



MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 3, 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 (vacated at 5:34 p.m.; returned at 7:00 p.m.)
Councillor H. Eastmure
Councillor B. Geselbracht
Councillor E. Hemmens
Councillor P. Manly
Councillor J. Perrino
Councillor I. Thorpe (vacated at 5:32 p.m.; returned at 7:00 p.m.)

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
J. Elliot, Director, Public Works
S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services
J. Holm, Director, Planning and Development
J. Van Horne, Director, Human Resources
N. Vracar, Deputy Corporate Officer
D. Burgos, Manager, Corporate Communications and
Community Relation
P. Stewart, Manager, Engineering Projects
S. Weatherby, Manager, Occupational Health and Safety
N. Sponaugle, Strategic Initiatives Advisor
K. Lundgren, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Agenda Item 2. Procedural Motion - Add *Community Charter* Section 90(1)(i)

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

Section 90(2) A part of a meeting must be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:

- (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 6:00 p.m.

Council recessed the Open Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS (Continued):

- (b) Agenda Item 8(a) - 2025 Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA) Award – Add Taryn Scollard, President, Public Works Association of BC, in attendance to speak to the CPWA Award
- (c) Agenda Item 13(a) - Temporary Use Permit Application No. TUP27 - 2520 Bowen Road – Add Delegation from Marianne Stolz, Capital Asset Group
- (d) Agenda Item 16(a) - Councillor Manly Notice of Motion re: Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 4500 – Replace Notice of Motion with revised wording
- (e) Add new Agenda Item 16(c) - Councillor Hemmens Notice of Motion re: Data Centres
- (f) Add new Agenda Item 16(d) - Councillor Hemmens Notice of Motion re: The Colwood Primary Care Model

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 minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Thursday, 2025-OCT-16 at 7:00 p.m be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Krog advised of the following:

- The City has received \$442,752 in funding through Health Canada's Emergency Treatment Fund which is being used to purchase three new vehicles for the City's Community Safety Officers (CSOs). The initiative aims to improve response times and increase life-saving interventions until emergency first responders arrive on scene
- Announced that Brian Cornborough will receive the Patron of the City Award in recognition of his 35 years of volunteering and leadership
- The City is seeking new members for the Art in Public Spaces Working Group. The deadline for applications is 2026-JAN-25 and details are available on the City's website

7. RISE AND REPORT:

(a) Member-At-Large Appointment to the Board of Variance

Mayor Krog advised that during the 2025-OCT-20 In Camera Council Meeting, Council appointed Ian McLeod to the Board of Variance for a three-year-term commencing 2025-OCT-20 and ending 2028-OCT-20 or until a successor is appointed.

(b) Appointment of City Collector

Mayor Krog advised that during the 2025-NOV-03 In Camera Council Meeting, Council assigned the duties and responsibilities of Collector for the City of Nanaimo to Ms. Ana Francisco, Manager, Revenue Services.

(c) 2026 Vancouver Island Regional Library Board Appointments

Mayor Krog advised that during the 2025-NOV-03 In Camera Council Meeting, Council appointed Councillor Hemmens as a trustee, and Councillor Eastmure as an alternate, to the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) Board for the period January 1, 2026 until the end of Council's term.

8. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) 2025 Canadian Public Works Association - National Public Works Week (NPWW) Award for Most Creative Entry

Taryn Scollard, President, Public Works Association of BC spoke via Zoom on behalf of the Canadian Public Works Association regarding the City of Nanaimo's Public Works Week.

Mayor Krog presented the National Public Works Week Award for Most Creative Entry to John Elliot, Director, Public Works.

(b) BC Municipal Safety Association - 2025 Safety Improvement Award

Introduced by John Van Horne, Director, Human Resources.

Mayor Krog presented BC Municipal Safety Association - 2025 Safety Improvement Award to Sheldon Weatherby, Manager, Occupational Health and Safety.

9. DELEGATIONS:

(a) June Ross re: Artificial Intelligence Data Centre

June Ross, on behalf of Mid Island Water Watch Coalition, expressed concern regarding a data centre being built in Nanaimo and requested Council not proceed with the development. They expressed concern regarding the size of the proposed centre, the amount of water needed to keep the centre cool, draught concerns and consideration for population growth and environmental impact.

(b) Holden Southward re: The City's Fiscal Responsibility

Holden Southward expressed concerns regarding the growing national debt in the United States, the debt's impact on future generations, and emphasized the importance of fiscal responsibility, putting youth first, and teaching self reliance.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

(a) General Election Bylaw - Housekeeping Amendments

Introduced by Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services.

It was moved and seconded that "General Election Amendment Bylaw 2025 No. 7129.05" (housekeeping amendments) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that "General Election Amendment Bylaw 2025 No. 7129.05" pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that "General Election Amendment Bylaw 2025 No. 7129.05" pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Departure Bay Forcemain Cost Share

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

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. Direct the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the Cost Share Agreement with the Regional District of Nanaimo Board for the Departure Bay Forcemain Twinning Project to complete infrastructure upgrades along Hammond Bay Road.
2. Direct Staff to include \$19,060,000 in the 2026 – 2030 Provisional Financial Plan for the Departure Bay Forcemain project Cost Share Agreement.

The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Tourism Nanaimo Society Bylaws Amendments

Introduced by Laura Mercer, General Manager, Corporate Services.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the proposed amendments to the Tourism Nanaimo Society Bylaws as approved by the Tourism Nanaimo Society Board at its meeting on 2025-OCT-27 and as attached to the Staff report titled "Tourism Nanaimo Society Bylaws Amendments" dated 2025-NOV-03. The motion carried unanimously.

11. DEVELOPMENT REPORTS:

(a) Temporary Use Permit Application No. TUP27 - 2520 Bowen Road

Delegation:

1. Marianne Stolz, Capital Asset Group, thanked City Staff for their help in preparing the Temporary Use Permit Application and was available to respond to questions.

Mayor Krog requested that Council hear anyone wishing to speak with respect to TUP27 - 2520 Bowen Road.

No one in attendance wished to speak with respect TUP27 - 2520 Bowen Road.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Temporary Use Permit No. TUP27 to allow office use within a portion of an existing industrial building at 2520 Bowen Road for a period of three years. The motion carried unanimously.

12. BYLAWS:

(a) "Home Energy Retrofit Financing [2305 Panorama View Drive] Local Area Service Establishment Bylaw 2025 No. 7416"

It was moved and seconded that "Home Energy Retrofit Financing [2305 Panorama View Drive] Local Area Service Establishment Bylaw 2025 No. 7416" be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) "Home Energy Retrofit Financing [843 Athena Place] Local Area Service Establishment Bylaw 2025 No. 7420"

It was moved and seconded that "Home Energy Retrofit Financing [843 Athena Place] Local Area Service Establishment Bylaw 2025 No. 7420" be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

- (c) “Home Energy Retrofit Financing [2548 Cosgrove Crescent] Local Area Service Establishment Bylaw 2025 No. 7432”

It was moved and seconded that “Home Energy Retrofit Financing [2548 Cosgrove Crescent] Local Area Service Establishment Bylaw 2025 No. 7432” be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

- (d) “Home Energy Retrofit Financing [6160 Dover Road] Local Area Service Establishment Bylaw 2025 No. 7433”

It was moved and seconded that “Home Energy Retrofit Financing [6160 Dover Road] Local Area Service Establishment Bylaw 2025 No. 7433” be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

13. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Nanaimo BMX Association Request for Letter of Support re: Application to Host a Canada Cup BMX Event on July 11-12, 2026

It was moved and seconded that the Mayor, on behalf of Council, provide a letter of support to the Nanaimo BMX Association, for their application to host a Canada Cup BMX event on July 11-12, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION:

- (a) Councillor Manly Notice of Motion re: Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 4500

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

“That Staff prepare a zoning amendment to Bylaw 4500 that prohibits the following industrial scale uses:

1. Waste-to-energy incineration and garbage incineration facilities, excluding facilities that utilize biomass or gases created on-site as byproducts of production or manufacturing processes for cogeneration purposes;
2. Chemical plants that produce emissions containing volatile organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, sulphur dioxides or other compounds that negatively affect human health or the environment;
3. Thermal electricity generation from fossil fuels or biomass harvested solely for energy production purposes;
4. Petroleum refineries;
5. Liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facilities; and,

6. Other emission-intensive industries with emissions that negatively affect human health or the environment.”

(b) Councillor Manly Notice of Motion re: The Use of Noxious Chemicals and Creation of Toxic Dust

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

“That Staff provide a report on options to regulate industries that include the use of noxious chemicals and the creation of toxic dust (such as fibre glass), to require proper ventilation and to be not closer than 250 metres from residential areas.”

(c) Councillor Hemmens Notice of Motion re: Data Centres

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

“That Council direct Staff to bring forward an amendment to City Plan (OCP) to confirm that Data Centres are not a supported use in the City of Nanaimo.”

(d) Councillor Hemmens Notice of Motion re: The Colwood Primary Care Model

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

“That Council direct Staff to prepare an information report on the Colwood Primary Care model.”

15. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Consideration of Deferred Motion re: Home Away From Home in Nanaimo Build

Delegation:

1. Dave Hammond and Don Hubbard were in attendance to respond to questions.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to report at the next Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on funding options to support the Home Away from Home Project. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Councillor Brown Motion re: Council Procedure Bylaw

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to include process clarity related to motions arising from delegations and correspondence as part of the next housekeeping amendments for "Council Procedure Bylaw 2018 No. 7272". The motion carried unanimously.

18. QUESTION PERIOD:

Council received four questions from the public regarding agenda items.

19. ADJOURNMENT:

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

MAYOR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER