

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday February 17, 2021

Present: Mayor R. Arnott
Councillors A. Bissinger, K. Grant, S. McGowan,
P. McKenna, N. Minions, M. Swift
(all electronically except K. Grant and N. Minions)

Absent: Nil

Staff Present: J. Wall, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Russwurm, Corporate Officer
C. Freundlich, Director of Finance (electronically)
M. Kamenz, Director of Development Services (electronically)
G. Schreiner, Fire Chief (electronically)
S. Ashfield, Director of Operations (electronically)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

There were 0 members of the public in attendance.

Pursuant to Ministerial Order, the meeting was conducted by electronic means with some or all members of Council participating electronically. Further, in accordance with Ministerial Order, the public was not permitted to be in attendance. The meeting was also live-streamed on the Town's YouTube pages.

He also acknowledged that the Town of Comox is on traditional First Nation land.

1. INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF LATE ITEMS: NIL

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

a. Adoption of the Agenda

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That the Agenda for the February 17, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council, be Adopted.

(2021.044) -- CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS:

a. Lauren Lan and Caroline Cody: Tree removal and approval process for Guthrie/Lazo subdivision

Guthrie and Lazo Trees

Ms. Lan and Ms. Cody discussed the OCP as a guiding document for Comox, and advised that the area was a beautiful, forested area that provided ecological benefits to the Town. They advised that they wanted to bring to Council's attention what appeared to be a flawed process for protecting trees. They would like to see mature trees replanted along Guthrie Road.

b. Maurita Prato and Kimberly Toonders (LUSH Valley): Funding request for Good Food Boxes and other Community Food Security Programs

Good Food Boxes

Ms. Prato and Ms. Toonders outlined the Good Food Box program for Council and summarized the success of the program. They advised that they are requesting up to \$25,000 from Council to help purchase local food for the continuation of the Good Food Box program, and identified the benefits of the program as supporting local food producers, supporting people with access to healthy food and supporting partner agencies doing work in housing.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

a. Regular Council Meeting Minutes

RCM Minutes

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday February 3, 2021, be Approved.

(2021.045) -- CARRIED

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS:

a. Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

**Strategic Planning
Committee Minutes**

That the Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday February 10, 2021, be Received.

(2021.046) -- CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Wood-Burning Appliances

Wood-Burning Appliances

That a report be provided on options that the Town can take to further encourage the discontinued use of indoor wood-burning appliances.

(2021.047) -- CARRIED

(2) Potential Speed Reductions in Town

Speed Reductions in Town

That a report be provided on the best ways to holistically address speeding on Town streets.

(2021.048) -- CARRIED

(3) Brian Gregg (Telus): Request for Letter of Support - Expanding Wireless Cellular Coverage

Telus Letter of Support

That the Town provide a letter of support for Telus' initiative to expand wireless cellular coverage in the Town of Comox.

(2021.049) -- CARRIED

(4) Dianne Hawkins (Chamber of Commerce) - Request for Proclamation

Chamber Week Proclamation

That a Proclamation be issued, designating the week of February 16-19, 2021 as Chamber of Commerce Week in the Town of Comox.

(2021.050) -- CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

1. *That the Consent Agenda items as follows be received:*
 - (1) *January 26, 2021 Letter from David Eby, QC of the Office of the Attorney General regarding the homeless count in Comox Valley.*

(2021.051) -- CARRIED
 - (2) *January 28, 2021 email from Doug Main regarding the walkway closure between Stadacona Drive and the Aspen Wynde condominiums.*
 - (3) *Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board meeting minutes held on January 21, 2021.*

(2021.052) -- CARRIED
2. *That item (1), January 26, 2021 Letter from David Eby of the Office of the Attorney General, regarding the homeless count in Comox Valley, be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*

(2021.053) -- CARRIED
3. *That item (2), January 28, 2021 email from Doug Main regarding the walkway closure between Stadacona Drive and the Aspen Wynde condominiums, be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*

(2021.054) -- CARRIED
4. *That the Town write a letter to the Aspen Wynde strata council, bringing to their attention the issue raised by Mr. Doug Main.*

(2021.055) -- CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Strategic Planning and Action Items Report - February 17, 2021

Strategic Planning and Action Items Report

- That the Strategic Planning and Action Items Report for February 17, 2021 be received and filed for information.*

(2021.055) -- CARRIED

AT 5:53 P.M., COUNCILLOR MCGOWAN LEFT THE MEETING, DECLARING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH ITEM 7b ON THE AGENDA AS SHE IS A TENANT OF THE DEVELOPER.

b. Rezoning and OCP Amendment Application OCP RZ 19-1 / Development Variance Permit Application DVP 19-1 (2309 McDonald Road)

2309 McDonald Road

1. *That Comox Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1954 be adopted.*

(2021.056) -- CARRIED
2. *That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1955 be adopted.*

(2021.057) -- CARRIED
3. *That Comox Phased Development Agreement Authorization Bylaw 1956: 2309 McDonald Road be adopted.*

(2021.058) -- CARRIED

b. Rezoning and OCP Amendment Application OCP RZ 19-1 / Development Variance Permit Application DVP 19-1 (2309 McDonald Road)

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4. *That Development Variance Permit DVP 19-1 be issued, subject to the Development Variance Permit Conditions listed in Schedule 1 of the February 17, 2021 Planning Report on OCP RZ 19-1 and DVP 19-1.*

(2021.059) -- CARRIED

5. *That the Town seek cash amenity contributions for the future provision of playground structures and related land improvements within the Hector Greenway from developers of immediately adjacent properties: 2123 Hector Road (Lot 4 District Lot 170 Comox District Plan VIP60685), 2077 Hector Road (Lot A, District Lot 170, Comox District, Plan 18002), and 941 Hector Road (Lot 1 District Lot 70 Comox District Plan VIP60685), in proportion to the number of residential units proposed on each of the properties.*

(2021.060) -- CARRIED

AT 5:55 P.M., COUNCILLOR MCGOWAN RETURNED TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS:

a. Implementation of the Contaminated Sites Regime

Contaminated Sites Regime

1. *That Comox Planning Procedures Amendment Bylaw 1966 be Adopted.*

(2021.061) -- CARRIED

2. *That Comox Building Amendment Bylaw 1967 be Adopted.*

(2021.062) -- CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Council Policy Amendment CCL – 050 Workplace Wellness

Workplace Wellness Policy Amendment

That Council Policy CCL – 050 (Workplace Wellness Policy) be amended to remove the Corporate Wellness Section and rename the policy as the Employee Wellness Policy; and further,

That Council Policy CCL – 050 (Employee Wellness Policy), as included in the February 17, 2021 Regular Council Meeting agenda, be adopted.

(2021.063) -- CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION:

a. Councillor Bissinger (Notice of Motion from February 3, 2021 Meeting): Buena Vista Avenue Traffic Concerns

Buena Vista Avenue Traffic Concerns

1. *That staff provide options and engage the local residents on measures to address their traffic concerns related to Buena Vista Avenue.*

That the main motion be amended to add the text ", and that this information be contained in the staff report on the best ways to holistically address speeding on Town streets.

(2021.064) -- CARRIED

- a. **Councillor Bissinger (Notice of Motion from February 3, 2021 Meeting): Buena Vista Avenue Traffic Concerns**

Buena Vista Avenue Traffic Concerns

2. *That staff provide options and engage the local residents on measures to address their traffic concerns related to Buena Vista Avenue, and that this information be contained in the staff report on the best ways to holistically address speeding on Town streets.*

(2021.065) -- CARRIED

12. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

13. LATE ITEMS: NIL

14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

- a. **Councillor McKenna**

Councillor McKenna advised that he participated in an interview with Comox Valley Family Services and attended a Music Fest board meeting.

- b. **Councillor Swift**

Councillor Swift advised that she attended the Regional District sewer commission, recreation commission and board meeting.

- c. **Councillor Bissinger**

Councillor Bissinger advised that she attended the regional hospital board meeting. She also advised that she will be attending the upcoming Coldest Night walk.

- d. **Councillor McGowan**

Councillor McGowan advised that she:

- met with the CAO regarding the Tree Bylaw,
- attended a Food Policy Council meeting,
- attended a Community Substance Use Committee meeting, and
- completed an FCM module on Climate Resilience.

- e. **Councillor Minions**

Councillor Minions advised that she:

- attended the Regional District sewer commission meeting,
- attended the regional hospital board meeting,
- attended a zoom call with local residents,
- answered some interview questions regarding Mack Laing, and
- organized a Comox team to participate in the Coldest Night walk.

- f. **Councillor Grant**

Councillor Grant advised that he attended the Regional District sewer commission, recreation commission and board meeting.

- g. **Mayor Arnott**

Mayor Arnott advised that he:

- attended a Regional District meeting regarding economic development,
- participated in a radio station interview regarding the proposed dog park,
- attended a Comox BIA meeting, and
- presented information on Comox at a Courtenay Rotary meeting.

17. RESOLUTION TO GO IN-CAMERA: NIL

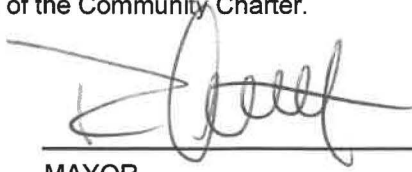
18. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA: NIL

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:13 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER