



MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 18, 2023, 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 (entered 4:34 p.m.)
Councillor H. Eastmure
Councillor B. Geselbracht
Councillor E. Hemmens
Councillor P. Manly
Councillor J. Perrino
Councillor I. Thorpe

Staff:

D. Lindsay, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Harding, General Manager, Community Services/Deputy CAO
L. Mercer, General Manager, Corporate Services
T. Doyle, Fire Chief
J. Holm, Director, Planning and Development
K. Ing, Director, IT/CIO*
D. LaBerge, Director, Public Safety
L. Brinkman, Manager, Community Planning
C. Wood, Manager, Social Planning
C. Horn, Planner, Current Planning
K. MacDonald, Parks and Open Space Planner
E. Notley, Planning Assistant, Community Planning
K. Robertson, Deputy Corporate Officer
N. Sponaule, Communications Advisor
A. Chanakos, Recording Secretary

* Denotes electronic meeting participation as authorized by "Council Procedure Bylaw 2018 No. 7272"

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:

(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;

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;

(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and,

(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.

The motion carried unanimously.

Council moved In Camera at 4:30 p.m.

Council recessed the In Camera meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Council recessed the Open Meeting at 6:26 p.m.

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

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

(a) Add Agenda Item 10(c) Mayor's Leaders' Table Recommendation 2023-DEC-15.

(b) Agenda Item 12(c) Development Permit Application No. DP1275 – 326 Watfield Avenue – Add delegation from Irene Borgonia.

(c) Agenda Item 12(g) Increasing Housing Options – Community Engagement Results – Replace presenter with Caleb Horn, Planner, Current Planning, and Emily Notley, Planning Assistant, Community Planning.

(d) Add Agenda Item 12(l) Report titled "Warming Centre Partnership with Island Health" and reorder subsequent agenda items.

- (e) Agenda Item 12(o) FCM Resolution – Add report titled “Federation of Canadian Municipalities Resolutions”.
- (f) Remove Agenda Item 15(a) Request for Letter of Support – Habitat for Humanity.
- (g) Add Agenda Item 15(b) Public Safety Committee Terms of Reference re: membership

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:

- Mayor Krog provided an overview of the design inspiration for the Nanaimo 150 banner submitted by artist Amy Pye
- The City is seeking youth artists aged 13-20 to submit designs which will be used to celebrate and share information about the Youth Lounge. The artist whose work is selected will receive a \$500 honorarium, and the deadline to submit applications is 4:00 p.m. on 2024-JAN-26
- To prepare for winter weather and storm conditions, residents are asked to clear leaves and debris from storm drains and catch basins near their properties
- In the event of snow, homeowners or occupants are required to clear snow and ice from sidewalks in front of their properties within 24 hours. The City will clear sidewalks around parks, bridges, commuter trails and major City facilities as quickly as Staff can get to them
- Drivers are reminded to ensure vehicles are winter ready for driving in snow and ice conditions
- The City is funding three daytime warming centres to provide refuge to unsheltered individuals during cold weather, and connect them to basic needs and services
- Approximately 138 unsheltered individuals will have daily access to the following centres:
 - 520 Prideaux Street, operated by Risebridge Society, up to 48 people at one time and open seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. between November 14, 2023 and March 31, 2024
 - 5 Victoria Road, operated by the 7-10 Club Society, up to 30 people at one time and open seven days a week from 11:00 a.m to 7:00 p.m. between December 17, 2023 and March 31, 2024

- 2025 Bowen Road, operated by Island Crisis Care Society, up to 60 people at one time and open seven days a week from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. between January 2, 2024 and March 31, 2024
- A second Alternative Approval Process (AAP) will take place for borrowing up to \$48.5 million for Phase 1 of the Nanaimo Operations Centre Project
- The revised AAP will commence 2024-JAN-18 until 2024-FEB-20 and official forms will be available at City Hall or can be printed from the City website as of 2024-JAN-18

6. RISE AND REPORT:

Mayor Krog advised of the following:

a. 2024 AVICC Student Participation Program

During the 2023-DEC-04 In Camera Council Meeting, Council provided support for an application for Lily Thomas to attend the 2024 AVICC Annual General Meeting and Convention in Victoria on April 12-14, 2024.

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

The following Committee Minutes were received:

- Minutes of the Special Mayor's Leaders' Table Meeting held in the Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Friday, 2023-SEP-14, at 12:04 p.m.
- Minutes of the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting held in the Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Center, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2023-NOV-15 at 8:59 a.m.

8. CONSENT ITEMS:

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

Prior to the vote Councillor Brown requested that Agenda Item 10(b)(1) and 10(c) be removed to be voted on separately.

Prior to the vote Councillor Manly requested that Agenda Item 10(b)(2) be removed to be voted on separately.

Prior to the vote Councillor Eastmure requested that Agenda Item 10(b)(5.2) be removed to be voted on separately.

(a) Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting 2023-DEC-11

1. Upcoming Topics and Initiatives

That Council direct Staff to schedule a Special evening Governance and Priorities Committee meeting prior to January 18, 2024, for the purpose of reviewing the Nanaimo Operations Centre.

That the Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) recommend that Council direct Staff to remove the Nanaimo Operations Centre discussion topic from the 2024-JAN-22 GPC meeting schedule and replace it with “Alternative Approval Process Review”.

(b) Finance and Audit Committee Meeting 2023-DEC-13

2. 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 as attached, and that the grant allocations be as follows:

- Alex King – SD68 Departure Bay Elementary School - \$3,100
Project: Learning in Place – Wardropper Park Restoration Project
- Amie Armet – Rocky Point Neighbourhood Association - \$2,000
Project: Greening Rocky Point Private Yard Tree Planting and Climate Action Workshop
- Anni Thesan – Youth 20/20 Can - \$2,000
Project: Beaufort Park Native Plant Garden
- Joanne Sales – Broombusters Invasive Plant Society - \$2,000
Project: Nanaimo Parkway Broom Removal Project 2024
- Lee Sanmiya – Nanaimo Community Gardens Society - \$3,500
Project: Community Engagement Project
- Minah Lee – Art Action Earwig - \$3,000
Project: Love Tooth Nest
- Shelley Serebin – Nanaimo Old City Neighbourhood Association - \$1,400
Project: Shelley Serebrin’s Climate Action Plan Project

- Matthew Stephens – Snuneymuxw First Nation - \$3,000
Project: SFN Transitional Housing Community Garden

3. Social Planning Grants 2024

That Council approve a total of \$85,000, in accordance with the Social Planning Grant Guidelines and Criteria as attached, and that the grant allocations be as follows:

a. 2024 Community Vitality Grants – Total \$25,000

- Growing Opportunities Farm Community Co-op - \$4,000
- Project: Seniors & Youth Growing Seedlings
- Nanaimo Community Kitchens - \$6,000
- Project: Cooking out of the Box for Youth
- Spinal Cord Injury Society - \$5,000
- Project: Peer Support and Outdoor Inclusion for People with spinal cord injuries in Nanaimo
- Mid Island Métis Nation - \$10,000
- Project: Métis Cultural Food Share

b. 2024 Social Response Grants – Total \$60,000

- Wisteria Community Association - \$30,000
- Project: Food for Thought
- The Literacy Circle Society - \$30,000
- Project: The Literacy Circle – Learning for Life

4. Cultural Operating, Project and Downtown Revitalization Grants 2024 – Funding Recommendations

That Council approve the following 2024 Cultural Operating and Project Grants:

2024 Culture Operating & Project Grants

Applicant Name: Crimson Coast Dance Society

Recommended: 3 Yr Operating (Year 2 of 3) \$30,732

Applicant Name: Nanaimo Conservatory of Music

Recommended: 3 Yr Operating (Year 2 of 3) \$20,000

Applicant Name: Nanaimo Festival Heritage Theatre Society
(Theatre One)

Recommended: 3 Yr Operating (Year 2 of 3) \$49,000

Applicant Name: Pacific Coast Stage Company

Recommended: 3 Yr Operating (Year 2 of 3) \$16,500

Applicant Name: Vancouver Island Symphony

Recommended: 3 Yr Operating (Year 2 of 3) \$100,000

Applicant Name: Western Edge Theatre

Recommended: 3 Yr Operating (Year 2 of 3) \$20,000

Applicant Name: 8758999 Canada Society dba Artists' Collective
Theatre

Recommended: 1 Yr Operating \$4,000

Applicant Name: A Capella Plus Choral Society

Recommended: 1 Yr Operating \$2,000

Applicant Name: Island Bel Canto Singers Society

Recommended: 1 Yr Operating \$2,538

Applicant Name: L'Association des francophones de Nanaimo

Recommended: 1 Yr Operating \$9,500

Applicant Name: Loyal Nanaimo Bathtub Society

Recommended: 1 Yr Operating \$5,000

Applicant Name: Malaspina Choir Society

Recommended: 1 Yr Operating \$3,000

Applicant Name: Mid Island Community Bands Society

Recommended: 1 Yr Operating \$1,250

Applicant Name: Mid Island Metis Nation Association

Recommended: 1 Yr Operating \$9,500

Applicant Name: Nanaimo African Heritage Society

Recommended: 1 Yr Operating \$8,000

Applicant Name: Nanaimo Arts Council
Recommended: 1 Yr Operating \$15,000

Applicant Name: Nanaimo Chapter of the SPEBSQSA (Nanaimo Tidesmen)
Recommended: 1 Yr Operating \$3,000

Applicant Name: Nanaimo Concert Band Society
Recommended: 1 Yr Operating \$2,000

Applicant Name: Nanaimo Fiddle Society
Recommended: 1 Yr Operating \$7,500

Applicant Name: Nanaimo International Jazz Festival Association
Recommended: 1 Yr Operating \$8,000

Applicant Name: Crimson Coast Dance Society
Project Name: DanceABLE
Recommended: Project \$4,000

Applicant Name: Literacy Central Vancouver Island
Project Name: Local Author's Evening Workshops
Recommended: Project \$640.66

Applicant Name: Nanaimo African Heritage Society
Project Name: Black History Month & Children's Event
Recommended: Project \$5,000

Applicant Name: Nanaimo Ballroom Dance Society
Project Name: Island Fantasy Ball Showcase and Competition
Recommended: Project \$5,000

Applicant Name: Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra
Project Name: Orchestra 2023/ 2024 Program Season
Recommended: Project \$2,300

Applicant Name: Nanaimo Conservatory of Music
Project Name: Island Notes Chamber Music Festival
Recommended: Project \$1,800

Applicant Name: Nanaimo Festival Heritage Theatre Company

Project Name: TheatreOne
Recommended: Project \$7,000

Applicant Name: Nanaimo Fiddle Society
Project Name: West Coast Youth Fiddle Summit
Recommended: Project \$3,000

Applicant Name: Nanaimo Sings! Choral Festival Society
Project Name: Singing With Your Ears
Recommended: Project \$1,500

Applicant Name: Nanaimo Ukulele Festival Society
Project Name: Nanaimo Ukulele Festival
Recommended: Project \$1,000

Applicant Name: One in Spirit Healing Arts Society
Project Name: Multicultural Festival
Recommended: Project \$1,864.34

Applicant Name: Pacific Coast Stage Company
Project Name: The Flame Youth Storytelling Event
Recommended: Project \$3,000

Applicant Name: Western Edge Theatre
Project Name: New Waves Festival
Recommended: Project \$3,000

Applicant Name: Wordstorm Society of the Arts
Project Name: Resource Development
Recommended: Project \$1,500

Applicant Name: Reconciliation Theatre
Project Name: Writer's Workshop
Recommended: Project \$2,537

The motion carried unanimously.

c. Separately Addressed Consent Items

1. Finance and Audit Committee Meeting 2023-DEC-13

1.1 Neighbourhood Association Grants 2024

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the following Neighbourhood Association Grants for 2024:

- Brechin Hill Community Association - \$805
- Chase River Community Association - \$1,000
- Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association - \$1,000
- Dover Community Association - \$1,000
- Nanaimo Old City Association - \$1,000
- Newcastle Community Association - \$1,000
- Protection Island Neighbourhood Association - \$1,000
- Rock City Neighbourhood Association - \$1,000
- Rocky Point Neighbourhood Association - \$1,000
- South End Community Association - \$1,000
- Wellington Action Committee - \$950

And that the additional \$755 to fund the full amount requested by the Neighbourhood Community Associations be funded from taxation. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Mayor Krog, Councillors Perrino and Thorpe*

2. Mayor's Leaders' Table Meeting 2023-DEC-15

2.1 City Fibre Strategy

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to prepare a report with options and costs for expanding the City's fibre network, based on the City Fibre Strategy presentation made during the 2023-DEC-15 Mayor's Leaders' Table meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Finance and Audit Committee Meeting 2023-DEC-13

Councillor Manly vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 7:23 p.m. declaring a conflict of interest as he is the executive director of the Unitarian Shelter that holds the contract for the shower program.

3.1 Shower Program Review

That Council direct Staff to maintain shower services as follows:

1. Increase the 2024 budget by \$16,450, from \$81,300 to \$97,750, to be funded by the Strategic Infrastructure Reserve Fund to provide one additional hour of Shower Program services daily, Monday to Friday;
2. Add a project of \$25,000 to the 2024 budget to undertake building improvements to allow for further temporary use at Caledonia Park, funded from the Strategic Infrastructure Reserve Fund;
3. Encourage the First Unitarian Fellowship to promote the City's Leisure Economic Access Pass program to eligible Shower Program users;
4. Work with community partners over the long term to ensure that shower services are provided as part of a suite of services within new and existing shelters, daytime drop-in centres, and other community support services allowing the City to return the Caledonia Park building to its originally intended use; and,
5. Return to Council in the fall 2024 to provide an update on the Shower Program and any alternative solutions to replace the program at Caledonia Park.

The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Manly returned to the Shaw Auditorium at 7:24 p.m.

3.2 Cultural Operating, Project and Downtown Revitalization Grants

Councillor Eastmure vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 7:24 p.m. declaring a conflict of interest as her husband works for Vancouver Island Film Festival Society.

That Council approve the following 2024 Cultural Operating and Project Grants:

- Applicant Name: Vancouver Island Short Film Festival Society
Recommended: 1Yr Operating \$5,500
- Applicant Name: Vancouver Island Short Film Festival Society
Project Name: Youth Showcase
Recommended: Project \$1,265

The motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Eastmure returned to the Shaw Auditorium at 7:24 p.m.

9. DELEGATIONS:

- a. Caelen Middleton, Strong Towns Nanaimo, re: History of Parking Minimums and Bylaw Amendments Needed to Enact Change

Caelen Middleton, Strong Towns Nanaimo, provided a presentation regarding parking minimums, costs associated with providing mandatory parking, and suggested three bylaw amendments to enact change.

10. REPORTS:

- a. Development Variance Permit Application No. DVP458 - 6280 Desmond Road

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

Mayor Krog requested that Council hear anyone wishing to speak with respect to DVP458 - 6280 Desmond Road.

No one in attendance wished to speak with respect to DVP458 – 6280 Desmond Road.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Development Variance Permit No. DVP458 for a reduction to the heat pump setback at 6280 Desmond Road as outlined in the “Proposed Variances” section of the Staff Report dated 2023-DEC-18. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Development Variance Permit Application No. DVP451 - 3400 Departure Bay Road

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

Mayor Krog requested that Council hear anyone wishing to speak with respect to DVP451 - 3400 Departure Bay Road.

No one in attendance wished to speak with respect to DVP451 – 3400 Departure Bay Road.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Development Variance Permit No. DVP451 to allow proposed alterations to an existing dwelling at 3400 Departure Bay Road with variances as outlined in the “Proposed Variances” section of the Staff Report dated 2023-DEC-18. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Development Permit Application No. DP1275 - 325 Watfield Avenue

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

Delegation:

1. Irene Borgonia was in attendance, via Zoom, to respond to any questions.

It was moved and seconded that Council issue Development Permit No. DP1275 for a multi-family residential development at 325 Watfield Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

d. Liquor Licence Application No. LA155 - 1724 Stewart Avenue

Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development, noted that next steps will include notifying the surrounding neighbours of the liquor licence application, as well as returning to Council for consideration of a recommendation to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch to formalize a temporary patio.

e. Step Code Implementation - Step Code Rezoning Policy, Zoning Bylaw and Design Guidelines

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

It was moved and seconded that Council repeal Council Policy COU-216, BC Energy Step Code Rezoning Policy. The motion carried unanimously.

Opposed: *Councillors Perrino and Thorpe*

f. Park Avenue Concept Plan Project - 933 Park Ave - Phase 2 Engagement Summary

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

It was moved and seconded that Council:

1. direct staff to incorporate option 5 (carrot) into the draft Park Avenue Concept Plan which includes 5 acres for park use (recreation, farm practices and wetland), and no affordable housing; and,
2. direct Staff to return to Council with an updated Park Avenue Concept Plan for consideration of endorsement.

The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Thorpe*

g. Increasing Housing Options - Community Engagement Results

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

Presentation:

1. Caleb Horn, Planner, Current Planning, and Emily Notley, Planning Assistant, Community Planning, provided a presentation. Highlights included:
 - During a one-month period, Staff received 864 surveys, met with 10 stakeholder groups, hosted an open house with over 80 attendees, and received 3,500 visits to the project's Get Involved webpage regarding four housing initiatives
 - Housing initiatives include expanding secondary suites, adding infill to existing neighbourhoods, expanding family-friendly housing options, and creating more adaptable units
 - Feedback was received from the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness, the development community, Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network, Design Advisory Panel, and the Mayor's Leaders' Table
 - Next steps include review of the recently announced Provincial bills and regulations and how they may impact the new housing option initiatives, as well as returning to a future Governance and Priorities Committee meeting with findings

h. General Amendments to City of Nanaimo Zoning Bylaw

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

It was moved and seconded that "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2023 No. 4500.219" (General text and mapping amendments to "City of Nanaimo Zoning Bylaw 2011 No. 4500") pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2023 No. 4500.219" pass second reading. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Armstrong*

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to not hold a Public Hearing for "Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2023 No. 4500.219" prior to consideration of third reading and to provide notice that a Public Hearing is not being held. The motion carried

Opposed: *Councillor Armstrong*

i. E-Comm 9-1-1 Call Answer Centre 2024 Service Agreement

Introduced by Tim Doyle, Fire Chief.

- E-Comm Emergency Communications for British Columbia Incorporated (E-Comm) answers 99% of 9-1-1 calls in BC and distributes them to the appropriate regional centre
- Approximately 5,700 calls are received per day, with over two million calls received in 2022
- In 1994 the City of Nanaimo, Regional District of Nanaimo and Cowichan Valley Regional District formed a partnership for 9-1-1 services called Central Island 9-1-1
- In 2015, a decision was made to contract out the primary public service answering point to E-Comm
- Central Island 9-1-1 dispatch centre is still maintained in order to collect the call answer levy, which offsets the E-Comm costs
- The current E-Comm contract is set to expire in 2026
- The proposed contract is for \$459,841, and the 2024 budget is \$526,352

It was moved and seconded that Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to sign the 9-1-1- Call Answer Service Agreement between the CI911 and E-Comm Emergency Communications for British Columbia Incorporated, for the purposes of providing 9-1-1 Call Answer Centre Services, for a one-year term to expire on December 31, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

j. Amendment of Project Under the Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw 7261 - 507 Milton Street

Introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

Councillor Geselbracht vacated the Shaw Auditorium at 8:52 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve the amended Revitalization Tax Exemption Agreement for a proposed 28-unit mixed-use development at 507 Milton Street, consisting of 25 residential units and three commercial rental units. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Brown and Manly*

k. Vandalism Relief Grant Program

Introduced by Dave LaBerge, Director, Public Safety.

- The current Vandalism Relief Grant Program allows for a maximum of two grant applications up to \$1,000 each
- Since December 2022, 24 grants have been approved to 20 different businesses, with around half of the applications being for the full \$1,000 amount
- Between January 2022 and April 2023, 395 business break-ins or vandalism events occurred in Nanaimo, with 131 occurring downtown and 264 occurred outside the downtown core

Councillor Geselbracht returned to the Shaw Auditorium at 9:05 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to amend the service agreement for the Downtown Vandalism Relief Grant Program with the Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce to allow businesses to apply for funding more than twice, and to receive up to \$2,500 per incident up to a maximum of \$5,000 per year which may include up to 50% of the cost of installation of security and preventative measures to a maximum of \$1,000. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Mayor Krog, Councillors Armstrong, Brown and Hemmens*

Council recessed the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Council reconvened the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

l. Warming Centre Partnership with Island Health

Introduced by Dave LaBerge, Director, Public Safety.

Christy Wood, Manager, Social Planning, provided an overview of the recent partnership with Island Health to fund two additional warming centres. Highlights included:

- Staff are currently working on service agreements for the two additional warming centres
- Staff have notified key community stakeholders to gain input on good neighbour agreements that are to be incorporated into the service agreements
- Since opening on 2023-NOV-14, Risebridge has been operating at or near capacity daily, and is currently supported by four employees; however, safety and security challenges have been reported due to substance use and overdose incidents on site

- Risebridge has requested additional funding from Island Health to help fund additional staff support
- In response, Island Health will provide the City \$250,000 to support two additional warming centres, and any remaining funds would be used to recover funds used in the City's Strategic Infrastructure Reserve fund

m. 2024 - 2028 Financial Plan Bylaw

Introduced by Laura Mercer, General Manager, Corporate Services.

It was moved and seconded that "Financial Plan Bylaw 2023 No. 7371" (To confirm and adopt the 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan) pass first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that "Financial Plan Bylaw 2023 No. 7371" pass second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that "Financial Plan Bylaw 2023 No. 7371" pass third reading. The motion carried unanimously.

n. Internal Borrowing Resolution

Introduced by Laura Mercer, General Manager, Corporate Services.

It was moved and seconded that Council approve internal borrowing from the Development Cost Charge (DCC) City Wide Drainage Reserve Fund in the amount of \$2,163,150 in 2024 to fund the Sanitary Sewer DCC project SS44: Hamond Bay & Turner Area, for a 20-year term at an interest rate of 2.0% with repayment from sewer operations. The motion carried unanimously.

o. FCM Resolution

Introduced by Karen Robertson, Deputy Corporate Officer.

It was moved and seconded that Council endorse the following resolution and direct Staff to forward to the Federation of Municipalities (FCM) for consideration at the 2024 FCM Annual Conference:

"WHEREAS the federal and provincial governments have committed to the protection of 30% of the land based by 2030 as part of the provincial, national and international commitments to protect biodiversity.

AND WHEREAS many municipalities contain sensitive ecosystems and species at risk within their boundaries that are held under private fee simple ownership

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Canadian Municipalities call upon the Government of Canada to dedicate funds towards municipalities for the purchase of lands containing sensitive ecosystems and species at risk within their boundaries as part of the 30% by 2030 commitments to protect biodiversity.”

The motion carried unanimously.

11. BYLAWS:

a. “Sewer Regulation and Charge Amendment Bylaw 2023, No. 2496.37”

It was moved and seconded that “Sewer Regulation and Charge Amendment Bylaw 2023, No. 2496.37” (a bylaw to set the 2024 rates for sanitary sewer) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

b. “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2023No. 4500.210”

It was moved and seconded that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2023 No. 4500.210” (to rezone 1224 Manzanita Place from Low Density Residential [R6] to Medium Density Residential [R8] with site-specific density) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

c. “User Fee Subsidies Amendment Bylaw 2023, No. 7095.05”

It was moved and seconded that “User Fee Subsidies Amendment Bylaw 2023, No. 7095.05” (a bylaw to set the 2024 thresholds for User Fee Subsidies) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

d. “Waterworks Rate and Regulation Amendment Bylaw 2023, No. 7004.21”

It was moved and seconded that “Waterworks Rate and Regulation Amendment Bylaw 2023, No. 7004.21” (a bylaw to set the water rates for 2024) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

e. “South West Bulk Water Rate Amendment Bylaw 2023, No. 7099.12”

It was moved and seconded that “South West Bulk Water Rate Amendment Bylaw 2023, No. 7099.12” (a bylaw to set the 2024 bulk water rate for South West Extension) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

f. “Municipal Solid Waste Collection Amendment Bylaw 2023, No. 7128.15”

It was moved and seconded that “Municipal Solid Waste Collection Amendment Bylaw 2023, No. 7128.15” (a bylaw to set the solid waste collection rates for 2024) be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

It was moved and seconded that the Public Safety Committee membership increase from seven (7) at large members to nine (9) at large members. The motion carried unanimously.

13. QUESTION PERIOD:

Council received two questions from the public regarding agenda items.

Council recessed the Open Meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Council moved In Camera at 9:51 p.m.

Council moved out of In Camera at 9:57 p.m.

Council reconvened the Open Meeting at 9:57 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 9:57 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR

DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER