

MINUTES
OPEN COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
WEDNESDAY, 2018-MAY-02, AT 4:30 PM

PRESENT: Members: Councillor G.W. Fuller, Chair
 Dennis McMahon
 Ingrid Sly
 Paula Waatainen
 Rob McGregor

 Absent: Erin Hemmens

 Staff: Karin Kronstal, Social Planner (vacated 5:30 pm)
 Sheila Gurrie, City Clerk (vacated 4:54 pm)
 Sky Snelgrove, Steno Coordinator (vacated 4:54 pm)
 Rebecca Buckler, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE OPEN COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Open Community Vitality Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

There were no late items.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Community Vitality Committee held in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2018-APR-04 at 4:30 pm be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Meeting Procedures by Sheila Gurrie, City Clerk, and Sky Snelgrove, Steno Coordinator

Sheila Gurrie, City Clerk, attended the meeting to provide a presentation on Committee procedures and practices. Her presentation included an overview of the Committee Operating Guidelines and Council Procedure Bylaw, role of Committee members, and meeting basics.

Sheila Gurrie, City Clerk, and Sky Snelgrove, Steno Coordinator, vacated the Board Room at 4:54 pm.

(b) Affordable Housing Strategy Update by Karin Kronstal, Social Planner

Karin Kronstal, Social Planner, attended the meeting to provide an update on the City of Nanaimo's Affordable Housing Strategy Discussion Paper and process to date. Once complete, the deliverables will be two-fold: firstly, a Discussion Paper (complete); and secondly, a Strategy / Implementation Plan.

Her presentation included an overview of the process to date, the policy and data review, a summary of the public and stakeholder engagement completed to date (including the recently held Housing Expo), the top issues identified, and issue and policy options.

The next step (Phase 4: Draft Strategy) will kick off with a meeting with the internal advisory group to review and prioritize policies items for the consultant to use to create the Strategy / Implementation Plan.

Committee Comments:

- Infill and densification cannot be realized without improved transit options.
- Mixed uses (including commercial) are required in order to keep people in their own community
- Expectations of those seeking housing may need to be managed.
- Developers should explore potential of redeveloping empty mall sites.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Information Item: Immigrant Welcome Ceremony – Date Change

The City of Nanaimo's annual Immigrant Welcome Ceremony date has been changed to Saturday, 2018-JUN-23 and will be held from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.

(b) Information Item: Local Immigrant Partnership Launch

On 2018-MAY-14, Nanaimo's Local Immigrant Partnership Launch will be held from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Port Theatre Lobby.

(c) Information Item: Public Art Week (May 14 to 18, 2018)

The City of Nanaimo is celebrating Public Art Week from May 14 to 18, 2018. Eleven new pieces of temporary art were approved for 2018 and will be installed in City parks and public spaces over the course of the week.

It was moved and seconded that the following Information Items be received as circulated:

- Immigrant Welcome Ceremony – Date Change
- Local Immigrant Partnership Launch
- Public Art Week (May 14 to 18, 2018)

The motion carried unanimously.

Karin Kronstal, Social Planner, vacated the Board Room at 5:30 pm.

7. QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no members of the public in attendance wishing to ask questions.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Paula Waatainen vacated the Board Room at 5:31 pm.

It was moved and seconded at 5:32 pm that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER