



MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 15, 2024, 4:00 P.M.
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC

Members: Councillor T. Brown, Chair
 Councillor S. Armstrong
 Councillor H. Eastmure
 Councillor B. Geselbracht*
 Councillor E. Hemmens
 Councillor P. Manly
 Councillor J. Perrino
 Councillor I. Thorpe

Absent: Mayor L. Krog

Staff: D. Lindsay, Chief Administrative Officer
 R. Harding, General Manager, Community Services/Deputy CAO
 L. Mercer, General Manager, Corporate Services
 B. Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works
 Insp. A. Burton, Nanaimo RCMP
 Cpl. S. Dupuis, NCO i/c SITE, Nanaimo RCMP
 B. Corsan, Director, Corporate and Business Development
 S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services
 J. Holm, Director, Planning and Development
 L. Brinkman, Manager, Community Planning
 C. Wood, Manager, Social Planning
 N. Sponaule, Communications Advisor
 J. Vanderhoef, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

* Denotes electronic meeting participation as authorized by "Council Procedure Bylaw 2018 No. 7272"

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Agenda Item 2(a) – Add *Community Charter* Section 90(2)(b).

3. PROCEDURAL MOTION:

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 a 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;
- (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;
- (f) law enforcement, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment;
- (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 4:01 p.m.

Council moved out of In Camera at 6:32 p.m.

Council recessed the Open Meeting at 6:32 p.m.

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS: (continued)

- (b) Add Agenda Item 5(d) - Minutes of the Special Council Meeting (Public Hearing) 2023-NOV-16.

- (c) Add Agenda Item 10(b) Recommendations from 2024-JAN-10 Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness.
- (d) Agenda Item 12(a) Add – PowerPoint Presentation from ACE Architecture and Le Groupe Denux re: 350 and 398 Franklyn Street.
- (e) Revise wording of Agenda Item 10(b)(1) Update on Accessibility Improvements to City Facilities (Part 1).
- (f) Add Council appointments to Agenda Item 7(c) Appointments to the Public Safety Committee.

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, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2023-DEC-04, at 3:30 p.m.
- Minutes of the Special Council Meeting (Public Hearing) held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Thursday, 2023-DEC-14, at 7:00 p.m.
- Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2023-DEC-18, at 4:30 p.m.
- Minutes of the Special Council Meeting (Public Hearing) held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Thursday, 2023-NOV-16, at 7:00 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. RISE AND REPORT:

The Chair advised of the following:

- During the 2023-DEC-04 In Camera Council Meeting, Council directed Staff to allocate \$175,000 to fund a warming centre service at 2025 Bowen Road approximately from 2024-JAN-02 to 2024-MAR-31 and direct Staff to allocate \$112,000 to fund a warming centre service at 5 Victoria Road approximately from 2023-DEC-17 to 2024-MAR-31 and that the warming

centres be funded by a budget transfer from the Asset Retirement Obligation project surplus with the remaining funds coming from the Strategic Infrastructure Reserve. They authorized Staff to enter into a service agreement with Island Crisis Care Society and the 7-10 Club Society to:

1. provide warming centre services during the identified service gaps; and,
 2. mitigate impacts on the surrounding neighbourhood through good neighbourhood agreement requirements.
- During the 2023-DEC-18 In Camera Council Meeting, Council appointed Councillor Thorpe and Councillor Hemmens as Committee representatives and Councillor Perrino as the alternate to the District 68 Sports Field and Recreation Committee for a term ending 2026-NOV-03.
 - During the 2023-DEC-18 In Camera Council Meeting, Council appointed Councillor Armstrong as Chair, Councillor Eastmure as Co-Chair, and the following nine at-large members to the Public Safety Committee for a term ending 2026-NOV-03:
 - James Bowen
 - Scott Brodie
 - Kim Coulthard
 - Doug Cowling
 - Destiny Herman
 - Kevin Lambert
 - Collen Middleton
 - Jennifer Millbank
 - Ruth Taylor

7. PRESENTATIONS:

a. RCMP Annual Update

Corporal Stephen Dupuis, NCO i/c SITE, Nanaimo RCMP, and Inspector Andrew Burton, Nanaimo RCMP, provided a PowerPoint presentation. Highlights included:

- Repeat Violent Offender Initiative (REVOII) launched in May 2023 allocating funds to target individuals considered to be prolific offenders
- REVOII is a long-term tracking program monitoring clients in local communities with a history of violent behavior
- Nanaimo currently has 13 clients on the REVOII list

- Provided an overview of the Special Investigations Targeted Enforcement (SITE) program and its mandate in Nanaimo

8. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

The following Committee Minutes were received:

- Minutes of the Special Mayor's Leaders' Table Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Friday, 2023-SEP-14, at 12:04 p.m.
- Minutes of the Special Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusivity Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2023-NOV-08, at 4:01 p.m.

9. CONSENT ITEMS:

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

a. Finance and Audit Committee Meeting 2023-OCT-18

1. Reaching Home Funding Request

That Council direct Staff to write a letter to the Federal Government requesting more reaching home funding for the community.

b. Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness Meeting 2024-JAN-10

1. Update on Accessibility Improvements to City Facilities (Part 1)

That Council direct Staff to work with School District #68 and the Regional District of Nanaimo Transit department to develop a plan to address accessibility challenges in navigating from the bus stop at Nanaimo District Secondary School to the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre and the Stadium District.

2. Update on Accessibility Improvements to City Facilities (Part 2)

That Council direct Staff to ensure that the following City Recreation Centres receive assessments/audits in 2024:

- Oliver Woods Community Centre
- Beban Park Pool
- Cliff McNabb Arena
- Nanaimo Ice Centre
- Nanaimo Museum

- Vancouver Island Military Museum
- City Hall/SARC

The motion carried unanimously.

10. DELEGATIONS:

a. Jeff Krafta, Habitat for Humanity, Mid-Vancouver Island, re: letter of support

Jeff Krafta, Habitat for Humanity Mid-Vancouver Island, spoke requesting a letter of support from Council for the Habitat for Humanity, Mid-Vancouver Island, application to Co-Investment Housing Program Financing for their Metral Drive project.

11. REPORTS:

a. Property Disposition - 350 and 398 Franklyn Street

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

Presentation:

1. Robin Kelley, Partner, Camargue Investments Inc./ Le Groupe Denux, Coben Christiansen, Principal Design Architect, ACE Architecture, and Bryan Gartner, Senior Project Architect, ACE Architecture, provided a PowerPoint presentation. Highlights included:
 - Reviewed site amenity mapping and provided site context photos
 - Provided potential building design plans that could provide 56 residential units
 - Plan to incorporate some adaptable units
 - Spoke regarding the opportunities available for affordability

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. approve the disposition of 350 and 398 Franklyn Street to Camargue Properties Inc. for \$1,600,000; and
2. direct the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the necessary documents to effect the transaction.

The motion carried unanimously.

b. 420 Albert Street - Acceptance of Project Under "Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw 2018 No. 7261"

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

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the Revitalization Tax Exemption Agreement for a proposed multi-family development with 23 units at 420 Albert Street. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Brown and Geselbracht*

c. Nanaimo Acute Response Table

Introduced by Christy Wood, Manager, Social Planning.

Presentation:

1. Christy Wood, Manager, Social Planning, and Dr. Lauren Maisie, VIU Criminology Professor, provided a PowerPoint presentation. Highlights included:

- Nanaimo Acute Response Table (the table) is a multiagency team of frontline professionals that meet biweekly to address high risk situations involving individuals and families who pose a significant probability of serious harm if they do not receive prevention supports
- Partners at the table share information about at risk individuals referred to the table allowing frontline professionals to design appropriate interventions and supports
- In 2023 the most common risk factors related to referrals were: drug abuse, mental health, the lack of housing, alcohol abuse/use and criminal involvement
- The biggest success so far has been information sharing between service providers
- The most common age group being referred is 30-39 years old; however, there has been a concerning increase in individuals under the age of 25
- Listed the provincial supports available to assist the Nanaimo Acute Response Table

It was moved and seconded that Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an Integrated Program Agreement with the Province of British Columbia, as represented by the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, and the Minister of Children and Family Development to support the activities of the Nanaimo Acute

Response Table, also known as the Situation Table. The motion carried unanimously.

d. Development Permit Application No. DP1301 - 532 Prideaux Street

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Development Permit No. DP1301 for a multi-family development at 532 Prideaux Street with variances as outlined in the "Proposed Variances" section of the Staff Report dated 2024-JAN-15. The motion carried unanimously.

e. General Amendments to City of Nanaimo Zoning Bylaw

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

It was moved and seconded that first reading of "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2023 No. 4500.219" (General text and mapping amendments to "City of Nanaimo Zoning Bylaw 2011 No. 4500") be rescinded. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Second reading of "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2023 No. 4500.219" be rescinded. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to not hold a Public Hearing for "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2023 No. 4500.219" and to provide notice in advance of first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

12. BYLAWS:

a. "Financial Plan Bylaw 2023 No. 7371"

It was moved and seconded that "Financial Plan Bylaw 2023 No. 7371" (To confirm and adopt the 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

13. REPORTS: (continued)

a. Downtown Event Revitalization Fund Grants 2024 - Funding Options

Introduced by Richard Harding, General Manager, Community Services/Deputy CAO.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve 2024 Downtown Event Revitalization Fund allocations of \$250,000 as follows:

2024 Downtown Event Revitalization Grants

- **Applicant Name:** Crimson Coast Dance Society

- Event Name: REBO(U)ND
- Recommended: \$8,472
- **Applicant Name:** Downtown Nanaimo Business Association
 - Event Name: Picnic in the Plaza
 - Recommended: \$16,162
- **Applicant Name:** Downtown Nanaimo Business Association
 - Event Name: WinterFest
 - Recommended: \$24,000
- **Applicant Name:** Friends of Nanaimo Jazz Society
 - Event Name: 2024 Concert Series
 - Recommended: \$11,000
- **Applicant Name:** Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce
 - Event Name: 2024 Commercial Street Night Market
 - Recommended: \$40,000
- **Applicant Name:** Island Consort Society
 - Event Name: A Choral Cornucopia (Spring Program)
 - Recommended: \$1,560
- **Applicant Name:** Island Consort Society
 - Event Name: Joy of Christmas (Fall Program)
 - Recommended: \$2,500
- **Applicant Name:** L'Association des francophones de Nanaimo
 - Event Name: Voices in my body
 - Recommended: \$5,000
- **Applicant Name:** Loyal Nanaimo Bathtub Society
 - Event Name: Marine Festival
 - Recommended: \$22,000
- **Applicant Name:** Nanaimo Ballroom Dance Society
 - Event Name: Summer Dance Festival
 - Recommended: \$4,500
- **Applicant Name:** Nanaimo Blues Society
 - Event Name: Nanaimo Blues Festival
 - Recommended: \$30,000
- **Applicant Name:** Nanaimo Chapter, Federation of Canadian Artists
 - Event Name: Fall Fine Arts Show
 - Recommended: \$2,200
- **Applicant Name:** Nanaimo Chapter, Federation of Canadian Artists
 - Event Name: Spring Fine Arts Show
 - Recommended: \$2,200
- **Applicant Name:** Nanaimo International Jazz Festival Association
 - Event Name: Jazz Festival 2024
 - Recommended: \$25,000
- **Applicant Name:** Nanaimo Pride Society
 - Event Name: Pride Festival
 - Recommended: \$5,700
- **Applicant Name:** Nanaimo RibFest Ltd.
 - Event Name: Nanaimo RibFest

- Recommended: \$8,000
- **Applicant Name:** Old City Quarter Association
 - Event Name: Sounds of Summer in the OCQ
 - Recommended: \$7,638
- **Applicant Name:** Old City Quarter Association
 - Event Name: Winter in the OCQ
 - Recommended: \$3,500
- **Applicant Name:** Pacific Coast Stage Company
 - Event Name: Fringe Hub
 - Recommended: \$4,000
- **Applicant Name:** Positively Vegan Society
 - Event Name: Vegan Night Market
 - Recommended: \$3,500
- **Applicant Name:** Positively Vegan Society
 - Event Name: VegFest
 - Recommended: \$5,250
- **Applicant Name:** Reconciliation Theatre Society
 - Event Name: Canada Day
 - Recommended: \$5,140
- **Applicant Name:** Reconciliation Theatre Society
 - Event Name: Spooktacular 2024
 - Recommended: \$3,062
- **Applicant Name:** South End Community Association
 - Event Name: South End Day Heritage Picnic
 - Recommended: \$4,500
- **Applicant Name:** The Mom Market Collective Inc.
 - Event Name: VICC Christmas Market
 - Recommended: \$4,000
- **Applicant Name:** Victoria Crescent Association
 - Event Name: Victoria Crescent Banner Festival
 - Recommended: \$1,116

The motion carried unanimously.

14. OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society Request for Letter of Support re: Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs)

It was moved and seconded that Council:

- Direct Staff to amend the sample letter of support from Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society regarding Local Immigration Partnerships; and,

- Direct the Mayor, on behalf of Council, to provide a letter of support, as amended, to remove the City's commitment to participate as a member of the steering committee, stay informed, and support local partners in the community to establish community strategic research and planning; to Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society, for their application to Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPS).

The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society Request for Letter of Support re: Settlement and Resettlement Assistance Programs

It was moved and seconded that the Mayor, on behalf of Council, provide a letter of support to Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society, for their application to Settlement and Resettlement Assistance Programs. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. BGC Central Vancouver Island Request for Letter of Support re: Community Needs Grant

It was moved and seconded that the Mayor, on behalf of Council, provide a letter of support to BGC Central Vancouver Island, for their application to the Community Needs Grant. The motion carried unanimously.

- d. Jeff Krafta, Habitat for Humanity Mid-Vancouver Island, re: letter of support

It was moved and seconded that the Mayor, on behalf of Council, provide a letter of support to Habitat for Humanity, Mid-Vancouver Island, for their application to Co-Investment Housing Program Financing. The motion carried unanimously.

15. QUESTION PERIOD:

Council received no questions from the public regarding agenda items.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 8:25 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ACTING MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER