



MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 9, 2025, 4:30 P.M.
Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre
80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC

Members:

- 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
- Councillor I. Thorpe

Staff:

- D. Lindsay, Chief Administrative Officer
- B. Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works
- S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services
- J. Holm, Director, Planning and Development
- K. Ing, Director, IT/CIO
- D. Osborne, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture
- P. Rosen, Director, Engineering
- C. Davis, Deputy Director, Parks and Natural Areas
- N. Skeels, Manager, Real Estate
- K. Brydges, Environmental Protection Officer
- N. Sponaule, Communications Advisor
- K. Lundgren, Steno, Legislative Services
- A. Chanakos, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

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

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:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
- (m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting;
- (n) the consideration of whether a Council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2); 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 4:31 p.m.

Council moved out of In Camera at 5:56 p.m.

Council recessed the Open Meeting at 5:56 p.m.

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS (CONTINUED):

- (b) Agenda Item 8(a) Donna Hais, Member, Mayor's Leaders' Table re: Work Plan to Develop an Accord – Add PowerPoint presentation titled "Work Plan to Develop an Accord".
- (c) Remove Agenda Item 12(c) E-Comm 9-1-1 Contract Update.

- (d) Agenda Item 16(a) Councillor Eastmure Motion re: Housing as a Human Right UBCM Resolution – Add delegation from Sacia Burton, BC Poverty Reduction Coalition.

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 Special Council Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Monday, 2025-MAY-12, at 4:24 p.m.
- Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC on Monday, 2025-MAY-26, at 4:30 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Krog noted that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) held its annual conference from 2025-MAY-29 to 2025-JUN-01 in Ottawa and it was attended by Councillor Eastmure.

Councillor Eastmure provided an overview of the FCM Annual Conference, including the following:

- Resolutions were passed for several items including improving access to healthcare in rural Canada, strengthening Canada's economy by diversifying trade, and maintaining protection for urban, rural, remote and northern postal services, and ensuring no changes are made to Canada Post's mandate or service charter without thorough public review
- Discussed local priorities including the critical need for a new municipal funding framework, increasing direct annual transfers to municipalities by \$2.6 billion, and broadening eligible expenses under federal transfers to include operating and capital costs, which would enable municipalities to direct funding to local priorities to sustain growth and economic development
- Discussions took place at the Canadian Ports Reception regarding the Nanaimo Port Authority's advocacy efforts for a provincial port strategy in BC and to increase business in Nanaimo

- The Nanaimo Port Authority recently broke ground at the Duke Point expansion project which will increase cargo capacity by ten times, and will replace the two diesel-powered cranes with electric cranes

Mayor Krog continued, advising the following:

- The City hosted, along with the Regional District of Nanaimo, its eighth Public Works Day on 2025-MAY-21, which saw over 420 Grade 4 and 5 students attend the event
- Nanaimo was recognized on the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) A List for climate leadership. Only 120 cities worldwide earned this top score, and of those, eight were located in Canada
- Registration is open for the annual Trunk Sales, which will take place on 2025-JUN-21 in the Country Club Centre parking lot and 2025-AUG-23 at Vancouver Island University
- Acknowledged Vancouver Island University Culinary Arts student Simon Martin who received the gold medal at the Skills Canada National Culinary Secondary Cooking Competition in Regina

7. PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) Donna Hais, Member, Mayor's Leaders' Table re: Work Plan to Develop an Accord

Donna Hais, Member, Mayor's Leaders' Table, provided an on-screen presentation included in the agenda package and advised the following:

- To make Nanaimo a more cohesive community, an accord needs to be developed for community partners to share strategic plans, identify crossover and similarities, and leverage assets
- An accord would assist community partners to achieve goals set out in their strategic plans by working together, rather than in isolation
- The Nanaimo Prosperity Corporation (NPC) approached the Mayor's Leaders' Table (MLT) to support the initiative and will coordinate engagement efforts
- All strategic partners will be asked to sign the Nanaimo Accord, which will act as a voluntary high-level statement of values and direction. The Accord will be supported by a portfolio of projects and initiatives
- Work is underway, and timelines are being established with a goal to have the Nanaimo Accord ready for signature by the end of 2025
- Outlined the proposed implementation across three phases resulting in a 2026 launch

- The Accord is anticipated to cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000 and the NPC has agreed to provide the funding

8. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

The following Committee Minutes were received:

- Minutes of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2025-MAR-12, at 4:00 p.m.
- Minutes of the Mayor's Leaders' Table Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Friday, 2025-MAR-21, at 8:30 a.m.
- Minutes of the Special Mayor's Leaders' Table Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on 2025-MAY-16, at 8:32 a.m.

9. CONSENT ITEMS:

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

(a) Special Mayor's Leaders' Table Meeting 2025-MAY-16

1. Work Plan to Develop an Accord

That Council endorse in principle the proposed work plan to develop the "Nanaimo Accord" as attached to the Mayor's Leaders' Table agenda dated 2025-MAY-16.

The motion carried.

Opposed: Councillor Brown

10. REPORTS:

(a) Proposed Removal of Park Dedication from a Portion of 1631 Naylor Crescent (Elaine Hamilton Park)

Introduced by Kerry Ing, Acting General Manager, Corporate Services.

Nancy Skeels, Manager, Real Estate, provided an overview of the report in the agenda package.

Julie Budgen, Senior Biologist/Environmental Planner, Corvidae Environmental Consulting Inc., was available via Zoom to answer questions.

Delegation:

1. Georgia Desjardins, Vice President, Development, Seacliff Properties, provided an on-screen presentation. Highlights included:
 - An overview of the proposed plans for each of the Sandstone development areas
 - Noted that further development cannot take place until a road dedication is in place
 - The existing fieldhouse in Elaine Hamilton Park will be replaced at Sandstone's cost
 - Sandstone will dedicate 90 acres of park and open space back to the City in Development Area 6

It was moved and seconded that "Parks Dedication Amendment Bylaw 2025 No. 2255.01" (a bylaw to remove dedication as public park from a portion of "Elaine Hamilton Park" [formerly known as Trofton Park] at 1631 Naylor Crescent for road dedication purposes) pass first reading. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Brown, Geselbracht and Manly*

It was moved and seconded that "Parks Dedication Amendment Bylaw 2025 No. 2255.01" pass second reading. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Brown, Geselbracht and Manly*

It was moved and seconded that "Parks Dedication Amendment Bylaw 2025 No. 2255.01" pass third reading. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Brown, Geselbracht and Manly*

It was moved and seconded that Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the Road Dedication Agreement to effect the transaction. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Brown, Geselbracht and Manly*

- (b) Alternative Approval Process to Remove Park Dedication from a Portion of "Elaine Hamilton Park" for Road Dedication Purposes – Sandstone Development

Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services, provided an overview of the report in the agenda package and noted a correction to part two of the proposed motion to clarify that the total number of electors to which the alternative approval process applies is 76,724, of which 7,672 represents 10 percent.

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. Direct the Corporate Officer, or their designate, to undertake an Alternative Approval Process to remove park dedication from a portion of “Elaine Hamilton Park” for road dedication purposes.
2. Determine the total number of electors of the area to which the approval process applies (the whole of the City of Nanaimo) to be 76,724, of which 7,672 represents 10 percent.
3. Establish a deadline of 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 2025-JUL-21 for receiving elector responses for the Alternative Approval Process in relation to “Parks Dedication Amendment Bylaw 2025 No. 2255.01” (a bylaw to remove dedication as public park from a portion of “Elaine Hamilton Park” for road dedication purposes).
4. Approve the Elector Response Form as outlined in Attachment A of the Staff Report titled “Alternative Approval Process to Remove Park Dedication from a Portion of ‘Elaine Hamilton Park’ for Road Dedication Purposes - Sandstone Development”, dated 2025-JUN-09.
5. Endorse the AAP Communication and Engagement Strategy as outlined in Attachment C of the Staff Report titled “Alternative Approval Process to Remove Park Dedication from a Portion of ‘Elaine Hamilton Park’ for Road Dedication Purposes – Sandstone Development”, dated 2025-JUN-09.

The motion was defeated.

Opposed: Councillors Armstrong, Brown, Eastmure, Geselbracht and Manly

Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development, advised that failure to achieve the road dedication in the desired location would require alternative connections through existing local roads.

Poul Rosen, Director, Engineering, noted the substantial impact traffic would have on the existing neighbourhood, and the possibility of holding a referendum in place of an Alternative Approval Process to achieve the desired road dedication.

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Councillor Armstrong moved to reconsider the following motion:

“That Council:

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The motion to reconsider was seconded.

The motion to reconsider was voted on and carried unanimously.

The following motion was on the floor for reconsideration:

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The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Brown, Geselbracht and Manly*

11. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) Councillor Eastmure Motion re: Housing as a Human Right UBCM Resolution

Delegation:

1. Sacia Burton, BC Poverty Reduction Coalition, spoke regarding rental housing insecurity, the lack of suitable rental housing available, and noted that other cities in BC have passed the same motion at recent Council meetings.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to submit the following resolution to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for consideration at their 2025 Annual General Meeting and Convention:

“WHEREAS recognizing housing as a human right fundamentally shifts government motivations by adding critical urgency and responsibility to ensure access to affordable housing (meaning housing costs are aligned with income) through policies that prevent homelessness, address the escalating housing and homelessness crisis, eliminate discrimination, and prioritize the needs of vulnerable and marginalized populations;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada affirmed the right to housing as a matter of international law and enshrined it domestically through the *National Housing Strategy Act* (2019), recognizing housing as a human right and establishing mechanisms for accountability and inclusion;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM call for the British Columbia Government to enshrine housing as a human right in legislation and forthcoming housing and homelessness strategies, ensuring that housing policy in British Columbia is grounded in principles of equity, accessibility, accountability, and the inherent dignity of all people.”

The motion carried unanimously.

12. QUESTION PERIOD:

Council received one question from the public regarding agenda items.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 8:34 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER