



## MINUTES

### GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 28, 2024, 1:00 P.M.  
SHAW AUDITORIUM, VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE  
80 COMMERCIAL STREET, NANAIMO, BC

Members: Councillor P. Manly, Chair  
Councillor S. Armstrong (vacated 2:07 p.m.)  
Councillor T. Brown\* (joined 1:21 p.m.)  
Councillor H. Eastmure  
Councillor B. Geselbracht  
Councillor E. Hemmens (vacated 1:56 p.m.)  
Councillor J. Perrino  
Councillor I. Thorpe

Absent: Mayor L. Krog

Staff: D. Lindsay, Chief Administrative Officer  
R. Harding, General Manager, Community Services/Deputy  
Chief Administrative Officer  
L. Mercer, General Manager, Corporate Services  
B. Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works  
S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services  
A. Manhas, Economic Development Officer  
N. Sponaugle, Communications Advisor  
A. Chanakos, Steno, Legislative Services  
L. Young, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Agenda Item 6(a)(1) Progress and Next Steps on Doughnut Economics Framework Implementation – Add report titled “Nanaimo Doughnut Economic Framework Awareness Program”.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the following Minutes be adopted as circulated:

- Minutes of the Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2024-JUN-24, at 1:00 p.m.
- Minutes of the Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC on Monday, 2024-JUL-15, at 2:00 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. AGENDA PLANNING:

a. Upcoming Topics and Initiatives

Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services, provided an overview of topics and initiatives scheduled for upcoming Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) Meetings.

Dale Lindsay, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that a Committee motion ratified during the 2023-DEC-04 Regular Council Meeting directed Staff to prepare a report regarding the implementation of five City Plan incentives. Staff sought clarification on whether Committee intended for the report to be restricted to the five new City Plan incentives outlined in the motion, or to broadly cover the City Plan.

Committee discussion took place. Highlights included:

- The five identified incentives may not be the Committee’s priorities in regards to the City Plan
- A report with broad focus would allow the Committee to ask questions on any aspect of the City Plan

It was moved and seconded that the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend that Council rescind the following motion, passed during the 2023-NOV-27 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting, and adopted by Council on 2023-DEC-04:

“That Council direct Staff to prepare a report, for a future Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting, regarding ways to implement the following New City Plan Incentives:

- Incentivize Affordable Housing
- Support Green Infrastructure
- Encourage Infill Development
- Support Small Businesses
- Prioritize Active Transportation”

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend that Council direct Staff to prepare a report, for a future Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting, regarding incentives that support City Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee and Staff discussion took place relative to the tentative GPC agenda topics. Highlights included:

- The importance of the Parking Management Strategy
- Request that the Transit-Oriented Areas and Parking in the Downtown topic be reviewed at the same time as the Parking Management Strategy

Councillor Brown joined the meeting electronically at 1:21 p.m.

- The Not-for-Profit Sector Study would include economic, social and environmental impacts of the not-for-profit sector in local economy
- The desire to hear about heating, cooling, and feeding centres
- The desire to invite Island Health to a future Committee Meeting to participate in a discussion regarding social issues

It was moved and seconded that the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend that Council direct Staff to provide an update, for a future Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting, regarding heating, cooling and feeding centres and shelter spaces, and that Island Health be invited to participate in the discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee and Staff discussion continued. Highlights included:

- Tentative GPC topics being Staff initiatives put forward as suggestions for future GPC Meetings
- Potential alternative ways for Staff to provide updates to the Committee such as an information report, walking tour, email, or other means
- The desire for an update and discussion on the City Plan monitoring

It was moved and seconded that the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend that Council direct Staff to incorporate the topic of Parking Management Strategy into the 2024-DEC-09 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee and Staff discussion continued regarding the intended goal of GPC Meetings, the potential for Meetings to be only scheduled when there are emergent issues to address, hesitation to add items to agendas not directed by Council, and the desire to not discourage Staff from bringing forward suggestions for future discussion topics.

6. REPORTS:

a. Prosperous Nanaimo:

1. Nanaimo Doughnut Economic Framework Awareness Program

Amrit Manhas, Economic Development Officer, provided an update on the Nanaimo Doughnut Economic Framework Awareness Program. Highlights included:

- Engagement with Future Fit Cities to maintain and expand the Doughnut Economic Framework
- Interviews conducted with select City Staff and Council members and an in-person workshop hosted on 2024-MAY-30
- Future Fit Cities recommendation for a three-phased approach for scaling Doughnut Economics within the City of Nanaimo

Presentation:

1. Greg Hart, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Partner, Future Fit Cities, provided a presentation. Highlights included:
  - A world-leading monitoring strategy was developed in collaboration with consultants as well as an integrated action plan
  - The doughnut is an image of integration, and many of the items influence each other
  - The importance of providing education and setting a foundation for key internal and external stakeholders

Councillor Hemmens vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 1:56 p.m.

- The importance of identifying and implementing key projects that set visible examples and attract the kinds of companies and behaviours that differentiate Nanaimo from other cities

Committee discussion took place. Highlights included:

- Having conversations with other organizations such as the Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce and residents
- A cost-benefit analysis will measure economic, social, and environmental impacts of implementing the Doughnut Economic Framework
- The benefits and drawbacks of the Doughnut Economic branding

Councillor Armstrong vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 2:07 p.m.

- A key project being easier to identify and implement once City Staff have a better understanding of the Doughnut Economic Framework

It was moved and seconded that the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend Council direct Staff to present a proposed workplan and strategies related to the “Nanaimo Doughnut Economic Framework Awareness Program”, including budget implications, for Council’s consideration during the 2026-2030 budget deliberations. The motion carried unanimously.

7. QUESTION PERIOD:

The Committee received no questions from the public regarding agenda items.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 2:17 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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CHAIR

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CORPORATE OFFICER