

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021  
1:18 P.M.  
Held Electronically**

In Attendance:	Director T. Brown	Chair
	Director V. Craig	Vice Chair
	Director K. Wilson	Electoral Area A
	Director M. Young	Electoral Area C
	Director B. Rogers	Electoral Area E
	Director L. Salter	Electoral Area F
	Director L. Wallace	Electoral Area G
	Director S. McLean	Electoral Area H
	Director L. Krog	City of Nanaimo
	Director S. Armstrong	City of Nanaimo
	Director D. Bonner	City of Nanaimo
	Director B. Geselbracht	City of Nanaimo
	Director E. Hemmens	City of Nanaimo
	Director I. W. Thorpe	City of Nanaimo
	Director Z. Maartman	City of Nanaimo
	Director E. Mayne	City of Parksville
	Director A. Fras	City of Parksville
Director M. Swain	District of Lantzville	
Director B. Wiese	Town of Qualicum Beach	
Also in Attendance:	S. Cruikshank	Alternate Director, Electoral Area E
	P. Carlyle	Chief Administrative Officer
	R. Alexander	Gen. Mgr. Regional & Community Utilities
	G. Garbutt	Gen. Mgr. Strategic & Community Development
	T. Osborne	Gen. Mgr. Recreation & Parks
	D. Pearce	Gen. Mgr. Transportation & Emergency Services
	D. Wells	Gen. Mgr. Corporate Services
	K. Fowler	Mgr. Long Range Planning
	J. Hill	Mgr. Legislative Services & Corporate Officer
	N. Redpath	Senior Planner
G. Smith	Zoom Moderator	
C. Golding	Recording Secretary	

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order and respectfully acknowledged the Coast Salish Nations on whose traditional territory the meeting took place.

The Chair acknowledged and thanked Geoff Garbutt, General Manager of Strategic & Community Development for his service to the Regional District of Nanaimo and wished him all the best in his new position as Chief Administrative Officer at the City of Courtenay.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the following minutes be adopted:

Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting - February 9, 2021

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting - February 9, 2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Dr. David Coupland, President of the Medical Staff at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital and Consultant Radiologist, re Towards a Full Service Hospital for Central and North Island at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital**

Dr. David Coupland provided a presentation titled Towards a Full Service Hospital for Central and North Island at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital and provided an overview of the priorities of the 5 Year Services Plan including a new patient tower/treatment centre with a catheterization lab and non-invasive and invasive cardiology services, and expanded cancer services in a cancer centre. Dr. David Coupland and Dr. Arun Natarajan answered questions from the Committee following the presentation.

#### **Full Service Hospital for Central and North Island at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital**

It was moved and seconded that correspondence be sent to the Honourable John Horgan, Premier; the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health; and the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance; requesting that the Province of British Columbia commit to a plan and timeline of 5 to 8 years for a new patient tower and diagnostic treatment center, including cardiac services and cardiac cath lab, and a new full-service cancer center at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Regional Hospital District Select Committee discuss with the appropriate and relevant groups regarding advocacy for the funding of capital projects at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **DELEGATIONS**

**Thomas Forrest and Michel Morin, Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Station 27, re Annual Activity Presentation for 2020**

Thomas Forrest provided an overview of the station's activities highlighting volunteer membership, professional standards of training for all members, response times and scope of missions, and safety programs offered in 2020.

**Steve Earle, Gabriola Community Bus Foundation, re Update on the GERTIE Transit System**

Steve Earle provided a presentation regarding the status of service and ridership levels during 2020. Mr. Earle further acknowledged receipt of funding from the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program which will be used to renovate the fire hall for a future GERTIE bus depot and thanked the Committee for the Regional District Board's contribution of \$27,235 from the COVID Relief Fund.

**Doug Dickson and Sheryl Eaton, Lighthouse Country Marine Rescue Society, re Review of Annual Funding (Operations) and Funding of 2022 Projects**

Doug Dickson provided an overview of the mandate and activities of the society in 2020 and requested an increase of annual funding support to \$17,500 beginning in 2021, and requested \$32,500 for funding for washrooms and an integrated thermal camera system in 2022.

**Joanne Sales, Director of Broombusters Invasive Plant Society, re The Spread of the Invasive Plant Scotch Broom**

Joanne Sales provided an overview of the activities of Broombusters in 2020 and asked the Committee to establish strategies and laws to help prevent the spread of the invasive plant.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the following minutes be received for information:

Climate Action Technical Advisory Committee Meeting - February 18, 2021

Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Technical Advisory Committee Meeting - February 25, 2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **STRATEGIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **Mid-Island Region Child Care Action Plan**

Sandra Menzer, Consultant, provided an overview and presentation on the Mid-Island Region Child Care Action Plan.

It was moved and seconded that the Regional District of Nanaimo endorse the recommended 2030 child care space targets in the Mid-Island Region Child Care Action Plan of:

- a. 50 spaces for every 100 children under 3 years;
- b. 75 spaces for every 100 children 3-5 years not yet in school;
- c. 50 spaces for every 100 children under 10 years in school; and
- d. support grant applications made by others for child care spaces.

Opposed (2): Director Rogers, and Director Salter

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that the Mid-Island Region Child Care Action Plan be considered as part of the Social Needs Assessment and Strategy and the Bylaw 500 review.

Opposed (2): Director Rogers, and Director Salter

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that child care as a community amenity contribution be considered in the preparation of a Community Amenity Contribution Policy.

Opposed (2): Director Rogers, and Director Salter

CARRIED

### **Nanaimo Airport Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1615.04 First and Second Reading**

It was moved and seconded that the Board introduce and give first reading to "Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1615.04, 2020".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that the Board give second reading to "Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1615.04, 2020".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that "Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1615.04, 2020" be referred to affected local governments for acceptance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that the Board direct the public hearing on “Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1615.04, 2020” be delegated to Chair Brown.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Municipal Regional District Tax Revenues from Online Accommodation Platforms for Affordable Housing**

Nick Redpath, Senior Planner, provided a presentation on the Municipal Regional District Tax Revenues from Online Accommodation Platforms for Affordable Housing report.

It was moved and seconded that the Board request consultation occur between the Regional District of Nanaimo, City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach and Parksville Qualicum Beach Tourism Association to facilitate an agreement with the Society of Organized Services to create a new component of the Emergency Assistance Advocacy Program to provide rent subsidies in the Oceanside area through use of the Municipal Regional District Tax revenues from Online Accommodation Platforms to support affordable housing in the region.

Opposed (1): Director Bonner

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that the Parksville Qualicum Beach Tourism Association submit by November 30, 2021, the provincially required One Year Tactical Plan to include necessary provisions to use Municipal Regional District Tax revenues from Online Accommodation Platforms for the new rent subsidy component of the Emergency Assistance Advocacy Program operated by the Society of Organized Services to support affordable housing in the Oceanside Area.

Opposed (1): Director Bonner

CARRIED

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**RECREATION AND PARKS**

**Recreation Services Agreement with Lighthouse Community Centre Society 2021-2023**

It was moved and seconded that the Recreation Services Agreement (Attachment 1) with the Lighthouse Community Centre Society be approved for a term of thirty-three (33) months, April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY UTILITIES**

### **Terms of Reference Update - DWWP Technical Advisory Committee**

It was moved and seconded that the Board endorse the updated Terms of Reference for the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Technical Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **TRANSPORTATION AND EMERGENCY PLANNING SERVICES**

### **Gabriola Island Taxi Saver Contribution Agreement 2021 to 2025**

It was moved and seconded that the Gabriola Island Taxi Saver Contribution Agreement with People for a Healthy Community be approved for a five-year term from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS**

### **Lighthouse Country Marine Rescue Society**

It was moved and seconded that the 2021-2025 Financial Plan be amended to increase the regular contribution to the Lighthouse Country Marine Rescue Society in the D69 Marine Search and Rescue Service from \$7,500 to \$8,500 for 2021, and to increase the contribution to \$17,500 for 2022-2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that, pending approval by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, up to \$32,500 of Electoral Area H Community Works Funds be allocated to the Lighthouse Country Marine Rescue Society to upgrade the facilities and safety equipment for the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Station 59.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

### **Delegations Speaking to Agenda Items**

It was moved and seconded that delegations speaking to an agenda item speak when the item is on the agenda after the staff report has been received. Any other person who is not speaking to an agenda item would speak under delegations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Feasibility Study for Bowser Village**

It was moved and seconded that the 2022 budget and work plan include a feasibility study for Bowser Village in Electoral Area H in order to determine the costs for establishing a drainage service for property owners impacted in the area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Vancouver Island Regional Library Update (Vice Chair Craig)**

Vice Chair Craig provided an update to the Committee on the activities of the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board in 2020 including the response to the pandemic, phased reopening plan and expansion of digital services as well as strategic planning and projects for 2021. Vice Chair Craig and Director Hemmens were elected to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board Executive Committee for 2021.

**IN CAMERA**

It was moved and seconded that pursuant to the following section of the *Community Charter* the Committee proceed to an In Camera meeting:

- 90(1)(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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 4.53 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 4:55 PM

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CHAIR