

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023
1:00 P.M.**

Board Chambers (Webstreamed)

In Attendance:	Director V. Craig	Chair
	Director S. McLean	Vice Chair
	Director J. Stanley	Electoral Area A
	Director L. Melanson	Electoral Area C
	Alternate	
	Director J. Ringwald	Electoral Area E
	Director L. Salter	Electoral Area F
	Director L. Wallace	Electoral Area G
	Director L. Krog*	City of Nanaimo
	Alternate	
	Director H. Eastmure	City of Nanaimo
	Director S. Armstrong	City of Nanaimo
	Director B. Geselbracht	City of Nanaimo
	Director E. Hemmens	City of Nanaimo
	Director P. Manly	City of Nanaimo
	Director J. Perrino	City of Nanaimo
	Director I. W. Thorpe*	City of Nanaimo
	Director D. O'Brien	City of Parksville
	Director S. Wood	City of Parksville
	Director M. Swain	District of Lantzville
	Director T. Westbrook*	Town of Qualicum Beach
Regrets:	Director Rogers	Electoral Area E
	Director Brown	City of Nanaimo
Also in Attendance:	D. Holmes	Chief Administrative Officer
	C. Crabtree	Gen. Mgr. Corporate Services
	L. Grant	Gen. Mgr. Development & Emergency Svs.
	T. Osborne	Gen. Mgr. Recreation & Parks
	E. Tian	Gen. Mgr. Regional & Community Utilities
	D. Banman	Mgr. Recreation Services
	E. Beauchamp	Mgr. Emergency Services
	R. Daykin	Mgr. Parks Services
	K. Fowler	Mgr. Long Range Planning, Energy & Sustainability
	M. Walters	Mgr. Water Services
	J. Schile	Senior Planner
	J. Pisani	Drinking Water & Water Shed Protection Program Coordinator
	J. Hill	Corporate Officer

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

C. Holt
S. Commentucci

Zoom Moderator
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 this meeting took place.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

23-626

It was moved and seconded that agenda item 10.8 Phase 3 Water Budget Model for French Creek Water Region be removed from the agenda and be deferred to the February 27, 2024, Board meeting.

Opposed (8): Director Armstrong, Director Eastmure, Director Wallace, Director Geselbracht, Director McLean, Director Craig, Director Hemmens and Director Stanley

CARRIED

23-627

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

23-628

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

Regular Board Meeting - November 28, 2023

Special Board Meeting - December 5, 2023

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

23-629

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

Gabriola Community Bus Foundation 2023 Report and 2024 Budget Proposal Request

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE MINUTES

23-630

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

Solid Waste Management Select Committee Meeting - November 21, 2023

Electoral Area A Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Meeting - November 22, 2023

Transit Select Committee Meeting - November 23, 2023

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

23-631

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

7.1.1 2024 Transit Fare Review

7.1.2 Licence of Occupation and Use Extension - 1 Port Drive

7.2.1 Electoral Area A Recreation and Culture Grant Intake Report September 2023

7.3.1 New Business

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The items and recommendations referred to above are as follows:

TRANSIT SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

2024 Transit Fare Review

23-632

That the Board receive the 2024 Transit Fare Review report for information.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

Licence of Occupation and Use Extension - 1 Port Drive

23-633

That the Regional District of Nanaimo approve the extension of the Licence of Occupation and Use for 1 Port Drive to January 31, 2026.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**ELECTORAL AREA A PARKS RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Electoral Area A Recreation and Culture Grant Intake Report September 2023

23-634

That the Scentient Sessions Electoral Area A Recreation and Culture grant application for Scentient Session Scent Classes be declined.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

23-635

That the Yellow Point Drama Group Electoral Area A Recreation and Culture grant application for lighting equipment in the amount of \$3,886.12 be approved.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

23-636

That the Cedar Farmers Market Agricultural Society Electoral Area A Recreation and Culture grant application for folding tables for food truck fare & children's activities in the amount of \$770.00 be approved.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

23-637

That the Qwam Qwam Stuwixwulh Community School Electoral Area A Recreation and Culture grant application for an Everybody Dance Program for school students during school hours in the amount of \$820.00 be approved.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

23-638

That the \$1,123.88 Electoral Area A Recreation and Culture grant surplus funds from 2023 be carried over to the 2024 Electoral Area A Recreation and Culture grant budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

New Business

23-639

That staff provide a report on potential funding options for the Parksville Community Centre community recycling pop-up recycling depot service.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Bylaw No. 1784.06 Amendment - Tipping Fee Increase

23-640

It was moved and seconded that “Regional District of Nanaimo Tipping Fee and Solid Waste Disposal Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1784.06, 2023” be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-641

It was moved and seconded that “Regional District of Nanaimo Tipping Fee and Solid Waste Disposal Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1784.06, 2023” be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Zero Waste Recycling Funding Application Review 2024

23-642

It was moved and seconded that the Board award the 2024 Zero Waste Funding as follows:

- a. \$94,450 to Gabriola Island Recycling Organization for textile recycling and education.
- b. \$80,000 to Habitat for Humanity Mid-Vancouver Island for book waste diversion.
- c. \$68,400 to Light House for construction, renovation, and demolition material exchange program.
- d. \$40,653 to Ocean Wise for their single-use and unnecessary plastics reduction program for food and beverage businesses in the Regional District of Nanaimo.
- e. \$16,500 to Synergy Foundation to support waste reduction through the onboarding businesses to the BC Green Business project.

Opposed (1): Director Salter

CARRIED

Director Krog left the meeting at 1:27 P.M.

REPORTS

Recommended 2024 - 2028 Financial Plan Bylaw

It was moved and seconded that Regional District of Nanaimo Financial Plan 2024 to 2028 Bylaw No. 1902, 2023” be introduced and read three times.

23-643

It was moved and seconded that the Board defer adoption of the 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan until after a Special Board Meeting in January 2024, to discuss staffing and operational impacts to the workplan and the Financial Plan.

Opposed (9): Director Armstrong, Director Eastmure, Director Perrino, Director Geselbracht, Director McLean, Director Craig, Director Hemmens, Director Manley, and Director Westbroek

DEFEATED

The Chair called the question on the main motion:

23-644

That “Regional District of Nanaimo Financial Plan 2024 to 2028 Bylaw No. 1902, 2023” be introduced and read three times.

Opposed (6): Director Wallace, Director Salter, Director Ringwald, Director O’Brien, Director Melanson, and Director Stanley

CARRIED

23-645

It was moved and seconded that “Regional District of Nanaimo Financial Plan 2024 to 2028 Bylaw No. 1902, 2023” be adopted.

Opposed (4): Director Wallace, Director Salter, Director Ringwald, and Director Stanley

CARRIED

23-646

It was moved and seconded that the Board direct staff to not act on the Truss Bridge project until the Board has had an opportunity for further discussion.

Opposed (16): Director Armstrong, Director Eastmure, Director Wood, Director Perrino, Director Swain, Director Geselbracht, Director Salter, Director McLean, Director Craig, Director Ringwald, Director Hemmens, Director O’Brien, Director Melanson, Director Manley, Director Stanley, and Director Westbroek

DEFEATED

23-647

It was moved and seconded that the Board direct staff to not act on the Information Technologist position proposed in the Financial Plan until there is opportunity for to receive more information and for further deliberation on this position and the related service level impacts.

Opposed (3): Director Eastmure, Director Wallace, and Director Perrino

CARRIED

23-648

It was moved and seconded that the Board direct staff to not act on the Fire Services Operations Coordinator position proposed in the Financial Plan until there is opportunity to receive more information and for further deliberation on this position and the related service level impacts.

Opposed (1): Director Hemmens

CARRIED

23-649

It was moved and seconded that the Board direct staff to not act on the Financial Systems Coordinator position proposed in the Financial Plan until there is opportunity to receive more information and for further deliberation on this position and the related service level impacts.

Opposed (1): Director Hemmens

CARRIED

23-650

It was moved and seconded that the Board direct staff to not act on the Parks Stewardship Coordinator position proposed in the Financial Plan until there is opportunity to receive more information and for further deliberation on this position and the related service level impacts.

Opposed (3): Director Eastmure, Director Geselbracht, and Director Hemmens

CARRIED

RECESS: 3:09 P.M.

RECONVENE: 3:21 P.M.

Southern Community Sewer Service Area and Northern Community Service Area Development Cost Charge Bylaws No. 1888, 1889, 1890, and 1891, 2023

23-651

It was moved and seconded that “Northern Community Sewer Service Area Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1889, 2023” be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-652

It was moved and seconded that “Northern Community Sewer Service Area Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1889, 2023” be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-653

It was moved and seconded that “Northern Community Sewer Service Area Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1890, 2023” be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Swain and Director Armstrong rejoined the meeting at 3:24 P.M.

23-654

It was moved and seconded that “Northern Community Sewer Service Area Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1890, 2023” be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-655

It was moved and seconded that “Northern Community Sewer Service Area Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1891, 2023” be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-656

It was moved and seconded that “Northern Community Sewer Service Area Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1891, 2023” be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-657

It was moved and seconded that “Southern Community Sewer Service Area Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1888, 2023” be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-658

It was moved and seconded that "Southern Community Sewer Service Area Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1888, 2023" be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws No. 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886 & 1887 – Reserve Funds Establishment

23-659

It was moved and seconded that "Administration Building Operations Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1879, 2023" be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-660

It was moved and seconded that "Administration Building Operations Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1879, 2023" be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-661

It was moved and seconded that "Errington Fire Protection Local Service Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1880, 2023" be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-662

It was moved and seconded that "Errington Fire Protection Local Service Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1880, 2023" be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-663

It was moved and seconded that "Decourcey Water Supply Local Service Area Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1881, 2023" be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-664

It was moved and seconded that “Decourcey Water Supply Local Service Area Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1881, 2023” be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-665

It was moved and seconded that “Melrose Terrace Community Water Supply Service Area Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1882, 2023” be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-666

It was moved and seconded that “Melrose Terrace Community Water Supply Service Area Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1882, 2023” be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-667

It was moved and seconded that “Nanoose Bay Bulk Water Supply Local Service Area Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1883, 2023” be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-668

It was moved and seconded that “Nanoose Bay Bulk Water Supply Local Service Area Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1883, 2023” be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-669

It was moved and seconded that “Electoral Area 'C' Community Parks Local Service Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1884, 2023” be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-670

It was moved and seconded that “Electoral Area 'C' Community Parks Local Service Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1884, 2023” be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-671

It was moved and seconded that “Electoral Area ‘A’ Recreation and Culture Services Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1885, 2023” be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-672

It was moved and seconded that “Electoral Area ‘A’ Recreation and Culture Services Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1885, 2023” be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-673

It was moved and seconded that “Fairwinds Sewerage Facilities Local Service Area Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1886, 2023” be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-674

It was moved and seconded that “Fairwinds Sewerage Facilities Local Service Area Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1886, 2023” be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-675

It was moved and seconded that “French Creek Streetlighting Specified Area Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1887, 2023” be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-676

It was moved and seconded that “French Creek Streetlighting Specified Area Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1887, 2023” be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Feasibility Fund Service Bylaws

23-677

It was moved and seconded that “Parksville Pool Feasibility Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1894, 2023” be introduced and read three times and forwarded to the inspector for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-678

It was moved and seconded that "Electoral Area A Feasibility Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1895, 2023" be introduced and read three times and forwarded to the inspector for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-679

It was moved and seconded that "Electoral Area B Feasibility Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1896, 2023" be introduced and read three times and forwarded to the inspector for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-680

It was moved and seconded that "Electoral Area C Feasibility Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1897, 2023" be introduced and read three times and forwarded to the inspector for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-681

It was moved and seconded that "Electoral Area E Feasibility Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1898, 2023" be introduced and read three times and forwarded to the inspector for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-682

It was moved and seconded that "Electoral Area F Feasibility Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1899, 2023" be introduced and read three times" and forwarded to the inspector for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-683

It was moved and seconded that "Electoral Area G Feasibility Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1900, 2023" be introduced and read three times and forwarded to the inspector for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-684

It was moved and seconded that "Electoral Area H Feasibility Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1901, 2023" be introduced and read three times and forwarded to the inspector for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Swain left the meeting 3:40 P.M.

2024 Board Member Appointments

23-685

It was moved and seconded:

1. That the Board endorse the recommendations for appointments to the 2024 Regional District of Nanaimo Advisory Committees and Commission.
2. That the Board receive the Chair's appointments to Standing and Select Committees and External Organizations for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023 Year in Review - Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Program

23-686

It was moved and seconded that the Board receive the 2023 Year in Review – Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Program report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Manley left the meeting at 3:59 P.M.

Climate-Informed Water Supply Planning in the Regional District of Nanaimo

23-687

It was moved and seconded that the Board receive the Climate-Informed Water Supply Planning in the Regional District of Nanaimo report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Dewatering Polymer Contract Award

23-688

It was moved and seconded:

1. That the Regional District of Nanaimo Board award a five-year contract for the supply of dewatering polymer for Greater Nanaimo Pollution Control Centre to Alumichem Canada. The estimated value of the 5-year contract is \$1,870,000.
2. That the Board authorize the Chief Administrative Officer and Corporate Officer to execute the Supply Agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Perrino left the meeting at 4:07 P.M.

Proposal for a Water Bill Repayment Plan for Regional District of Nanaimo

23-689

It was moved and seconded that the Regional District of Nanaimo Board endorse a two-year trial of an equal payments program allowing large utility bills to be repaid over a period of up to twelve months without the account being transferred to the Surveyor of Taxes for collection, for Regional District of Nanaimo Water Service Area residents who are not eligible for a water leak adjustment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed Terms of Reference for Coastal Preparedness - Planning for Climate Resilient Communities

23-690

It was moved and seconded:

1. That the Board endorse the Terms of Reference for Coastal Preparedness: Planning for Climate Resilient Communities.
2. That the Board endorse a grant application to the Climate-Resilient Coastal Communities Program for advancing the Terms of Reference for Coastal Preparedness: Planning for Climate Resilient Communities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-691

It was moved and seconded that the Board amend the 2024-2028 Financial Plan to allocate \$103,500 from the Regional Growth Management Service Reserve Fund to implement the Terms of Reference for Coastal Preparedness.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment Bylaw 500.445 for Coastal Flood Hazard Development Permit Areas

23-692

It was moved and seconded that the Board introduce and give two readings to “Regional District of Nanaimo Land Use and Subdivision Amendment Bylaw No. 500.445, 2023”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional Growth Strategy - Shaping Our Future 2040 Request for First and Second Reading

23-693

It was moved and seconded that the Board receive the What We Heard report for the draft Regional Growth Strategy: Shaping Our Future 2040, dated February 28, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-694

It was moved and seconded that the Board introduce and give two readings to "Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1874, 2023".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-695

It was moved and seconded that the Board refer the proposed "Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1874, 2023" for acceptance from the affected local governments of: City of Nanaimo, City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach, District of Lantzville, Cowichan Valley Regional District, Alberni Clayoquot Regional District and Comox Valley Regional District.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-696

It was moved and seconded that the Board refer the proposed "Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1874, 2023" and invite comment from Snuneymuxw, Snaw-Naw-As and Qualicum First Nations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9-1-1 Call Answer Centre Services Agreements

23-697

It was moved and seconded:

1. That the 9-1-1 Call Answer Centre Service agreement with E-COMM (Attachment 2) and the Central Island 911 Partnership be endorsed.
2. That the Chair and the Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the E-COMM agreement on behalf of the Regional District of Nanaimo.
3. That the North Island 9-1-1 Corporation Revised Shareholder's Agreement (Attachment 3) be endorsed.
4. That the Chair and the Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the NI911 agreement on behalf of the Regional District of Nanaimo.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Parks Use Regulation Bylaw No. 1801, 2019 Proposed Amendments

23-698

It was moved and seconded that the Board direct staff to return to the Board with amendments to the Regional District of Nanaimo Parks Use Regulation Bylaw No. 1801, 2019, to incorporate the changes noted in the staff report to the Board dated December 12, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Armstrong left the meeting at 4:35 P.M.

South Wellington School Remediation Project Update

23-699

It was moved and seconded that an additional \$1,375,000 from Electoral Area A Community Works Funds be allocated to the South Wellington School Remediation Project for a total project budget of \$2,828,225.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-700

It was moved and seconded that only public tenders be issued for procurements valued over \$200,000 in compliance with applicable Trade Agreements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-701

It was moved and seconded that the Chief Administrative Officer and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute all project contracts over \$500,000 for the South Wellington School Remediation Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-702

It was moved and seconded that the Regional District of Nanaimo complete the required tender documents for the South Wellington Remediation Project and tender the project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23-703

It was moved and seconded to defer agenda item 10.17 District of Nanaimo Board Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 1862.01, 2023, to a January 2024 Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Extension Fire Protection - Firehall Project

23-704

It was moved and seconded that an Extension Fire Protection - Firehall Project report be received for information and that staff be directed to provide a report with a proposed funding source to be included in the 2024 to 2028 Financial Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS - WITH NO ACCOMPANYING REPORT

River's Edge Streetlighting Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1353.02, 2022" - Adoption

23-705

It was moved and seconded that the Board adopt "River's Edge Streetlighting Service Area Amendment Bylaw No.1353.02, 2022"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

River's Edge Water Supply Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1354.02, 2022" - Adoption

23-706

It was moved and seconded that the Board adopt "River's Edge Water Supply Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1354.02, 2022"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional District of Nanaimo River's Edge Storm Water Management Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1363.01, 2022" - Adoption

23-707

It was moved and seconded that the Board adopt "Regional District of Nanaimo River's Edge Storm Water Management Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1363.01, 2022"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Gabriola Community Bus Foundation Funding

23-708

It was moved and seconded that the funding for Gabriola Community Bus Foundation be increased by \$23,659 to \$204,000 in 2024 and that the cost of living increases of 2% in subsequent years be applied using the increased amount of \$204,000 as established in 2024, and further that the Agreement with Gabriola Community Bus Foundation be adjusted accordingly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

River's Edge Water Service Area Smart Water Meter Replacement Project

23-709

It was moved and seconded that the 2024 - 2028 Financial Plan be revised to include the Rivers Edge Water Service Area smart water meter replacement project executed in 2024, and that pending approval from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities that \$70,000 of Electoral Area G Community Works Funds be allocated for this project rather than spread over 5 years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

River's Edge Water Service Area Water Supply

23-710

It was moved and seconded that:

Whereas the Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship manages the Water Sustainability Act, Water Sustainability Regulation, and Groundwater Protection Regulation;

And the River's Edge Water Service Area (WSA), operated by the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) and serving 157 properties, has identified a serious pending water quality problem with the water supply to that WSA due to an increasing trend of chloride concentration that will result in the supply water becoming non-potable in the foreseeable future;

And that the probable causes of the problem have been identified by a professional hydrogeologist to be contamination from an underlying aquifer that is caused by the WSA drawing its water supply from a single location in the overlying aquifer, and high water use drawing down the aquifer;

And that despite the fact that the River's Edge Development (RED) includes Statutory Building Scheme (EW14859) over all 157 properties listed as a charge on the Land Title Certificate which specifies that no private well shall be drilled on any lot", at least 10 properties in the RED that are part of the WSA have "prohibited" private wells and extract water unrestrictedly from the same aquifer that the WSA supply wells are drawing from, and some of these wells are in close proximity to the WSA's production wells;

That to support the long-term health of the aquifer supplying the WSA, the RDN Board requests that the Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship deploy the regulatory tools identified in the BC Drought and Water Scarcity Response Plan (2023) to restrict the use of the

unauthorized private wells whenever the WSA is subject to RDN-imposed Watering Restrictions.

Opposed (3): Director Salter, Director O'Brien, and Director Westbrook

CARRIED

23-711

It was moved and seconded to extend the meeting past 4 hours.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN CAMERA

23-712

It was moved and seconded that pursuant to the following sections of the *Community Charter* the Board 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
- 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
- 90(1)(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting
- 90(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 4:58 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 5:39 P.M.

CHAIR

CORPORATE OFFICER