

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday April 1, 2020

Present: Mayor R. Arnott
Councillors A. Bissinger, K. Grant, S. McGowan, P. McKenna, N. Minions, M. Swift
(all participated electronically)
Staff A. Kenning, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Russwurm, Corporate Officer
C. Freundlich, Director of Finance
M. Kamenz, Director of Development Services
T. Hagmeier, Recreation Director
G. Kreek, Revenue Manager
S. Ashfield, Director of Operations

Absent: Nil

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Agenda was Adopted.

There were 0 members of the public in attendance.

Pursuant to section 6(1) and 6(2) of the Local Government Meetings and Bylaw Process (COVID-19) Ministerial Order No. M083, the April 1, 2020 Regular Council Meeting was conducted by electronic means with some or all members of Council participating electronically. Further, in accordance with section 3(1) of the Ministerial Order No. M083, the public was not be permitted to be in attendance.

1. DELEGATIONS: NIL

2. MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

a. Regular Council Meeting Minutes

RCM Minutes

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held in Council Chambers and d'Esterre Senior Centre on Wednesday March 18, 2020, be Approved.

(2020.095) -- CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Management Report - April 1, 2020

Management Report

That the Management Report for April 1, 2020 be received and filed for information.

(2020.096) -- CARRIED

b. 2020 Property Tax Increase Concerns

2020 Property Tax Increase

That staff prepare a revised 2020 budget based on base-level expenditures, with a list of potential items to be added by Council after review.

(2020.097) -- CARRIED

5. SPECIAL REPORTS:

a. RISE AND REPORT: North East Comox Storm Drainage

Rise and Report: North East Comox

That the March 26, 2020 report from the Corporate Officer, titled "RISE AND REPORT: North East Comox Storm Drainage", be received and filed for information.

(2020.098) -- CARRIED

AT 6:07 P.M., MAYOR ARNOTT LEFT THE MEETING, DECLARING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA (2020 MARINA RATES) AS HE IS A TENANT IN THE COMOX MUNICIPAL MARINA.

ACTING MAYOR MINIONS ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

6. BYLAWS:

a. Comox Municipal Marina Fees and Regulations Bylaw No. 1938, 2020

Marina Fees and Regulations Bylaw

That the Comox Municipal Marina Fees and Regulations Bylaw No. 1938, 2020 be Adopted.

(2020.099) -- CARRIED

AT 6:08 P.M., MAYOR ARNOTT RETURNED TO THE MEETING AND RESUMED THE CHAIR.

b. Comox Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1940, 2020

Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw

That the Comox Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1940, 2020 be Adopted.

(2020.100) -- CARRIED

c. Comox Sewer User Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1941, 2020

Sewer User Rates Amendment Bylaw

That the Comox Sewer User Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1941, 2020 be Adopted.

(2020.101) -- CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS AND NOTICES OF MOTION:

a. Electric Vehicle Charging Station

EV Charging Station

That Council approve the Letter Agreement with Comox Centre Mall, as attached to the Chief Administrative Officer's March 24, 2020 Report to Council, titled "Electric Vehicle Charging Stations"; and further,

That Council implement a fee for Electrical Vehicle charging based on Option B (\$1/hr for first two hours, \$2/hr after two hours), and that all revenues in excess of expenses be directed to a climate action reserve.

(2020.102) -- CARRIED

b. Increase to 2020 Water and Sewer Parcel Taxes

Water and Sewer Parcel Taxes

1. That the Comox Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 1942, 2020 be given First, Second and Third Readings.

(2020.103) -- CARRIED

b. Increase to 2020 Water and Sewer Parcel Taxes

Water and Sewer Parcel Taxes

2. *That the Comox Sanitary Sewer Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 1943, 2020 be given First, Second and Third Readings.*

(2020.104) -- CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Al Kenning, Clayton Postings, David Allen & Russell Dyson - Chief Administrative Officers within the Comox Valley (Emergency Operations Centre)

COVID-19 EOC Focus

That the March 24, 2020 letter from Comox Valley Mayors and Regional District board chair, regarding the focus of the Emergency Operations Centre in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, be received and filed for information.

(2020.105) -- CARRIED

b. Dave Adamson - Proposed Marina Rate Increase

Marina Rates Increase

That the March 26, 2020 email from Dave Adamson, regarding proposed increases to the marina rates, be received and filed for information.

(2020.106) -- CARRIED

c. Mayor Lyn Hall (City of Prince George): Request support for UBCM Resolution - Opioid Crisis Class Action Lawsuit Payments

UBCM Resolution: Opioid Crisis

That the March 24, 2020 letter from Prince George Mayor Lyn Hall, requesting that Council support their UBCM resolution on sharing any opioid crisis class action lawsuit payments, be received and filed for information.

(2020.107) -- CARRIED

9. LATE ITEMS: NIL

10. DELEGATIONS: NIL

11. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL: NIL

14. EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC:

a. Exclude the Public

Exclude the Public

That the Public be Excluded from the In-Camera session of Council on Wednesday April 1, 2020 pursuant to the following sub-sections of section 90 of the Community Charter:

(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations.

(2020.108) -- CARRIED

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT 6:40 P.M.

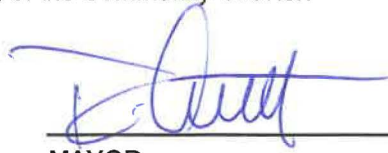
THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED AT 6:58 P.M.

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified correct pursuant to Section 97(1)(b) of the Community Charter.



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER