



MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 17, 2024, 4:29 P.M.
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC

- Members:
- Mayor L. Krog, Chair
 - Councillor S. Armstrong
 - Councillor T. Brown (vacated 10:20 p.m.)
 - Councillor H. Eastmure
 - Councillor B. Geselbracht
 - Councillor E. Hemmens
 - Councillor P. Manly
 - Councillor J. Perrino
 - Councillor I. Thorpe
- 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*
 - S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services
 - J. Holm, Director, Planning and Development
 - D. LaBerge, Director, Public Safety
 - K. Robertson, Deputy Corporate Officer
 - D. Burgos, Manager, Corporate Communications and Community Relation Communications
 - A. Manhas, Economic Development Officer
 - N. Sponaugle, Communications Advisor
 - J. Tonella, Steno, Legislative Services*
 - J. Vanderhoef, Recording Secretary*

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 4:29 p.m.

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

2. 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;
- (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,
- (n) the consideration of whether a Council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2).

The motion carried unanimously.

Council moved In Camera at 4:30 p.m.

Council moved out of In Camera at 6:25 p.m.

Council recessed the Open Meeting at 6:25 p.m.

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

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Add Agenda Item 10(a) Public Safety Committee Recommendations 2024-JUN-12.
- (b) Add Agenda Item 10(b) Governance and Priorities Committee Recommendations 2024-JUN-12.
- (c) Add Agenda Item 10(c) Separately Addressed Consent Items and Add Mayor's Leaders' Table Recommendation 2024-JUN-14, and a delegation from David Witty.
- (d) Reorder Agenda Item 12(c) Officer Designation and Delegation of Authority Amendment Bylaw to follow Agenda Item 12 (e) Hotel and Motel Revitalization Tax Exemption Program.
- (e) Agenda Item 12(h) Rezoning Application No. RA500 – 330 & 338 Ninth Street – Add the following delegations:

1. Andrea Scott (via Zoom)
2. Joe Gogo
3. Mark J. Hayman

- (f) Agenda Item 12(i) Rezoning Application No. RA495 and Highway Closure Application No. LD4291 – 266, 268 Bryden Street, 251, 255 Mt. Benson Street, and 250 Terminal Avenue North – Add delegation from Jose Wong, Jennifer Fox, Stuart Andrie and Ron Hart, BC Housing (via Zoom).
- (g) Add Agenda Item 16(b) Union of BC Municipalities Annual Convention Resolution – Strengthening the Legislation for Alternative Approval Processes.

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, 2024-MAY-27, at 4:00 p.m.
- Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2024-JUN-03, at 4:30 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Krog advised of the following:

- The City has put out a call for 2025 street banner designs. Street banners will be on display in the spring of 2025 in the downtown area and along major routes
- The City has issued an invitation to the Design Guidelines Workshop on 2024-JUN-19 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre
- As of 2024-JUN-18 annual water testing will begin at popular swimming spots to ensure water is clean and safe for swimmers, beach goers, and wildlife
- Council recently attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference, in Calgary, and the Mayor invited Councillors to speak about their experience:

- Councillor Eastmure spoke regarding the importance of the FCM and noted the primary focus of FCM currently is a new municipal growth framework to provide predictable funding that grows with the economy. Municipalities are not in a position to deal with maintaining infrastructure costs while dealing with issues downloaded from other levels of government. An example of this was a major waterline break in Calgary during the FCM and a previous waterline break in Nanaimo
- Councillor Manly noted that municipalities are responsible for 60% of the infrastructure in Canada and collect 8% of the taxes. He attended the green municipality fund workshops and noted community energy grants and low interest loans for things like geothermal or solar being used to help lower the tax load by taking care of some of our own energy needs. Other topics discussed included the prevalence of the homelessness and addiction crisis in all communities and increasingly toxic environments at council and committee meetings
- Councillor Perrino spoke regarding the watermain break in Calgary and the importance of maintaining infrastructure at the municipal level of government
- Councillor Armstrong spoke regarding attending a United Nations Declaration of Rights of Indigenous People workshop and the discussion regarding definition of state and municipalities being caught between the indigenous people and the municipality for development applications. She also attended a community, called Currie, that used to be a military base, which is now based on the concept of the fifteen-minute city and sustainability, and saw how a military base could be repurposed

7. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Nanaimo Prosperity Corporation Plans and CEO Introduction

Dale Lindsay, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced Colin Stansfield, CEO, Nanaimo Prosperity Corporation.

Colin Stansfield, CEO, Nanaimo Prosperity Corporation, provided a presentation. Highlights included:

- Provided a summary of his personal background starting in small business, then progressing to the social economy

- Outlined his previous work experience related to employment, food policy and co-chairing the economic development committee in the City of Vancouver
- Recently his work has been focused on community and economic development in the Southern Sunshine Coast where, through a coordinated effort, they have developed strategies to develop and safeguard industrial lands with a focus on employment and green growth
- The Nanaimo Prosperity Corporation (NPC) was founded in 2021 to leverage Nanaimo's strategic assets, develop and sustain a vibrant local economy by leading initiatives, partnering on projects, supporting business development, encouraging innovation, promoting reconciliation, and attracting investment
- NPC's Approach is framed by the City's adoption of the Donut Economic Framework
- NPC's work is best understood under the goals of the economic development strategy: economic and social capital, business development, innovation and technology, placemaking and attraction
- NPC is coordinating the efforts of some of our largest industrial land holders to catalyze development of the transportation, cargo and distribution services sector in order to secure Nanaimo's role as the hub of Vancouver Island and as an extension of the lower mainland transportation network
- NPC has been working with eight local engineering firms to run a cooperative marketing campaign aimed at attracting skilled engineers to the region
- Excited to learn more about the progressive efforts of partners in the social profit sector
- NPC is committed to working alongside partners in the Nanaimo Healthcare Ecosystem
- No steps have been taken yet into the housing market system but the NPC recognizes the need to build new stock across the housing spectrum
- NPC is excited to work with Snuneymuxw First Nation partners and the Chamber of Commerce to develop an indigenomics program
- NPC is collaborating with partners to create business retention expansion programs. They are also collaborating with Tourism Nanaimo to promote Nanaimo
- Next steps will be to build out with partnerships being at the core of those efforts

8. CONSENT ITEMS:

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

(a) Public Safety Committee Meeting 2024-JUN-12

1. 30 Km/h Speed Limits Near Elementary Schools

That Council direct Staff to continue work on elementary school speed limits, applying 30 km/h school zones where the *Motor Vehicle Act* requirements can be achieved, and applying 30 km/h regulatory speed limits where *Motor Vehicle Act* requirements cannot be achieved.

(b) Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting 2024-JUN-12

1. Alternative Approval Process Policy Options (Part One)

That Council direct Staff to prepare a draft policy for the Governance and Priorities Committee that includes:

- a. That the method of communication/engagement be considered on a case-by-case basis based on the scale and the borrowing amount of the project;
- b. That the number of response forms be limited to 10 forms per person for the duration of the AAP period; and
- c. Options for the inclusion of mail-out options for response forms and electronic submission of response forms.

2. Alternative Approval Process Policy Options (Part Two)

That Council direct Staff to prepare a resolution for submission to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities annual convention outlining issues around the clarity and process of the legislation that governs the Alternative Approval Process.

3. Alternative Approval Process Policy Options (Part Three)

That Council send a letter to the Province requesting that amendments be made to the legislation pertaining to the Alternative Approval Process as outlined on page 47 of the report titled "Alternative Approval Process Review" by Lisa Zwarn.

The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Separately Addressed Consent Items

1. Mayor's Leaders' Table Meeting Recommendation 2024-JUN-14

Delegation:

1. Dr. David Witty spoke regarding the recommendation put forward by the Mayor's Leaders' Table on 2024-JUN-14 and encouraged Council to consider a Housing First Plus model with wrap around supports for people experiencing homelessness.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to refer the following recommendation from the Mayor's Leaders' Table to the Nanaimo Systems Planning Organization for consideration as part of their ongoing work on the implementation of the Nanaimo Health and Housing Action Plan.

"That Council:

1. Recognize that homelessness in Nanaimo is an existential crisis that must be addressed with a fulsome response
2. Formally endorse the concept that homelessness violates the principle of human dignity
3. Adopt Housing First Plus as the foundational element of a homelessness strategy
4. Create a purpose driven Housing First Plus position
5. Develop a robust plan to minimize the number of people at risk of homelessness"

The motion carried unanimously.

9. DELEGATIONS:

- a. Nancy Mitchell and Karen Kuwica, Newcastle Community Association, spoke regarding the need for a vacant property bylaw.
- b. Alan Clarke spoke regarding public interest concerns related to Building Bylaw No. 7224.05.

10. REPORTS:

- a. 2023 Annual Municipal Report

Introduced by Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services.

Mayor Krog asked if anyone in attendance wished to speak with regard to the 2023 Annual Municipal Report.

No one in attendance wished to speak with respect to the 2023 Annual Municipal Report.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the 2023 Annual Municipal Report. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Respectful Spaces Bylaw

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

Dave LaBerge, Director, Public Safety, spoke regarding the proposed Respectful Spaces Bylaw. Highlights included:

- Bylaw is intended to promote a safe and healthy, respectful and positive environment in all City facilities which will include those that are leased, rented, allocated or managed by the City
- The bylaw would guide Staff on how to investigate and respond to inappropriate behaviour
- Reviewed what the bylaw considers to be inappropriate behaviour
- By law Council must delegate authority to Staff in order to ban an individual from a City facility
- Guidelines for what an investigation will look like are set out in the bylaw

Respectful Spaces Bylaw 7381

It was moved and seconded that “Respectful Spaces Bylaw 2024 No.7381” (a bylaw to promote a safe, healthy, respectful, and positive environment for members of the public, volunteers, Council and Staff) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Respectful Spaces Bylaw 2024 No. 7381” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Respectful Spaces Bylaw 2024 No. 7381” pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw 7159.20

It was moved and seconded that “Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 7159.20 (a bylaw to assign fines for violations against the Respectful Spaces Bylaw) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Section 6.4 be amended to read Section 7.4 and that “Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 7159.20” pass second reading as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 7159.20” pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Downtown Revitalization Tax Exemption Program

Introduced by Laura Mercer, General Manager, Corporate Services.

Amrit Manhas, Economic Development Officer, spoke regarding Council’s previous direction for Staff to revise the proposed bylaws to reflect a five-year tax exemption period. She noted key changes coming for this program is that the number of multi-family residential units is moving from four to ten units and the building permit values are moving from \$500,000 to \$2 million.

It was moved and seconded that “Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw (Downtown) 2024 No. 7384” (a bylaw to establish a revitalization tax exemption program for the downtown for a five-year period) pass first reading. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Brown and Geselbracht*

It was moved and seconded that “Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw (Downtown) 2024 No. 7384” pass second reading. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Brown and Geselbracht*

It was moved and seconded that “Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw (Downtown) 2024 No. 7384” pass third reading. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Brown and Geselbracht*

d. Hotel and Motel Revitalization Tax Exemption Program

Introduced by Laura Mercer, General Manager, Corporate Services.

Amrit Manhas, Economic Development Officer, spoke regarding the key changes being made to the Hotel and Motel Revitalization Tax Exemption Program. The building permit value has changed to \$250,000 for renovations and \$3 million for new builds.

It was moved and seconded that “Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw (Hotel and Motel) 2024 No. 7385” (a bylaw to establish a revitalization tax

exemption program for the hotels and motels for a five-year period) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that "Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw (Hotel and Motel) 2024 No. 7385" pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that "Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw (Hotel and Motel) 2024 No. 7385" pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

e. Officer Designation and Delegation of Authority Amendment Bylaw

Introduced by Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services.

Karen Robertson, Deputy Corporate Officer, spoke regarding the Officer Designation and Delegation of Authority Amendment Bylaw. She noted that the amendment was proposed to implement the changes resulting from the Respectful Spaces Bylaw and the Revitalization Tax Exemption Regulatory Bylaws.

It was moved and seconded that "Officer Designation and Delegation of Authority Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 7353.02" (a bylaw to reference the Respectful Spaces Bylaw and Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaws within Schedule "A" and to update Staff titles) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that "Officer Designation and Delegation of Authority Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 7353.02" pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that "Officer Designation and Delegation of Authority Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 7353.02" pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

f. Amendment of Project under the Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw 2018 No. 7261 - 220 Haliburton Street

Introduced by Laura Mercer, General Manager, Corporate Services.

Amrit Manhas, Economic Development Officer, explained that the Owner of 221 Haliburton Street was granted a ten-year tax exemption. They are in the final stages of acquiring a building permit and have asked for a one-time extension to the tax exemption agreement pending the building permit.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the amended Revitalization Tax Exemption Agreement for a proposed four-unit multi-family development at 220 Haliburton Street. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Armstrong*

g. Land Use Contracts Review

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to bring forward:

1. a Zoning Bylaw amendment to rezone 1681 Boundary Avenue and 1600 Dufferin Crescent to align zoning with the existing multiple family dwelling use, and 398 Bruce Avenue to align zoning with the existing office use; and,
2. any associated administrative bylaw amendments following the termination of Land Use Contracts on 2024-JUN-30.

The motion carried unanimously.

h. Rezoning Application No. RA500 - 330 & 338 Ninth Street

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

Delegations:

1. Andrea Scott was available (via Zoom) to answer questions.
2. Joe Gogo spoke regarding shadowing impacts on the surrounding neighbourhood and traffic concerns. He has collected signatures from the neighbours opposed to the development.
3. Mark J. Hayman spoke regarding fire safety concerns, garbage storage/collection, parking issues, and trees being cleared from the property.

It was moved and seconded that "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 4500.225" (to rezone 330 and 338 Ninth Street from Single Dwelling Residential [R1] to Low Density Residential [R6] with a site-specific Floor Area Ratio) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 4500.225" pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 4500.225" pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to secure the conditions related to “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 4500.225” as outlined in the “Conditions of Rezoning” section of the Staff Report titled “Rezoning Application No. RA500 - 330 & 338 Ninth Street”, dated 2024-JUN-17, prior to final adoption. The motion carried unanimously.

Council recessed the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Council reconvened the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

- i. Rezoning Application No. RA495 and Highway Closure Application No. LD4291 - 266, 268 Bryden Street, 251, 255 Mt Benson Street, and 250 Terminal Avenue North

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

Delegations:

1. Nancy Mitchell and Karen Kuwica, Newcastle Community Association, noted concerns related to a social services resource centre being a permitted use on the first floor of the proposed building. They also requested that the fence height along Vancouver Avenue be increased to match the current fence height in that location and that the height of the building be limited to 14 meters to be consistent with City Plan and the surrounding neighbourhood.
2. Collen Middleton, Nanaimo Area Public Safety Association (NAPSA), noted concerns related to the social services centre permitted use in the bylaw and the lack of clarity creating a lot of concern for neighbours.
3. Peter Giovando spoke regarding a social resource service centre being a new permitted use within the proposed bylaw and noted his concern over this broad description. He was not opposed to these services being provided to residents of the facility and requested that Council consider amending the wording of the bylaw.
4. Sandy Bartlett noted that his law office is located directly across from the proposed supportive housing facilities and noted the many incidents experienced by himself and his clientele while requesting that the number of proposed residents be decreased.
5. Jose Wong, Jennifer Fox, Stuart Andrie and Ron Hart, BC Housing, were in attendance to answer questions. BC Housing did agree that no walk-in services would be provided for walk in clients and they

had no concerns regarding the fence height along Victoria Avenue being increased.

Rezoning

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 4500.226” (to rezone 266, 268 Bryden Street, 251, 255 Mt Benson Street, and 250 Terminal Avenue North from Single Dwelling Residential [R1], Medium Density Residential [R8], Mixed Use Corridor [COR2], and Community Corridor [COR3] to Comprehensive Development District Zone Fourteen [CD14]) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 4500.226” (to rezone 266, 268 Bryden Street, 251, 255 Mt Benson Street, and 250 Terminal Avenue North from Single Dwelling Residential [R1], Medium Density Residential [R8], Mixed Use Corridor [COR2], and Community Corridor [COR3] to Comprehensive Development District Zone Fourteen [CD14]) pass second reading as amended to revise Section 16.14.2.3 by removing office and social service resource centre as accessory uses and to revise 16.14.7.1 to increase the required fence height from 2.4m to 2.75m. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 4500.226” pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to secure the conditions related to “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 4500.226”, as outlined in the “Conditions of Rezoning” section of the Staff Report titled “Rezoning Application No. RA495 and Highway Closure Application No. LD4291 - 266, 268 Bryden Street, 251, 255 Mt Benson Street, and 250 Terminal Avenue North”, dated 2024-JUN-17, prior to final adoption. The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Brown vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 10:20 p.m.

Highway Closure

It was moved and seconded that Council authorize the road closure and disposition of a portion of Bryden Street and direct Staff to enter into a Road Closure and Land Exchange Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Highway Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw 2024 No. 7372” (to provide for highway closure and dedication removal of a portion of Bryden Street adjacent to 266 and 268 Bryden Street) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Highway Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw 2024 No. 7372” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to proceed with public notice for the closure and disposition of a portion of Bryden Street. The motion carried unanimously.

j. Development Permit Application No. DP1322 - 19 Nicol Street

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Development Permit No. DP1322 for a personal care facility and social service resource centre at 19 Nicol Street with variances as outlined in the “Proposed Variances” section of the Staff Report titled “Development Permit Application No. DP1322 - 19 Nicol Street”, dated 2024-JUN-17. The motion carried unanimously.

k. Development Permit Application No. DP1335 - 580 Rosehill Street

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Development Permit No. DP1335 for a multi-family development at 580 Rosehill Street with variances as outlined in the “Proposed Variances” section of the Staff Report titled “Development Permit Application No. DP1335 - 580 Rosehill Street”, dated 2024-JUN-17. The motion carried unanimously.

11. BYLAWS:

a. “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2023 No. 4500.211”

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2023 No. 4500.211” (to rezone 2453 Labieux Road from Single Dwelling Residential [R1] to Low Density Residential [R6] with site-specific height) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

b. “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 4500.223”

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 4500.223” (amendments to implement the Increasing Housing Options and Provincial Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing legislation) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

c. “Building Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 7224.07”

It was moved and seconded that “Building Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 7224.07” (amendments to implement the Increasing Housing Options and Provincial Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing legislation) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

d. “Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 7336.09”

It was moved and seconded that “Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw 2024 No. 7336.09” (a bylaw to change electric vehicle charging connection fees) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

e. “Highway Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw 2024 No. 7370”

Mayor Krog asked if anyone in attendance wished to speak with regard to “Highway Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw 2024 No. 7370”.

No one in attendance wished to speak regarding “Highway Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw 2024 No. 7370”.

It was moved and seconded that “Highway Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw 2024 No. 7370” (to provide for highway closure and dedication removal of a portion of Northfield Road adjacent to 2300 Northfield Road) pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

f. “Transit-Oriented Areas Designation Bylaw 2024 No. 7382”

It was moved and seconded that “Transit-Oriented Areas Designation Bylaw 2024 No. 7382” (to implement transit-oriented areas as required by Bill 47 – Housing Statutes and associated regulations) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

12. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. RCMP Annual Performance Plan

Introduced by Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services.

It was moved and seconded that Council supports the Nanaimo RCMP 2024 Community priority issues as presented on 2024-MAY-06 and as listed below:

1. Crime Reduction
2. Employee Wellness
3. Inclusion and Reconciliation

4. Community Public Safety
5. Recruiting

The motion carried unanimously.

b. Union of BC Municipalities Annual Convention Resolution - Strengthening the Legislation for Alternative Approval Processes

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to submit the following resolution to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for consideration at their 2024 Annual General Meeting:

“WHEREAS the Alternative Approval Process as a means to obtain approval of the electors as outlined in Section 86 of the *Community Charter* is lacking clarity as it relates to public notice requirements stated in Section 94.2;

AND WHEREAS the document “Alternative Approval Process: A Guide for Local Governments in British Columbia” states that “local governments may choose to allow electors to submit response forms by e-mail or by fax” but provides no clear process or guidelines though noting that these electronic response forms are not covered by provincial legislation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia amend the legislation in the *Community Charter* pertaining to Alternative Approval Processes to clarify:

1. how Section 94.2 interacts with Section 86 in terms of publication of the first and second notice;
2. the timing as to whether a local government can receive a completed elector response form before the second publication; and
3. clear requirements for accepting elector response forms electronically including:
 - a. acceptable methods of receipt;
 - b. whether electronic elector response forms require an original copy to be submitted with the original signature; and,
 - c. if electronic elector response forms are received and an original copy is required if the original copy must also be received before the deadline.”

The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Vacant Properties

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to provide a report regarding options to regulate vacant properties. The motion carried unanimously.

13. QUESTION PERIOD:

Council received two questions from the public regarding agenda items.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 10:44 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER