

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday March 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)
T. Hagmeier, Recreation Director (electronically)
S. Ashfield, Director of Operations (electronically)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

There were 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 Agenda

That the March 17, 2017 Regular Council Meeting agenda be adopted.

(2021.094) -- CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS:

a. David L Mellin (Comox Valley Marine Rescue Society) Requesting an extension for Moorage and Hydro

Mr. Mellin discussed the history, membership and services provided of the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue, and advised that the Comox Valley Marine Rescue Society is Station 60's fundraising arm. Mr. Mellin asked that Council continue to provide moorage for their vessels and building for an additional five years.

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 March 3, 2021, be Adopted.

(2021.095) -- CARRIED

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b. Special Council Meeting Minutes

Special Council Meeting

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday March 10, 2021, be Adopted as amended to correct items 4.a.1. and 4.b.2.

(2021.096) -- CARRIED

c. Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

PH Minutes

That the Minutes of the Public Hearing, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday March 3, 2021, be Adopted.

(2021.097) -- 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. *-March 1, 2021 letter from Arzeena Hamir & Brad Unger (Comox Strathcona Waste Management) regarding the Regional Organics Compost Project*
 - b. *Air Quality:*
 - *March 1, 2021 letter from Robert (Bob) Rasmus*
 - *March 5, 2021 email from John Ackerly*
 - c. *Sani-Station:*
 - *March 3, 2021 email from Rick and Terri Antonenko*
 - *March 4, 2021 email from Larry Epp*
 - d. *- March 1, 2021 letter from Willi Wagner (Courtenay and District Fish and Game Protective Association) regarding Bill C21*
 - e. *-March 1, 2021 budget from Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association regarding 2021 budget*
 - f. *-March 4, 2021 email from Will Cole-Hamilton (City of Courtenay) regarding PACE BC*
 - g. *-March 5, 2021 email from Paula Buckley regarding a proposal for a long term lease of the Spinnaker Building.*
 - h. *-March 8, 2021 letter from Brooklyn Dunham requesting more water parks*
 - h. *-March 8, 2021 letter from Wes Rumpel regarding excessive water usage policies*
 - i. *-March 9, 2021 letter from Donald Jacquest regarding DVP 19-9 (425 Stewart St.)*
 - j. *-Comox Valley Regional District Board meeting minutes held on February 23, 2021.*
 - k. *-Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board meeting minutes held on February 25, 2021.*

(2021.098) -- CARRIED

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a. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

2. That the March 8, 2021 letter from Wes Rumpel regarding excessive water usage policies be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

(2021.099) -- CARRIED

3. That the March 4, 2021 email from Will Cole-Hamilton (City of Courtenay) regarding PACE BC be removed from the consent agenda for discussion; and further,

That the Town of Comox write a letter to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Attorney-General and Minister responsible for Housing, and the Minister of Finance, expressing its endorsement of the Help Cities Lead campaign; support for the directions set out in the November 2020 ministerial mandate letters regarding GHG requirements for new buildings, PACE financing, and home energy labelling; and also requesting that the province empower local governments to opt to take action, if they so choose, on the two remaining items of the Help Cities Lead's campaign, namely GHG requirements for existing buildings and building energy benchmarking.

(2021.100) -- CARRIED

4. That the March 5, 2020 email from Paula Buckley regarding a proposal for a long term lease of the Spinnaker Building be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

(2021.101) -- CARRIED

b. In-Kind Support to Community Organizations

In-Kind Support

5. That a staff report be provided on in-kind support to community organizations.

(2021.102) -- CARRIED

c. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

6. That the March 1, 2021 letter from Willi Wagner (Courtenay and District Fish and Game Protective Association) regarding Bill C21 be removed from the consent agenda for discussion; and further,

That the Town of Comox write a letter to the federal government advising that this is an area that is best kept at the level of federal jurisdiction due to the potential challenge in meeting varied community regulations when travelling with guns.

(2021.103) -- CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Strategic Planning and Action Items

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

(2021.104) -- CARRIED

b. Rezoning Application RZ 20-1 468 & 490 Anderton Road

468 / 490 Anderton Road

1. That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1944 be given Third Reading.

(2021.105) -- CARRIED

2. That Comox Phased Development Agreement Authorization Bylaw 1953: 468 Anderton Road be given Third Reading.

(2021.106) -- CARRIED

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c. Capital and Special Projects 2021

Capital and Special Projects 2021

1. *THAT Council approves for expenditure the capital and special projects, as included in Schedule 'A' of the CAO's March 5, 2021 Report to Mayor and Council, and their inclusion in the 2021-2025 draft Financial Plan.*

THAT the main motion be amended to add "with the removal of the Buena Vista Avenue sidewalk from Ivy to Church Street."

(2021.107) -- CARRIED

2. *Main motion as amended:*

THAT Council approves for expenditure the capital and special projects, as included in Schedule 'A' of the CAO's March 5, 2021 Report to Mayor and Council, and their inclusion in the 2021-2025 draft Financial Plan, with the removal of the Buena Vista Avenue sidewalk from Ivy to Church Street.

(2021.108) -- CARRIED

3. *THAT Council approves for expenditure the capital and special projects, as included in Schedule 'B' of the CAO's March 5, 2021 Report to Mayor and Council, and their inclusion in the 2021-2025 draft Financial Plan.*

(2021.109) -- CARRIED

4. *THAT Council approves for expenditure the capital and special projects, as included in Schedule 'C' of the CAO's March 5, 2021 Report to Mayor and Council, and their inclusion in the 2021-2025 draft Financial Plan.*

(2021.110) -- CARRIED

5. *THAT Council approves for expenditure the capital and special projects, as included in Schedule 'D' of the CAO's March 5, 2021 Report to Mayor and Council, and their inclusion in the 2021-2025 draft Financial Plan.*

THAT the main motion be amended to defer the Elis playground equipment in Kye Bay and the Village Park playground equipment to 2023.

(2021.111) -- CARRIED

6. *That the main motion be amended to only replace the playground equipment in Elis, Village and Mackenzie Parks once grant funding becomes available.*

(2021.112) -- CARRIED

7. *That the main motion be amended to replace the Recreation and Parks Capacity Assessment with a youth specific recreation and parks outreach to identify recreational infrastructure for youth in Comox, and that the \$20,000 budget for this item be reduced to \$10,000.*

(2021.113) -- CARRIED

c. Capital and Special Projects 2021

**Capital and Special Projects
2021**

8. *Main motion as amended:*

THAT Council approves for expenditure the capital and special projects, as included in Schedule 'D' of the CAO's March 5, 2021 Report to Mayor and Council, and their inclusion in the 2021-2025 draft Financial Plan, with the following amendments:

- that the Elis playground equipment in Kye Bay and the Village Park playground equipment be deferred to 2023,*
- that the playground equipment in Elis, Village and Mackenzie Parks only be replaced once grant funding becomes available, and*
- that the Recreation and Parks Capacity Assessment be replaced with a youth specific recreation and parks outreach to identify recreational infrastructure for youth in Comox, and that the \$20,000 budget for this item be reduced to \$10,000.*

(2021.114) -- CARRIED

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS: NIL

10. NEW BUSINESS: NIL

11. NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL

12. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

13. LATE ITEMS: NIL

14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor Grant

Councillor Grant advised that he attended the Regional District board meeting and an in-camera meeting.

b. Councillor Minions

Councillor Minions advised that she attended the K'omoks First Nation Community to Community Forum and the Regional Solid Waste Management Board meeting.

c. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift advised that she attended:

- two Regional District board meetings,
- the Regional District sewer commission and water committee meetings,
- the North Island 911 meeting, and
- the K'omoks First Nation Community to Community Forum.

d. Councillor McKenna

Councillor McKenna advised that he attended the K'omoks First Nation Community to Community Forum and a Chamber of Commerce business to business event.

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e. Councillor McGowan

- Councillor McGowan advised that she attended:
- the K'omoks First Nation Community to Community Forum,
 - a walk-through of the Comox Archives and Museum Society,
 - a d'Esterre Seniors board meeting,
 - a Community Substance Use meeting,
 - a Food Policy Council meeting, and
 - a Food Policy sub-committee meeting.

f. Councillor Bissinger

Councillor Bissinger advised that she attended the Regional Solid Waste Management board meeting and spoke with the vice president of Pacific Energy Woostoves.

g. Mayor Arnott

- Mayor Arnott advised that he:
- gave a Rotary presentation on the health of the Town,
 - attended the K'omoks First Nation Community to Community Forum,
 - attended a Comox BIA meeting, and
 - attended an economic development meeting with Mayor Wells.

17. 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 March 17, 2021 pursuant to the following sub-sections of section 90 of the Community Charter:

(1)(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

(2021.115) -- CARRIED

18. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA: NIL

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:09 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER