



MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 15, 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
L. Bhopalsingh, General Manager, Community Services/Deputy
Chief Administrative Officer
L. Mercer, General Manager, Corporate Services
B. Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works
W. Fulla, Director, Finance
S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services
K. Ing, Director, IT/CIO
D. Osborne, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture
P. Rosen, Director, Engineering
N. Sponaugle, Strategic Initiatives Advisor
A. Chanakos, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

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

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:

- (b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity;
- (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;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (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;
- (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 4:30 p.m.

Council moved out of In Camera at 6:22 p.m.

Council recessed the Open Meeting at 6:22 p.m.

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

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Agenda Item 8(a) Thomas Bevin, Chief Executive Officer, Island Corridor Foundation re: State of Island Corridor and Opportunities - Add PowerPoint presentation titled "The Island Corridor".
- (b) Agenda Item 12(c) South End Cleanliness - Add report titled "South End Cleanliness".
- (c) Agenda Item 12(d) Telecommunications Facility – 1724 Northfield Road – Add delegation from Chad Marlatt, Director, Government Affairs, Cypress Land Services.
- (d) Add Agenda Item 14(a) Correspondence from Bruce Rozenhart, Principal Consultant, Counterpoint Communications Inc., on behalf of the Mayor of Campbell River, re: Endorsement of Op-Ed on Advocacy for Development of BC's Natural Resources.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

5. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Krog advised of the following:

- The City is accepting applications for the Board of Variance until 4:00 p.m. on 2025-SEP-26. Applications are available on the City's website or at City Hall at 455 Wallace Street, and can be submitted online or in person
- Acknowledged Councillor Thorpe's support of the 55+ BC Games

Councillor Thorpe noted the 55+ BC Games concluded on Saturday (2025-SEP-13) and BC Games President Diana Johnstone will provide a summary to Council in October. Approximately 2,700 participants, as well as supporters and family members, attended the City of Nanaimo for the Games, and many positive comments were received regarding the City's facilities and the friendliness of its citizens. Gratitude was extended to BC Games President Johnstone and the Board of Directors, as well as the 1,100 volunteers, City Staff and Staff Liaison Grace Bell, Manager, Sports and Arenas.

6. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Thomas Bevin, Chief Executive Officer, Island Corridor Foundation re: State of Island Corridor and Opportunities

Thomas Bevin, Chief Executive Officer, Island Corridor Foundation, provided an on-screen PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda package and advised the following:

- The Shared Vision Project is an \$18 million program sponsored by the Ministry of Transportation and Transit, members of the five Regional Districts, and 14 First Nations along the corridor to plan the future of the Island Corridor
- Different priorities have been identified based on locations
- Island Corridor Foundation (ICF) is working with municipalities across the island to ensure the corridor will be relevant for current needs
- ICF members recently attended the Hamilton Steel Summit and received positive feedback from the Federal Government
- The corridor runs from Courtenay to Victoria and 80% of residents live within 10 km of the corridor
- The ICF is seeking assistance from Staff and Council in identifying opportunities where the corridor could be incorporated into future land use planning in Nanaimo
- In regard to cities, Light-Rail Transit (LRT) trains are quieter; however, freight trains are not being precluded at this point
- A cost proposal is being put together for the CRD; however, Nanaimo is not at that stage yet
- The ICF has been in communications with the Nanaimo Port Authority and the Port Alberni Port Authority in regard to connecting a freight line across the island; however, final decision making would fall on the First Nations whose land is bisected by the corridor

7. REPORTS:

(a) Video Surveillance of Civic Property Policy

Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services, provided an overview of the report in the agenda package.

It was moved and seconded that Council endorse the amendments to Council Policy COU-223 - "Video Surveillance of Civic Property Policy" as presented in Attachment A of the Staff Report titled "Video Surveillance of Civic Property Policy" dated 2025-SEP-15. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) 2026 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw

Laura Mercer, General Manager, Corporate Services, provided an overview of the report in the agenda package.

It was moved and seconded that the "Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 2025 No. 7429" (a bylaw to exempt certain land and buildings from taxation) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the "Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 2025 No. 7429" pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the "Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 2025 No. 7429" pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) South End Cleanliness

Introduced by Bill Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works.

David Thompson, Manager, Roads and Traffic Services, provided an overview of the report in the agenda package.

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It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to improve coordination and expand the impact of the Clean Team in the south end by:

1. Reallocating Clean Team's time by limiting their responsibilities in parks and shifting those duties to contracted service providers and other Parks Operations Staff;
2. Engaging contractors to handle routine cleaning in parks such as Nob Hill, Deverill Square, and Knowles Park, thereby freeing approximately 15–25% of the Clean Team's time to focus on neighbourhoods, City streets, and priority areas in the downtown and south end;
3. Using the \$30,000 allocated in the 2025 budget and additional \$75,000 allocated for 2026 to support the Clean Team, in addition to the \$30,000 annual budget allocations to Parks, Recreation and Culture Services Department, for encampment clean-ups, to fund the contracted services;
4. In addition to park maintenance, implementing daily litter pick-up and surface sweeping throughout contracted services in Nob Hill Park, Deverill Square Park, Knowles Park and the surrounding areas of future supportive housing sites; and,
5. Deploying contractors to support the Community Safety Officers (CSOs) during large encampment clean-ups outside of the downtown and south end areas, such as Bowen Park or Beban Park, to ensure citywide coverage without diverting the Clean Team resources from core areas.

The motion carried.

Opposed: *Mayor Krog*

(d) Telecommunications Facility - 1724 Northfield Road

Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development, provided an overview of the report in the agenda package.

Delegation:

1. Chad Marlatt, Director, Government Relations, Cypress Land Services, was in attendance to answer questions, and advised that the tower is being installed to eliminate gaps in service to both the residential and industrial areas nearby.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to provide a letter of concurrence to Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada in response to a proposed 32m tall telecommunications facility at 1724 Northfield Road. The motion carried unanimously.

(e) Rezoning Application No. RA526 - 2221 Bowen Road

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2025 No. 4500.242” (to rezone a portion of 2221 Bowen Road from Community Service One [CS1] to Mixed Use Corridor [COR2]) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2025 No. 4500.242” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2025 No. 4500.242” 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 2025 No. 4500.242” as outlined in the “Conditions of Rezoning” section of the Staff Report titled “Rezoning Application No. RA526 - 2221 Bowen Road”, dated 2025-SEP-15 prior to final adoption. The motion carried unanimously.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

(a) Correspondence from Bruce Rozenhart, Principal Consultant, Counterpoint Communications Inc., on behalf of the Mayor of Campbell River, re: Endorsement of Op-Ed on Advocacy for Development of BC’s Natural Resources

It was moved and seconded that the Mayor, on behalf of Council, sign the Op-Ed prepared by Counterpoint Communications Inc. calling for advocacy for development of BC’s natural resources. The motion was defeated.

Opposed: *Councillors Brown, Eastmure, Geselbracht, Hemmens and Manly*

9. NOTICE OF MOTION:

(a) Councillor Manly Notice of Motion re: Naming the Park at 933 Park Avenue

Councillor Manly advised that he would be bringing forward the following Notice of Motion for consideration at a future Council Meeting:

“That Council direct Staff to name the park located at 933 Park Avenue ‘Five Acres Farm Community Park’.”

(b) Councillor Eastmure Notice of Motion re: Draft Transit Oriented Development Along the Island Corridor

Councillor Eastmure advised that she would be bringing forward the following Notice of Motion for consideration at a future Council Meeting:

“That Council, as part of City Plan Review, direct Staff to seek opportunities and create policies that support and advance planning of Transit Oriented Development (TOD) centres, including Country Club and Woodgrove, in a way that provides clear connection to the Island Corridor, which may be used for corridor-related transit in the future.”

10. QUESTION PERIOD:

Council received no questions from the public regarding agenda items.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 7:56 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER