

# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO MINUTES OF THE TRANSIT SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING

# Thursday, July 27, 2023 10:00 A.M. Board Chambers (Webstreamed)

In Attendance: Director S. McLean Chair

Director J. Perrino Vice Chair

Director J. Stanley
Director L. Melanson\*
Director B. Rogers
Director L. Wallace\*

Electoral Area C
Electoral Area E
Electoral Area G

Director L. Krog\* City of Nanaimo (10:35 A.M.)

Director B. Geselbracht City of Nanaimo Director P. Manly\* City of Nanaimo

Director D. O'Brien\* City of Parksville (10:56 A.M.)

Director M. Swain\* District of Lantzville

Director T. Westbroek Town of Qualicum Beach

Regrets: Director S. Armstrong City of Nanaimo Director E. Hemmens City of Nanaimo

Also in Attendance: D. Holmes Chief Administrative Officer

D. Marshall Senior Mgr. Transportation Services

M. Getchell Mgr. Transit Operations

S. Myers Superintendent, Transit Operations
L. Stevenson Superintendent, Transit Operations

S. Snelgrove Deputy Corporate Officer
C. Golding Recording Secretary

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

# TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

The Chair introduced Michael Getchell, Manager of Transportation Services to the Committee.

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes electronic meeting participation as authorized by Section 10 of "Regional District of Nanaimo Board Procedure Bylaw No. 1862, 2022".

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the rules of the "Regional District of Nanaimo Board Procedure Bylaw No. 1862, 2022" be suspended to allow three late delegations to address the Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved, as amended, to include the following under Item 5. Delegations – Items not on the Agenda:

- 5.1 Kevan Shaw, re Transit Hub
- 5.2 Jason Flett, re Downtown Nanaimo Transit Hub
- 5.3 Collen Middleton, re Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Principles

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

# **Transit Select Committee Meeting - May 18, 2023**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Transit Select Committee meeting held May 18, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

# Bronson Bullivant, Senior Transit Planner, BC Transit, re 70 Nanaimo to Cowichan Express Post Implementation Review

Bronson Bullivant provided an overview of Route 70 Nanaimo to Cowichan Express Post Implementation Review including results of public engagement, ridership and route analysis, schedule design, scheduling recommendations and next steps.

#### **DELEGATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

# Kevan Shaw, re Transit Hub

Kevan Shaw shared his concerns regarding the 500 block of Terminal Avenue as the proposed location for the new transit hub stating it would increase social disorder and violence.

#### Jason Flett, re Downtown Nanaimo Transit Hub

Jason Flett expressed his concern of increased traffic, safety issues, and increased business vacancies in the downtown core if the proposed located for the new transit hub goes forward as planned.

# Collen Middleton, re Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Principles

Collen Middleton stated his concerns regarding the transit hub near the downtown core and that the principles of safety in Nanaimo are outdated and no longer working in today's world.

#### **REPORTS**

# Nanaimo to Cowichan Express Post Implementation Review

It was moved and seconded that the Board receive the Nanaimo to Cowichan Express Post Implementation Review Update for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# **Transit Stop Amenities within the City of Nanaimo Update**

It was moved and seconded that the Board receive the Transit Stop Amenities within the City of Nanaimo Update for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# **Transit Radio Tower Occupancy Agreement - 2023**

It was moved and seconded that the Board approve the Regional District of Nanaimo enter into an agreement with the City of Nanaimo to allow the installation of Transit Services radio and auxiliary equipment on an existing tower and related building to provide hydro for \$1,200 annually for a five (5) year-term commencing April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2028.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY