



MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 20, 2026, 7:00 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. Mercer, General Manager, Corporate Services
B. Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works
S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services
W. Fulla, Director, Finance
J. Holm, Director, Planning and Development
P. Rosen, Director, Engineering
L. Brinkman, Manager, Community Planning
N. Sponaugle, Strategic Initiatives Advisor
L. Young, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Agenda Item 13(a) Development Permit Application No. DP1402 –
270 Neen Road – Add Delegation from Paul Chapman

- (b) Agenda Item 13(b) Liquor Licence Application No. LA167 – 25 Front Street – Add Delegation from Fin Edwards
- (c) Add Agenda Item 17(a) AVICC Resolution re: Streamlining the MRDT Renewal Process

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services, noted that the attachments for Agenda Item 12(d) Amenity Cost Charge Bylaw were out of order when the agenda published; however, this has since been corrected on the website.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Krog advised of the following:

- The City of Nanaimo has officially opened a new 1.2 km soft-surface section of the E&N Trail connecting Hecate Street and Seventh Street, improving safety and connectivity for walking and cycling along the rail corridor. The extension, delivered in partnership with the Island Corridor Foundation and Southern Rail, fills a key gap in the trail network and supports active, sustainable transportation
- Acknowledged the retirement of Bill Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works, following more than 30 years of service to the City of Nanaimo

5. CONSENT ITEMS:

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

(a) Finance and Audit Committee Meeting 2026-APR-15

1. Rise and Report re: Vancouver Island Military Museum 2026 Financial Support and 2027-2031 Financial Plan Decision Point for Co-Management Agreement

That Council:

1. approve a one-time payment of \$60,000 in 2026, inclusive of operating and capital, to be funded through taxation, and amend the 2026 – 2030 Financial Plan for final to incorporate this payment; and

2. add a decision point to the 2027-2031 Financial Plan deliberations to consider options for a 10-year Co-Management Agreement between the Vancouver Island Military Museum Society and the City of Nanaimo.

2. 2025 Annual Financial Statements

That Council accept the 2025 Annual Financial Statements for the City of Nanaimo.

3. Community Environmental Sustainability Project Grant

That Council approve a total of \$20,000, in accordance with the Community Environmental Sustainability Project Grant Guidelines and Criteria, and that the grant allocations be as follows:

1. **Beaufort Community Gardens** - \$1,500
Project: The Beaufort Bee Happy Garden
2. **Light House Sustainability Society** - \$3,000
Project: Building Materials Drive - Nanaimo Reuse Challenge
3. **Nanaimo & Areas Land Trust** - \$2,000
Project: Nanaimo Old City Pollinator Pathway Project
4. **Nanaimo Community Gardens** - \$2,000
Project: Project at Beban Park and Pine Street
5. **Nanaimo Climate Action Hub** - \$3,000
Project: Nanaimo Climate Connections
6. **Repair Café Nanaimo** - \$2,000
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7. **Rock City Neighbourhood Association** - \$2,000
Project: Rock City Community Nursery
8. **Synergy** - \$2,500
Project: Small Business, Big Impact: Greening Trades and Construction in Nanaimo
9. **Broombusters Invasive Plant Society** - \$2,000
Project: Broom Removal Nanaimo Parkway

4. Sunview Park - Partners in Parks Program Proposal

That Council award \$50,000 from the 2026 Partners in Parks Program Fund, to the Sunview Park Committee for the proposed park improvements and playground installation at Sunview Park.

5. Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience Funding Request
That Council approve the \$100,000 grant request to the *Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience* event.
6. Community Environmental Sustainability Project Grant (Part Two)
That Council request a Staff report on the criteria for accessing the Knowles Reserve Fund, and further, that Staff provide an opinion on applying those funds to the unsuccessful community environmental sustainability grants from the south end neighbourhood.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

(a) Alternative Approval Process Results - Municipal Boundary Extension

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

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to submit all necessary documentation to the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs to request the boundary extension to include IR#1, IR#2, IR#3 and IR#4 in the City of Nanaimo. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Development Cost Charge Bylaw Update

B. Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works, provided an overview of the report included in the agenda package.

It was moved and seconded that “City of Nanaimo Development Cost Charges Bylaw 2026, No. 7438” (a bylaw to impose development cost charges), pass first reading. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Brown*

It was moved and seconded that “City of Nanaimo Development Cost Charges Bylaw 2026, No. 7438”, pass second reading. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Brown*

It was moved and seconded that “City of Nanaimo Development Cost Charges Bylaw 2026, No. 7438”, pass third reading. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Brown*

It was moved and seconded that “South Nanaimo Area-specific Transportation Development Cost Charge Bylaw 2026, No. 7439” (a bylaw to impose transportation development cost charges in the South Nanaimo Area), pass first reading. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Brown*

It was moved and seconded that “South Nanaimo Area-specific Transportation Development Cost Charge Bylaw 2026, No. 7439”, pass second reading. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Brown*

It was moved and seconded that “South Nanaimo Area-specific Transportation Development Cost Charge Bylaw 2026, No. 7439”, pass third reading. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Brown*

(c) South Nanaimo Transportation Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Bylaw

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

It was moved and seconded that “South Nanaimo Transportation Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Bylaw 2026 No. 7444” (To establish a South Nanaimo Transportation Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund), pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “South Nanaimo Transportation Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Bylaw 2026 No. 7444” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “South Nanaimo Transportation Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Bylaw 2026 No. 7444” pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

(d) Amenity Cost Charge Bylaw

L. Brinkman, Manager, Community Planning, provided an overview of the report included in the agenda package.

It was moved and seconded that “City of Nanaimo Amenity Cost Charge Bylaw 2026, No. 7440” (a bylaw to impose amenity cost charges), pass first reading. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Brown and Geselbracht*

It was moved and seconded that “City of Nanaimo Amenity Cost Charge Bylaw 2026, No. 7440”, pass second reading. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Brown and Geselbracht*

It was moved and seconded that “City of Nanaimo Amenity Cost Charge Bylaw 2026, No. 7440”, pass third reading. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Brown and Geselbracht*

It was moved and seconded that the “Community Amenity Contribution Policy” (COU-212) be repealed. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Geselbracht*

(e) Amenity Cost Charge Reserve Fund Bylaw

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

It was moved and seconded that “Amenity Cost Charge Reserve Fund Bylaw 2026 No. 7445” (to establish an Amenity Cost Charge Reserve Fund) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Amenity Cost Charge Reserve Fund Bylaw 2026 No. 7445” pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that “Amenity Cost Charge Reserve Fund Bylaw 2026 No. 7445” pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

(f) Development Cost Charge Reduction Bylaw

L. Brinkman, Manager, Community Planning, provided an overview of the report included in the agenda package.

It was moved and seconded that “City of Nanaimo Development Cost Charge Reduction Bylaw 2026, No. 7449” (to offer a 50% DCC reduction for not-for-profit rental housing and supportive housing), pass first reading. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Perrino*

It was moved and seconded that “City of Nanaimo Development Cost Charge Reduction Bylaw 2026, No. 7449”, pass second reading. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Perrino*

It was moved and seconded that “City of Nanaimo Development Cost Charge Reduction Bylaw 2026, No. 7449”, pass third reading. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Perrino*

7. DEVELOPMENT REPORTS:

(a) Development Permit Application No. DP1402 - 270 Neen Road

Delegation:

1. Paul Chapman, Executive Director, Nanaimo Area Land Trust, spoke regarding the success of the recent changes to net gain provisions of “City of Nanaimo Zoning Bylaw 2011 No. 4500” and spoke in support of riparian setbacks being guaranteed through covenant, fencing and signage.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Development Permit No. DP001402 to:

1. Permit the subdivision of 6 fee-simple lots where the minimum lot area is not achieved exclusive of the watercourse leave strip; and,
2. Permit construction of an emergency and pedestrian access across Morgan Creek within the watercourse setback, with associated variances as outlined in the “Proposed Variances” section of the Staff report titled “Development Permit Application No. DP1402 – 270 Neen Road”, dated 2026-APR-20 and vary the required watercourse setback from 15.0m to 0.0m.

The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Liquor Licence Application No. LA167 - 25 Front Street

Delegation:

1. Fin Edwards spoke regarding ways the Glove Live Studio plans to mitigate noise concerns at the venue as well as support musicians (especially young artists) in Nanaimo. Mitigation strategies would include indoor performances only, all-ages shows ending at 9:40 p.m., no projected music outside, no re-entry into the venue to

reduce crowd movement, and continued soundproofing of doors, walls, and stage areas.

It was moved and seconded that Council recommend that the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch approve the application for a liquor primary licence at 25 Front Street. The motion carried unanimously.

8. BYLAWS:

(a) “Highway Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw 2026 No. 7448”

It was moved and seconded that “Highway Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw 2026 No. 7448” be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) AVICC Resolution re: Streamlining the MRDT Renewal Process

It was moved and seconded that Council rescind the following resolution carried at the Council meeting held 2026-JAN-19:

“That Council direct Staff to submit the resolution ‘Streamlining the MRDT Renewal Process’ as presented in the report titled ‘2026 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Resolutions’ to AVICC for consideration at its 2026 Annual Convention”.

The motion carried unanimously.

10. QUESTION PERIOD:

Council received three (3) 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.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER