

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

Tuesday, July 15, 2025
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 B. Rogers	Electoral Area E
	Director L. Salter*	Electoral Area F
	Director L. Wallace	Electoral Area G
	Director L. Krog	City of Nanaimo
	Director S. Armstrong	City of Nanaimo
	Alternate	
	Director H. Eastmure*	City of Nanaimo
	Director B. Geselbracht*	City of Nanaimo
	Director E. Hemmens	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. Westbroek*	Town of Qualicum Beach
Regrets:	Director L. Melanson	Electoral Area C
	Director T. Brown	City of Nanaimo
	Director P. Manly	City of Nanaimo
Also in Attendance:	Alternate	
	Director J. Ringwald	Electoral Area E
	L. Grant	A/Chief Administrative Officer
	C. Crabtree	Gen. Mgr. Corporate & Transportation Services
	T. Osborne	Gen. Mgr. Recreation & Parks Services
	M. Walters	Gen. Mgr. Regional & Community Utilities
	D. Marshall	Sr. Mgr. Transportation Services
	M. McMullen	Mgr. Long Range Planning
	L. Zosiak	Sr. Planner
	N. Richardson	A/Deputy Corporate Officer
	C. Holt	Zoom Moderator
	N. Ferris	Recording Secretary

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

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.

Director Thorpe joined the meeting at 1:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Director Westbroek joined the meeting at 1:03 P.M.

Director Geselbracht joined the meeting at 1:04 P.M.

Director Swain joined the meeting at 1:05 P.M.

Jeffrey van Santen, Nanaimo Mountain Bike Club, re Overview of Nanaimo Mountain Bike Club – Attended Virtually

Jeffery van Santen provided a presentation on the overview of the Nanaimo Mountain Bike Club and answered questions from the Committee.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

Englishman River Regional Park Management Group Meeting - June 20, 2025

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Housing Affordability Options Paper

Lisa Zosiak, Senior Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation related to the “Housing Affordability Options Paper” and answered questions from the Committee.

It was moved and seconded that staff bring back a scoping report outlining a public consultation process and budget for a Regional Affordable Housing Strategy, discussed as Option 1 in Attachment 1, Housing Affordability Options Paper, for Board consideration and endorsement.

Opposed (12): Director Rogers, Director L. Salter, Director Wallace, Director Krog, Director Armstrong, Director Hemmens, Director Perrino, Director Thorpe, Director O'Brien, Director Wood, Director Swain, and Director Westbroek

DEFEATED

It was moved and seconded that staff bring back a scoping report on Option 2 "Establish Regional Housing Partnerships" in Attachment 1, Housing Affordability Options Paper.

It was moved and seconded to call the question.

Opposed (1): Director Craig

CARRIED

Without further debate the Chair called the question on the main motion:

That staff bring back a scoping report on Option 2 "Establish Regional Housing Partnerships" in Attachment 1, Housing Affordability Options Paper.

Opposed (12): Director Rogers, Director L. Salter, Director Wallace, Director Krog, Director Armstrong, Director Hemmens, Director Perrino, Director Thorpe, Director O'Brien, Director Wood, Director Swain, and Director Westbroek

DEFEATED

Nanaimo Arts Council Transit Shuttle Request - 2025

It was moved and seconded that the Board approve Nanaimo Arts Council's request for the Regional District of Nanaimo to provide transit shuttle service for the Nanaimo Artwalk 2025, two-day event on November 22 and 23. The total cost charged to the Nanaimo Arts Council will not exceed \$1,000 for both event days.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bus Shelters – Transit Minor Betterment Program

It was moved and seconded that the Board endorse a second application to the Transit Minor Betterment program to complete the transit amenity improvements at Magnolia Court Commercial Centre on Route 99.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional District of Nanaimo Transit Systems 2024 – 2025 Annual Operating Agreement Amendment and 2025 – 2026 Annual Operating Agreement

It was moved and seconded:

1. That the 2024 – 2025 Annual Operating Agreement Amendment for Conventional, Custom and Interregional, Nanaimo-Cowichan Express, transit service between the Regional District of Nanaimo and BC Transit for the period of January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2025, be approved.
2. That the 2025 – 2026 Annual Operating Agreement for Conventional, Custom and Interregional, Nanaimo-Cowichan Express, transit service between the Regional District of Nanaimo and BC Transit for the period of April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional District of Nanaimo 2025 – 2026 Service Expansions

It was moved and seconded:

1. That the Board approve the January 4, 2026, annual service expansion for the Conventional Transit Service of 4,000 hours and the corresponding lease of three (3) heavy duty vehicles.
2. That the Board approve the January 4, 2026, annual service expansion for the Custom Transit Service of 3,000 hours and the corresponding lease of two (2) light duty vehicles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN CAMERA

It was moved and seconded that pursuant to the following sections 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;
- 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations; and
- 90(1)(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 3:09 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 4:51

CHAIR