

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR FINANCE / POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL,
ON MONDAY, 2009-NOV-16 COMMENCING AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor J. R. Ruttan, Chair

Members: Councillor W. L. Bestwick
Councillor W. J. Holdom
Councillor J. A. Kipp
Councillor L. D. McNabb
Councillor J. F. K. Pattje
Councillor L. J. Sherry
Councillor M. W. Unger

Absent: Councillor D. K. Johnstone

Staff: A. C. Kenning, City Manager
A. W. Laidlaw, General Manager of Community Services
D. W. Holmes, General Manager of Corporate Services
E. C. Swabey, General Manager of Development Services
I. Howat, Director of Legislative Services
T. L. Hartley, Director of Human Resources
B. E. Clemens, Director of Finance
T. M. Hickey, Director of Engineering and Public Works
T. P. Seward, Director of Development
Superintendent Lott, OIC, Nanaimo Detachment RCMP
M. Dietrich, Manager of Police Support Services
Chief R. Lambert, Nanaimo Fire Rescue
A. J. Tucker, Director of Planning
R. J. Harding, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture
S. Graham, Manager of Financial Planning and Payroll
D. Duncan, Manager of Finance, Community Services
J. E. Harrison, Manager of Legislative Services
S. McMillan, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Finance / Policy Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 4:42 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Move Agenda Item 7 (a) – Information Only Items - Report from Mr. B. E. Clemens, Director of Finance, re: 2010 – 2014 Financial Plan, to Agenda Item 5 (a).

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that Minutes of the Regular Finance / Policy Committee of the Whole Meeting held in the Board Room, City Hall on Monday, 2009-NOV-02 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Mr. B. E. Clemens, Director of Finance, presented the 2010 – 2014 Financial Plan.

Councillor McNabb vacated the Board Room at 6:03 p.m.

6. STAFF REPORTS:

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

(a) Protective Services Issues (Staffing Levels and Budget)

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. proceed with implementation of the ten year fire plan with regard to the hiring of ten new firefighters in 2010 to complete 24/7 staffing of the Chase River Fire Station (fire station four); and,
2. implement the phasing in of new police resources over five years as set out in the report; and,
3. as a result of current economic conditions, request a staff report on the potential option to delay the planning, construction and staffing of the proposed new Fire Station #6 (Hammond Bay at Nottingham).

The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to prepare a report regarding options to use RCMP officer phase-in to smooth taxes over the next five years. The motion carried.

Opposed: Councillor Sherry

7. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:30 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

DIRECTOR,
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES