

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE,
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2023-APR-03, AT 5:01 P.M.

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

Absent: Mayor L. Krog

Staff: R. Harding, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, A/Chief
Administrative Officer
D. Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services/Deputy Chief
Administrative Officer (joined electronically)
B. Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works (joined
electronically)
T. Doyle, Fire Chief
J. Le Masurier, Deputy Fire Chief
L. Mercer, Director, Finance
B. Corsan, Director, Corporate and Business Development
L. Bhopalsingh, Director, Community Development
L. Brinkman, Manager, Community Planning
C. Sholberg, Community Heritage Planner
T. Webb, Manager, Communications (joined electronically)
A. Manhas, Economic Development Officer
S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services
N. Sponaugle, Communications Advisor
K. Lundgren, Steno, Legislative Services
J. Vanderhoef, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:01 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*:

- (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,

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 5:02 p.m.

Council moved out of In Camera at 6:33 p.m.

Council recessed the Open Meeting 6:33 p.m.

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

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Remove Agenda Item 10(a)(1) Draft Integrated Action Plan and Draft Priority Actions - A Healthy & Empowered Nanaimo.
- (b) Add Agenda Item 13(b) "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2022 No. 4500.200".

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 following Minutes be adopted as circulated:

- Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, on Monday, 2023-MAR-06, at 4:30 p.m.
- Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, on Monday, 2023-MAR-20, at 5:00 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Acting Mayor Thorpe advised of the following:

- The City is currently looking to fill job postings and a job fair is scheduled for 2023-APR-13 at the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre;
- Reducing blue cart contamination by recycling right. Listed ways to participate in the #Recycle Right campaign call to action;
- Noted the many road closures currently impacting drivers due to ongoing construction throughout Nanaimo;
- The City is installing new water and sewer services while upgrading Albert and Fourth Street; and,
- The City is beginning the phased implementation of a new software management system to proactively manage assets.

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

The following Committee Minutes were received:

- Minutes of the Design Advisory Panel Meeting, held electronically, on Thursday, 2022-OCT-27 at 5:03 p.m.
- Minutes of the Design Advisory Panel Meeting, held electronically, on Thursday, 2022-DEC-08 at 5:05 p.m.
- Minutes of the Design Advisory Panel Meeting, held electronically, on Thursday, 2023-JAN-26, at 5:03 p.m.
- Minutes of the Design Advisory Panel Meeting, held electronically, on Thursday, 2023-FEB-09, at 5:01 p.m.
- Minutes of the Design Advisory Panel Meeting, held electronically, on Thursday, 2023-MAR-09, at 5:01 p.m.

8. REPORTS:

(a) State of the Nanaimo Economy

Introduced by Bill Corsan, Director, Corporate and Business Development.

Presentation:

Amrit Manhas, Economic Development Officer, provided a presentation regarding the state of the Nanaimo economy and provided statistics regarding the number of new residents to Nanaimo, business licenses, housing starts, unemployment rates, average household incomes and fluctuations in the tourism industry.

(b) Council Appointments to Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel

Introduced by Laura Mercer, Director, Finance.

It was moved and seconded that Council appoint Councillor Hemmens, Councillor Perrino, Councillor Thorpe, and Councillor Armstrong as alternate to the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel for a term ending 2023-DEC-31. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Growing Communities Fund Reserve Fund Bylaw

Introduced by Laura Mercer, Director, Finance.

It was moved and seconded that “Growing Communities Fund Reserve Fund Bylaw 2023 No. 7361” (To establish a Growing Communities Fund Reserve Fund) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Growing Communities Fund Reserve Fund Bylaw 2023 No. 7361” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Growing Communities Fund Reserve Fund Bylaw 2023 No. 7361” pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

(d) Neighbourhood Association Annual Engagement Event

Introduced by Lisa Bhopalsingh, Director, Community Development.

Lisa Brinkman, Manager, Community Planning, and Chris Sholberg, Community Heritage Planner, spoke regarding the proposed 2023-APR-26 neighbourhood association engagement event and outlined the plan for during and after the event.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to proceed with organizing the proposed neighbourhood association annual engagement event on 2023-APR-26. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Brown*

(e) East Wellington Park Plan

Introduced by Richard Harding, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture.

Presentation:

Deborah Beck, Parks and Open Space Planner, provided a presentation regarding the East Wellington Park Plan and provided an overview of the history and location of the park, the planning process, the park vision/goals and the proposed concept site plan.

It was moved and seconded that Council adopt the East Wellington Park Plan as presented in the Staff Report dated 2023-APR-03. The motion carried unanimously.

9. BYLAWS:

- (a) “Morningside Drive Local Area Service Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw 2023 No. 7288.02”

It was moved and seconded that “Morningside Drive Local Area Service Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw 2023 No.7288.02” (to adopt amendments to reflect the change in the year of parcel tax commencement) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2022 No. 4500.200”

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2022 No. 4500.200” (to rezone 2086 and 2090 East Wellington Road from Rural Resource [AR1] to High Tech Industrial [I3] with an additional site-specific use to allow a proposed data centre) be adopted. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Eastmure, Geselbracht, and Manly*

10. NOTICE OF MOTION:

- (a) Councillor Armstrong re: Costs Related to Medical Calls Attended by Nanaimo Fire and Rescue

Councillor Armstrong advised that she would be bringing forward the following notice of motion for consideration at a future Council Meeting:

"That Council direct Staff to prepare a report outlining options to charge the Province for all medical calls attended by Nanaimo Fire and Rescue including costs related to wear and tear on fire trucks and other equipment."

11. QUESTION PERIOD:

Council received three questions from the public regarding agenda items.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 8:22 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER