the City's control. He spoke regarding the recent shooting incidents and the hope that the profile of these cases raise awareness in order to receive appropriate federal and provincial government responses;
- 2023 Culture & Heritage Awards were awarded to Joel Good, Excellence in Culture; and, Margot Holmes, Honor in Culture;
- The Midtown Water Supply Project is underway. The Nanaimo Parkway (Highway 19) will be closed from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. between Jingle Pot Road and Fifth Street from March 26 to March 30; and,
- The Annual Water Main Flushing Program is starting in the south end of Nanaimo, and while this program is underway, water users may see short periods of low pressure and water discoloration. Water discoloration during the flushing program is temporary and not a health hazard.

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

The following Committee Minutes were received:

- Minutes of the Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, on Monday, 2023-JAN-23 at 1:00 p.m.

8. CONSENT ITEMS:

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

(a) Finance and Audit Committee Meeting 2023-MAR-15

1. CleanBC Better Homes Rebates Funding 2023

That Council increase the budget for the CleanBC Better Homes Rebate Program project from \$66,900 to \$126,900 in 2023 funded from the Climate Action Reserve Fund.

2. Community Resiliency Investment Program (FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Program)

That Council:

1. Endorse the City of Nanaimo's application under the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program (FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Program), and;
2. Amend the 2023-2027 Financial Plan if the application is successful.

3. Fire Station 2 Sprung Structure Project

That Council add a project for \$100,000 funded from the Special Initiatives Reserve to the 2023 – 2027 Final Financial Plan to complete design and permitting for the Fire Station 2 Sprung Structure project.

4. Albert and Fourth Street & Utility Upgrade Project

That Council increase the budget for the Albert and Fourth Street & Utility Upgrade project in 2023 from \$3,763,701 to \$4,367,120 funded by \$298,013 from the Water Asset Management Reserve Fund, \$289,986 from the BC Active Transportation Grant and \$15,420 from Water DCC contingency fund.

5. Departure Bay Road Water and Sewer Project

That Council increase the budget for the Departure Bay Road Water and Sewer project in 2023 from \$1,476,798 to \$2,035,400 funded by \$70,711 from the Water Asset Management Reserve Fund, \$463,496 from the Sewer DCC Reserve Fund and \$24,395 from the Sewer Asset Management Reserve Fund.

6. Property Tax Due Dates

That Council:

- Keep the property tax due date at 2023-JUL-04;
- Set the first property tax penalty rate at 2%, due on 2023-JUL-04; and,
- Set the second property tax penalty rate at 8%, due on 2023-AUG-31.

7. FCM Green Municipal Fund Community Buildings Retrofit Program

That:

1. Council direct Staff to submit an application to the FCM Green Municipal Fund Community Buildings Retrofit program for a Corporate Emission Reduction Pathway – Facilities Feasibility Study;
2. City of Nanaimo contribute \$50,000 to undertake the Corporate Emission Reduction Pathway – Facilities Feasibility Study for which funding is requested from the Green Municipal Fund; and,
3. The City of Nanaimo acknowledges that should this application be approved, no further projects within the municipality will be eligible under the above noted funding initiative through the Green Municipal Fund's Community Buildings Retrofit initiative.

8. UBCM Disaster Risk Reduction Climate Adaption Fund

That Council approve the submission of the joint application with Snuneymuxw First Nation to the UBCM Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation Fund Category 1 stream for a Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Assessment and Risk Mapping project, and that Council commits to City staff providing overall grant management.

9. 2022 Surplus Allocation

That Council approve the allocation of the 2022 operating surplus as follows:

General Fund	
a. RCMP Contract Reserve	\$3,000,000
b. Snow and Ice Control Reserve	\$130,000
c. Special Initiatives Reserve	\$2,300,000
d. Property Acquisition Reserve	\$2,100,000
e. General Capital Reserve	\$1,014,855
	<u>\$8,544,855</u>
Sewer Fund	
a. Sewer Reserve	<u>\$224,302</u>
Water Fund	
a. Water Reserve	<u>\$198,344</u>

The motion carried unanimously.

9. DELEGATIONS:

- (a) Collen Middleton, Nanaimo Area Public Safety Association (NAPSA) re: Public Safety Concerns on Victoria Road

Collen Middleton, Nanaimo Area Public Safety Association (NAPSA) presented Council with a letter signed by 74 residents regarding public safety concerns on Victoria Road. He spoke regarding a variety of issues that residents are witnessing in the neighbourhood and the negative impact and distress placed upon them. He noted an escalation in incidents coinciding with the opening of the Salvation Army Food Truck parked down the street, acknowledged the complexity of the situation, and asked for Council's support. He provided a number of suggestions regarding actions Council could implement now as short-term resolutions to these issues.

10. REPORTS:

- (a) Development Variance Permit Application No. DVP446 - 5288 Scarsdale Road

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Development Approvals.

It is requested that Council hear anyone wishing to speak with respect to DVP446 - 5288 Scarsdale Road.

No one wished to speak with respect to DVP446 - 5288 Scarsdale Road.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Development Variance Permit No. DVP446 at 5288 Scarsdale Road with a variance as outlined in the “Proposed Variance” section of the Staff Report dated 2023-MAR-20. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Rezoning Application No. RA490 - 6030 Pine Ridge Crescent

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Development Approvals.

Delegation:

1. Raymond de Beeld was in attendance to respond to any questions.

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2023 No. 4500.208” (to rezone 6030 Pine Ridge Crescent from Single Dwelling Residential [R1] to Three and Four Unit Residential [R5]) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2023 No.4500.208” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to secure the conditions related to “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2023 No. 4500.208” as outlined in the “Conditions of Rezoning” section of the Staff Report dated 2023-MAR-20 should Council support the bylaw at third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

11. BYLAWS:

(a) “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2021 No. 4500.191”

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2021 No. 4500.191” (To rezone 6643 Aulds Road from Single Dwelling Residential [R1] to Duplex Residential [R4]) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

12. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Correspondence from Nanaimo Community Advisory Board re: Request for additional access to showers and laundry in Nanaimo

Councillor Manly vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 7:40 p.m. declaring a conflict of interest as he is the Executive Director of the Nanaimo Unitarian Shelter, and they had the contract with the City of Nanaimo for the Shower Program at Caledonia Park.

Delegation:

1. Vicky Trill spoke via Zoom regarding the Reaching Home Nanaimo Community Advisory Board (NCAB). Last month, the Board received a presentation from Dr. Sandra Allison, Medical Health Officer, who reported an extreme increase in lice among the unsheltered population, to the extent that people were coming into the emergency room. The Board is requesting that the City consider expanding the shower and laundry program to help solve the issue.

Council discussion took place regarding the NCAB's request. Highlights included:

- Gaps in the current laundry and shower services;
- Funding for the expansion of the services from the NCAB;
- The added pressure this places on the hospital which is already over capacity; and,
- This being a public health issue, and Council has not heard anything from Island Health related to this issue

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to prepare a report on the feasibility of expanding shower program access throughout the City of Nanaimo. The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Manly returned to the Shaw Auditorium at 8:01 p.m.

13. QUESTION PERIOD:

Council received no questions from the public regarding agenda items.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 8:02 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

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CORPORATE OFFICER