

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Special Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday March 10, 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
G. Schreiner, Fire Chief (electronically)
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. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

a. LATE AGENDA ITEM: Resolution to go in-camera

Adoption of Agenda

1. *That the agenda be amended to include a resolution to go in-camera pursuant to section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter.*
(2021.079) -- CARRIED
2. *That the rules of procedure be waived in order to adjourn to an in-camera session as the first item of business.*
(2021.080) -- CARRIED
3. *That notice of a special in-camera council meeting be waived in accordance with s. 127(4) of the Community Charter.*
(2021.081) -- CARRIED
4. *That the March 10, 2021 Special Council Meeting agenda be adopted as amended.*
(2021.082) -- CARRIED

2. RESOLUTION TO GO IN-CAMERA:

a. Exclude the Public

Exclude the Public

That the Public be Excluded from the In-Camera session of Council on Wednesday February 10, 2021 pursuant to the following sub-sections of section 90(1) of the Community Charter:

- (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;*

(2021.083) -- CARRIED

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT 5:03 P.M.

THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED AT 6:17 P.M.

3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES REPORT:

a. Strategic Planning and Action Items Report - March 10, 2021

**Strategic Planning and
Action Items**

That the Strategic Planning and Action Items Report for March 10, 2021 be received and filed for information.

(2021.085) -- CARRIED

4. STAFF REPORTS:

AT 6:19 P.M., COUNCILLOR MCKENNA LEFT THE MEETING, DECLARING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH ITEM 4a(1)&(2) AS HE IS A MEMBER OF THE COMOX VALLEY COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS.

a. 2021 Grant and Aid Requests

2021 Grant in Aid Requests

1. *THAT Council approves an additional \$30,000 in funding for the Town's affordable housing contribution to the Coalition to End Homeless in the 2021-2025 Financial Plan.*

(2021.086) -- DEFEATED

[Opposed: Mayor Arnott, Councillors ABissinger KGrant NMinions MSwift]

2. *THAT Council increases the annual funding to the Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness to \$40,000 annually.*

(2021.087) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillor NMinions]

AT 6:33 P.M., COUNCILLOR MCKENNA RETURNED TO THE MEETING.

3. *That no further Grants-in-Aid be provided.*

(2021.088) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillors SMcGowan PMcKenna NMinions]

b. 2021 Core Operating Budget

2021 Core Operating Budget

1. *That Council approves the Core Budget Expenses as detailed in Schedule A of the March 3, 2021 Report from the CAO titled 2021 Core Operating Budget for inclusion in the 2021-2025 Financial Plan.*

(2021.089) -- CARRIED

2. *That approval of the 2021 Capital and Special Projects Budget be deferred to the March 17, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council.*

(2021.090) -- CARRIED

c. 2021 Grant in Aid Requests

2021 Grant in Aid Requests

1. *That Council's motion, "That no further Grants-in-Aid be provided." be reconsidered.*

(2021.091) -- CARRIED

2. *That no further Grants-in-Aid be provided.*

(2021.092) -- DEFEATED

[Opposed: Councillors ABissinger SMcGowan PMcKenna NMinions]

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3. That \$25,000 be provided in 2021 to LUSH Valley Food Action Society; and further,

That \$3000 in matching funding be provided in 2021 to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 160's application to CMHC for funding to determine the number of homeless veterans in the Oceanside and Comox Valley regions, should the application be successful.

(2021.093) -- CARRIED

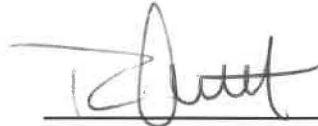
[Opposed: Mayor Arnott, Councillors KGrant MSwift]

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER