

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 8, 2022
1:02 P.M.
Board Chambers (Webstreamed)

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| In Attendance: | Director T. Brown | Chair |
| | Director V. Craig | Vice Chair (joined electronically) |
| | Director K. Wilson | Electoral Area A (joined electronically) |
| | Alternate | |
| | Director C. Pinker | Electoral Area C (joined electronically) |
| | Director B. Rogers | Electoral Area E |
| | Director L. Salter | Electoral Area F (joined electronically) |
| | Director L. Wallace | Electoral Area G (joined electronically) |
| | Director S. McLean | Electoral Area H (joined electronically) |
| | Director L. Krog | City of Nanaimo (joined electronically) |
| | Director S. Armstrong | City of Nanaimo (joined electronically) |
| | Director D. Bonner | City of Nanaimo (joined electronically) |
| | Director B. Geselbracht | City of Nanaimo (joined electronically) |
| | Director E. Hemmens | City of Nanaimo (joined electronically) |
| | Director Z. Maartman | City of Nanaimo (joined electronically) |
| | Director I. W. Thorpe | City of Nanaimo (joined electronically) |
| | Director E. Mayne | City of Parksville (joined electronically) |
| | Director A. Fras | City of Parksville (joined electronically) |
| | Director W. Geselbracht | District of Lantzville (joined electronically) |
| | Director B. Wiese | Town of Qualicum Beach (joined electronically) |
| Also in Attendance: | S. Cruikshank | Alternate Director, Electoral Area E |
| | D. Holmes | Chief Administrative Officer |
| | T. Osborne | Gen. Mgr. Recreation & Parks (joined electronically) |
| | P. Thompson | A/Gen. Mgr. Planning & Development (joined electronically) |
| | E. Tian | Gen. Mgr. Engineering & Utilities (joined electronically) |
| | D. Wells | Gen. Mgr. Corporate Services |
| | K. Fowler | Mgr. Long Range Planning, Energy & Sustainability (joined electronically) |
| | L. Gardner | Mgr. Solid Waste Services (joined electronically) |
| | E. Hughes | Mgr. Strategy & Intergovernmental Services (joined electronically) |
| | J. Bagnall | Deputy Corporate Officer |
| | 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.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

22-072

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved, as amended, to add the following items under Item 14. New Business:

Sunny Beach Access Restoration and Protection

Electoral Area E Contribution - Southern Community Search and Rescue Contribution Service Area

Amendment to Southern Community Search and Rescue Contribution Participants and Apportionment

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting - January 25, 2022

22-073

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held January 25, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Maurice Primeau, Deputy Assessor, BC Assessment, re Annual Presentation

Maurice Primeau provided an overview of the assessment annual cycle, impact of changes in assessed value on taxes, and assessment rolls for electoral areas and member municipalities.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

22-074

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

Solid Waste Management Select Committee Meeting - January 18, 2022

Transit Select Committee Meeting - January 27, 2022

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

At the request of Directors the following items were removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration under Section 8. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda:

7.1.1 Waste Hauler Licensing Bylaw Submission to Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

7.2.1 Transit Redevelopment Strategy Project Report January 2022

22-075

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

7.1.2 Bylaw 1807 – Solid Waste Fees Bylaw 2022

7.2.2 Nanaimo-Cowichan Express Update and Memorandum of Understanding

7.2.3 Northern Interregional Transit Service

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The items and recommendations referred to above are as follows:

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Bylaw 1807 - Solid Waste Fees Bylaw 2022

22-076

That the “Waste Management License Fees Bylaw No. 1807, 2022” be introduced and read three times.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

TRANSIT SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Nanaimo-Cowichan Express Update and Memorandum of Understanding

22-077

That the Memorandum of Understanding between Regional District of Nanaimo, Cowichan Valley Regional District and BC Transit for the Nanaimo-Cowichan Express Interregional transit service, commencing March 2022, be approved.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

Northern Interregional Transit Service

22-078

That the Board approve continued interregional connection discussions with the Comox Valley Regional District and Strathcona Regional District as a Board priority and request BC Transit initiate service planning and related actions required to establish this Northern Transit service connection.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Waste Hauler Licensing Bylaw Submission to Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

22-079

It was moved and seconded that the "Waste Hauler Licensing Bylaw No. 1813, 2022" be introduced, read three times, and forwarded to the Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRANSIT SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Transit Redevelopment Strategy Project Report January 2022

22-080

It was moved and seconded that the Transit Redevelopment Strategy 5-year plan associated priorities, be endorsed by the Board and approved as a guide for future transit service and infrastructure investment in the Regional District of Nanaimo provided the Plan prioritizes park and ride locations within village centres and commercial spaces.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22-081

It was moved and seconded that the year-by-year priorities and expansions within the Transit Redevelopment Strategy 5-year plan be endorsed by the Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22-082

It was moved and seconded that the first priority of a 5,000 annual hour Transit expansion, identified in the Transit Redevelopment Strategy, be approved (subject to approval of the expansion hours from the Province and BC Transit), and applied to implement "Year 1: Rapid Line Preparation" as outlined.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22-083

It was moved and seconded that the Transit Redevelopment Strategy project report and service standards be approved for distribution to member local governments, area First Nations, and adjacent Regional Districts for their information with a request that it also help inform their future community planning, development, and transportation decision-making.

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN THE CONSENT AGENDA

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Solid Waste Management Select Committee

Bylaw No. 1802 - 2022 Utility Fee Increase

22-084

It was moved and seconded that the “Residential Curbside Collection of Garbage, Food Waste and Recyclables Regulation and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1802.01” be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22-085

It was moved and seconded that the “Residential Curbside Collection of Garbage, Food Waste and Recyclables Regulation and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1802.01” be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 1784.04 - 2022 Tipping Fee and Solid Waste Disposal Regulation Bylaw Amendment

22-086

It was moved and seconded that “Regional District of Nanaimo Tipping Fee and Solid Waste Disposal Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1784.04, 2022” be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22-087

It was moved and seconded that “Regional District of Nanaimo Tipping Fee and Solid Waste Disposal Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1784.04, 2022” be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Dashwood Fire Hall Bylaw Amendments

22-088

It was moved and seconded that “Dashwood Fire Hall Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1785.01, 2022” be introduced, read three times, and forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22-089

It was moved and seconded that “Dashwood Fire Hall Loan Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 1789.01 2022” be introduced, read three times, and forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22-090

It was moved and seconded that the approval of the electors be obtained by an alternative approval process, and that participating area approval is to be obtained for the entire service area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22-091

It was moved and seconded that the Board approve the Elector Response form as provided in Attachment 3, establish 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2022, as the deadline for receiving elector responses for the alternative approval process, and determine the total number of electors to which the approval process applies to be 1,542.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Electoral Area F Governance and Services Study Approval and Funding

22-092

It was moved and seconded that the Board receive for information this report on the Electoral Area F Governance and Services Study Approval and Funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22-093

It was moved and seconded that the Board approve the terms of reference for the Electoral Area F Governance and Services Study attached to this report and dated January 24, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22-094

It was moved and seconded that the Board approve the terms of reference for the Electoral Area F Governance and Services Study Committee attached to this report and dated January 24, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RDN Parks and Open Space Advisory Committees and Electoral Area A Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Meeting Times

22-095

It was moved and seconded that the time of Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee Meetings be determined by individual Electoral Area Directors for their rural area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Huxley Community Park Budget Increase

22-096

It was moved and seconded that consideration of the Huxley Community Park Skatepark Construction Project budget be deferred to the February 22, 2022, Board Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Anders and Dorrit's Community Park Request to Increase Budget

22-097

It was moved and seconded that the project budget for Anders & Dorrit's Park improvements be increased from \$287,000 to \$337,000 by allocating \$50,000 of Electoral Area C Community Works Funds and that the 2022-2026 Electoral Area C Community Parks Financial Plan be amended accordingly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022 Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel

22-098

It was moved and seconded that the Board appoint the Chair, the Manager of Legislative Services, and the Director of Finance to preside as the parcel tax roll review panel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22-099

It was moved and seconded that the 2022 Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel be held at 10:00 am on February 17, 2022, to be held in the Administration Building Board Chambers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Eamon Stinson, re Ravensong Aquatic and Parks and Recreation Policy

The delegation did not attend.

MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Dark Skies Bylaw for Electoral Area F

22-100

It was moved and seconded that staff be directed to provide information on how to create a dark skies bylaw for Electoral Area F.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sustainable Site Development Checklist

It was moved and seconded that Electoral Area F encourage a sustainable site development checklist.

22-101

It was moved and seconded that the motion be amended by replacing "Electoral Area F" with "the Regional District of Nanaimo".

Opposed (18): Director Brown, Director Craig, Director Wilson, Director Pinker, Director Rogers, Director Salter, Director Wallace, Director McLean, Director Krog, Director Armstrong, Director Bonner, Director Hemmens, Director Maartman, Director Thorpe, Director Mayne, Director Fras, Director W. Geselbracht, and Director Wiese

DEFEATED

The vote was taken on the main motion:

22-102

That Electoral Area F encourage a sustainable site development checklist.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22-103

It was moved and seconded that staff provide a report to the Electoral Area Services Committee on a sustainable development checklist and how it could be incorporated in the other electoral areas.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Letter of Support, re TELUS Application for Improved Connectivity to Nanoose Bay (Ross Road) under the Connecting British Columbia Program

22-104

It was moved and seconded that the Board provide a letter of support to TELUS in support of their application to provide connectivity to Nanoose Bay (Ross Road) under the Connecting British Columbia Program – Economic Recovery Intake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Sunny Beach Beach Access Restoration and Protection

22-105

It was moved and seconded that \$20,000 of Community Works Funds from Electoral Area H be allocated to the Electoral Area H Community Parks budget for installation of shoreline restoration and protection at Sunny Beach beach access, and that the 2022-2026 Financial Plan be amended accordingly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Electoral Area E Contribution - Southern Community Search and Rescue Contribution Service Area

22-106

It was moved and seconded that Community Grants be requisitioned from Electoral Area E in 2022 to fund Electoral Area E's respective portion towards marine search and rescue in the Southern Community Search and Rescue Contribution Service area;

AND that the requisition through "Southern Community Search and Rescue Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1552, 2008" be adjusted amongst the current participants accordingly in 2022;

AND FURTHER that the 2022-2026 Financial Plan be amended accordingly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment to Southern Community Search and Rescue Contribution Participants and Apportionment

Director Rogers provided notice of the following motion for consideration at the February 22, 2022, or March 8, 2022, Board Meeting:

That the Southern Community Search and Rescue Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1552, 2008 be amended to include Electoral Area E and to apportion their contribution to reflect the portion of service they receive from this bylaw, namely only their portion of providing for marine search and rescue.

IN CAMERA

22-107

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

- 90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 2:47 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 2:54 P.M.

CHAIR

CORPORATE OFFICER