

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday March 3, 2021

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

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
T. Hagmeier, Recreation Director (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.

Mayor Arnott 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

Adoption of the Agenda

That the March 3, 2021 Regular Council Meeting agenda be Adopted.

(2021.066) -- CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS:

a. Jane Murphy, Michael Aikins and Chris Kelsey - Providence Living / Art Reitmayer - Field & Martens Associates (2137 Comox Avenue): The Views at St. Joe's Redevelopment

2137 Comox Avenue

Mr. Aikins and Ms. Murphy described the redevelopment plans and summarized the results of their community engagement process. They also advised that they have been in discussions with the K'omoks First Nation regarding the project.

b. Jim and Rosanne Lyster: Rezoning Application RZ 19-9 / Development Variance Permit Application DVP 19-9 (425 Stewart Street)

425 Stewart Street

Mr. Lyster advised that he has owned the property for 17 years and is now looking at downsizing the property by subdividing it into two parcels. Mr. Lyster and his engineer provided rationale as to why they believe that the provision of sidewalks along both Dogwood Avenue and Stewart Street should not be a requirement of the subdivision.

- c. **Cathy Peters (Be Amazing Campaign) Human sex trafficking, sexual exploitation, child sex trafficking in BC and how to stop it**

Be Amazing Campaign

Ms. Peters advised that her campaign aims to raise awareness of the Canadian Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act and to stop sexual exploitation. She stated that sexual exploitation is modern day slavery, and asked that Council provide a letter of support as well as write to the Premier asking for a provincial awareness campaign and law enforcement.

REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MEETING RECESS AT 5:52 P.M. UNTIL AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING APPLICATION RZ 20-2 (468 AND 490 ANDERTON ROAD)

CARRIED

THE MEETING WAS CALLED BACK TO ORDER AT 6:15 P.M.

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 17, 2021, be Adopted.

(2021.067) -- CARRIED

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS: NIL

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

1. *That the Consent Agenda items as follows be received:*
 - a. *Air Quality:*
 - February 16, 2021 email from Elaine Hanson
 - February 22, 2021 email from Steve Faraher-Amidon (*Breathe Clean Air Comox Valley*)
 - b. *Sani-Station:*
 - February 22, 2021 email from Connie Sorensen
 - February 22, 2021 email from David Klatt
 - February 22, 2021 email from Corey McAstocker
 - February 22, 2021 email from Keith & Holly Foraie
 - February 22, 2021 email from Barbara Callander
 - c. *Bill C21:*
 - February 18, 2021 email from Ian Rogers
 - February 18, 2021 email from Adam Morton
 - February 19, 2021 letter from Bill Laird
 - February 25, 2021 letter from Dana Way
 - d. *February 12, 2021 letter from John Case regarding painted rocks and crocheted hearts on Town paths.*
 - e. *February 18, 2021 email from Peter Bolton regarding dog park points and observations.*
 - f. *February 24, 2021 letter from Doug Hillian (Comox Valley Sewage Commission) LWMP*
 - g. *Comox Strathcona Waste Management Board meeting minutes held on January 14, 2021.*

(2021.068) -- CARRIED
2. *That item (e), February 18, 2021 email from Peter Bolton regarding dog park points and observations, be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.*

(2021.069) -- CARRIED
3. *That item (b), correspondence regarding the provision of a sani-station, be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*

(2021.070) -- CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Strategic Planning and Action Items Report - March 3, 2021

Strategic Planning and Action Items

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

(2021.071) -- CARRIED

b. 2021 Road Resurfacing Projects

2021 Road Resurfacing

THAT the following asphalt and sidewalk replacement projects included in the 2021-2025 Financial Plan presented to Council on February 3, 2021 be deferred to beyond 2025:

- Downey Ave. from Aitken to Rodello, and
- Rodello St. from Downey to Robb.

(2021.072) -- CARRIED
[Opposed: Mayor Arnott, Councillor MSwift]

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS: NIL

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Planning Report PR 21-2: Annual Referrals to School Districts

Annual Referral to School Districts

That the results of annual OCP referrals to local School Districts (SD71 and SD 93), as contained in the Planning Report PR 21-2, dated March 3rd, 2021, be received by Council for information.

(2021.073) -- CARRIED

b. Rezoning Application RZ 19-9 / Development Variance Permit Application DVP 19-9 (425 Stewart Street)

425 Stewart Street

Mr. Kamenz, Director of Development Services, provided a summary of the proposal, surrounding pedestrian linkages and tree retention.

1. *That Development Variance Application DVP 19-9 (425 Stewart Street) be referred to staff for a report on the practise of accepting bonding for the future provision of sidewalks.*

(2021.074) -- CARRIED
[Opposed: Councillor PMcKenna]

2. *That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1950 be given First and Second Readings.*

(2021.075) -- CARRIED
[Opposed: Councillor PMcKenna]

3. *That a Virtual Public Hearing in respect of Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1950 be scheduled for April 7, 2021, 6:00 pm, via Zoom video conferencing, and the Town publish the requisite notices as required by the Local Government Act.*

(2021.076) -- CARRIED

c. Recreation Programmer Hours Increase

Recreation Programmers

THAT Council approve for inclusion in the 2021 financial plan an increase in the recreation programmers' hours per week from 30 (part-time) to 35 (full-time) for the two regular, recreation programmer positions.

(2021.077) -- CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. **Jessie Ketler (CVRD) - Request for Approval (Regional Transportation Planning Memorandum of Understanding)**

Regional Transportation MOU

That the October 8, 2020 letter from Jessie Ketler, Chair of the Comox Valley Regional District, requesting approval of a Regional Transportation Planning Memorandum of Understanding, be received and a staff report provided on the pros and cons of signing the MOU.

*(2021.078) -- CARRIED
[Opposed: Mayor Arnott]*

13. LATE ITEMS: NIL

14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

- a. **Councillor Swift**

Councillor Swift advised that she attended the Regional District sewer, water and board meetings as well as a Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association meeting.

- b. **Councillor McGowan**

Councillor McGowan advised that she:

- attended the Coldest Night fundraising event,
- had a discussion with local youth regarding Climate Change mitigation in Comox,
- attended a UBCM Childcare webinar,
- attended part of the Welcoming Communities Collaboratory event,
- attended a Comox Archives and Museum Society meeting, and
- attended a Social Planning Society meeting.

- c. **Councillor Bissinger**

Councillor Bissinger advised that she attended the regional hospital board meeting and had a discussion with some residents regarding the Anderton Road rezoning as well as woodstoves.

- d. **Councillor McKenna**

Councillor McKenna advised that he attended:

- the Coldest Night of the Year event,
- a webinar with the leader of the Conservative Party of Canada,
- a business webinar with Frank McKenna and Annette Verschuren,
- a Community Justice Centre board meeting, and
- a Coalition to End Homelessness meeting.

- e. **Councillor Minions**

Councillor Minions advised that she attended:

- the Coldest Night of the Year event,
- the regional hospital board meeting,
- the regional district sewage commission meeting, and
- an electoral area meeting.

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f. Mayor Arnott

Mayor Arnott advised that he attended:

- the regional emergency operations centre meetings,
- some planning meetings,
- an Island Coastal Economic Trust board meeting,
- a meeting with some residents regarding the Providence redevelopment,
- met with the Comox BIA along with the CAO, and
- the in-camera regional district board meeting.

Mayor Arnott also advised that he presented to two local rotary groups and attended the Coldest Night of the Year event.

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g. Councillor Grant

Councillor Grant advised that he attended:

- the regional district sewer, water and recreation commission meetings,
- the regional district board meeting, and
- the Coldest Night of the Year event.

17. RESOLUTION TO GO IN-CAMERA: NIL

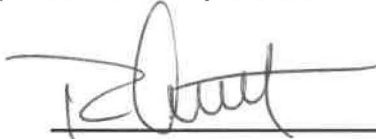
18. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA: NIL

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER