

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday April 7, 2021

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

Absent: Nil

Staff Present: J. Wall, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Russwurm, Corporate Officer
C. Freundlich, Director of Finance
M. Kamenz, Director of Development Services (electronically)
G. Schreiner, Fire Chief (electronically)
T. Hagmeier, Recreation Director (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. Deferral of Water, Sewer and Refuse Fees Report

Deferral of Agenda Item

That Item 10.e., Water, Sewer and Refuse Fees Report from the Revenue Manager, be deferred to the April 21, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Agenda

(2021.119) -- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Adoption of the Agenda

Adoption of Agenda

That the April 7, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be Adopted as Amended.

(2021.120) -- CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS:

a. Brian Mather, Ash Shekhawat & Deborah Renz (Sid Williams Theatre Society): Progress report to Council

Sid Williams Theatre Update

The delegation updated Council on the past year in comparison to 2019. They also advised of changes to the board and thanked Council for its continued support.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

a. Regular Council Meeting Minutes

RCM Meeting

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday March 17, 2021, be Adopted.

(2021.121) -- 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 10, 2021 letter from Sophia Robbins regarding the Chicken Bylaw*
 - (b) *March 12, 2021 letter from Eric Mosley (North Island College) New President and CEO*
 - (c) *March 11, 2021 email from Gail and Ray Challoner regarding 2137 Comox Avenue*
 - (d) *March 16, 2021 letter from Mayor Helps (City of Victoria) regarding Help Cities Lead Campaign*
 - (e) *March 22, 2021 letter from Cathryn W. Thompson regarding 2137 Comox Avenue*
 - (f) *March 22, 2021 letter from Dr. John & Barbara Neilson regarding Balmoral Avenue*
 - (g) *March 23, 2021 email from Rob James (PURA) regarding traffic at Point Holmes*
 - (h) *March 25, 2021 email from Andy Merrick regarding honouring his father; 3rd Mayor of Comox, Dick Merrick*
 - (i) *March 29, 2021 email from Brenda Cardinal regarding redesigning the Town's website*
 - (j) *March 29, 2021 email from Rick Vineet regarding COVID restrictions*

(2021.122) -- CARRIED
2. *That item (g), March 23, 2021 email from Rob James (PURA) regarding traffic at Point Holmes, be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*

(2021.123) -- CARRIED
3. *That item (h), March 25, 2021 email from Andy Merrick regarding honouring his father, be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*

(2021.124) -- CARRIED
4. *That item (a), March 10, 2021 letter from Sophia Robbins regarding the Chicken Bylaw, be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*

(2021.125) -- CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Strategic Planning and Action Items Report - April 7, 2021

Strategic Planning and Action Items

- That the Strategic Planning and Action Items Report for April 7, 2021 be received and filed for information.*

(2021.126) -- CARRIED

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS: NIL

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. General Fees and Charges Update

Fees and Charges Bylaw

- That the Comox Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1975, 2021 be given First, Second and Third Readings.*

(2021.127) -- CARRIED

b. Update to Municipal Marina Fees and Regulations Bylaw

Municipal Marina Fees and Regulations

1. *THAT Bylaw No. 1972 'A bylaw to establish fees and regulations for using the Comox Municipal Marina' be read for the first time.*
(2021.128) -- CARRIED
2. *THAT Bylaw No. 1972 'A bylaw to establish fees and regulations for using the Comox Municipal Marina' be read for the second time.*
(2021.129) -- CARRIED
3. *THAT Bylaw No. 1972 'A bylaw to establish fees and regulations for using the Comox Municipal Marina' be read for the third time.*
(2021.130) -- CARRIED

c. Proclamation Request: Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month

Proclamation Request

THAT Council approve the Proclamation Request to recognize May, 2021 as the Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month in Comox.
(2021.131) -- CARRIED

d. Rezoning Application RZ 20-3 (651 Anderton Road)

651 Anderton Road

1. *That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1958 be given First and Second Readings.*
(2021.132) -- CARRIED
2. *That a Virtual Public Hearing in respect of Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1958 be scheduled for May 5, 2021 6:00 pm, via Zoom video conferencing, and the Town publish the requisite notices as required by the Local Government Act.*
(2021.133) -- CARRIED

e. Chimo Gymnastics Licence to Use 2021-2025

Chimo Gymnastics

That Council approve the Chimo Gymnastics Licence to Use 2021-2025, as included in Appendix A of the April 7, 2021 Report to Mayor and Council from the Recreation Director, to operate in the Comox Community Centre; and further,
That the Mayor and the Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement.
(2021.134) -- CARRIED

f. Short or Long Term Rental for Marina Park Sail Buildings

Rental of Sail Buildings

That a decision on longer term rental of the Marina Sail Buildings be deferred until the new Marine Services Building in Marina Park is constructed.
(2021.135) -- CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION:

a. NOTICE OF MOTION: Point Holmes Area Traffic Calming - Councillor Bissinger

Notice of Motion: Traffic Calming

Councillor Bissinger provided a Notice of Motion as follows:

"That staff action speed bumps, speed reduction and traffic calming measures in the Point Holmes Area from the Cape Lazo Campground to the top of the hill at Kye Bay Road."

b. NOTICE OF MOTION: Naming of Parks and Streets After Notable Citizens - Mayor Arnott

**Notice of Motion:
Recognising Notable Citizens**

Mayor Arnott provided a Notice of Motion as follows:

"That the policy preventing parks and streets to be named after notable citizens be repealed, and that procedures be established to allow such naming when suitable proposals are received."

REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MEETING RECESS AT 5:55 P.M. UNTIL AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING APPLICATION RZ 19-9 (425 STEWART STREET).

CARRIED

THE MEETING WAS CALLED BACK TO ORDER AT 6:12 P.M.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

g. 2021 Tax Rates

2021 Tax Rates

1. *That \$220,000 in Public Safety Reserves and \$100,000 in COVID relief funds be added to the budget in 2021; and further,*

That 2021 municipal tax rates on representative properties be as follows:

- Class 1: 4.95%
- Class 2: 7.09%
- Class 5: 3.94%
- Class 6: 3.95%
- Class 8: 4.23%
- Class 9: 5.98%

That the main motion be amended to add, "and that \$200,000 in Public Safety Reserves and \$300,000 in COVID relief funds be earmarked for tax rate relief for 2022".

(2021.136) -- CARRIED

2. *Main motion as amended:*

That \$220,000 in Public Safety Reserves and \$100,000 in COVID relief funds be added to the budget in 2021, and that \$200,000 in Public Safety Reserves and \$300,000 in COVID relief funds be earmarked for tax rate relief for 2022; and further,

That 2021 municipal tax rates on representative properties be as follows:

- Class 1: 4.95%
- Class 2: 7.09%
- Class 5: 3.94%
- Class 6: 3.95%
- Class 8: 4.23%
- Class 9: 5.98%

(2021.137) -- CARRIED

13. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

14. LATE ITEMS: NIL

15. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor Grant

Councillor Grant advised that he had nothing to report.

b. Councillor McKenna

Councillor McKenna advised that he attended:

- a Vancouver Island Regional Board meeting,
- a Community Justice Centre meeting, and
- a Coalition to End Homelessness meeting.

c. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift advised that she attended a Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association meeting and a Regional District board meeting.

d. Councillor Minions

Councillor Minions advised that she attended:

- a Regional Hospital District board meeting;
- a Community Solutions Network workshop on transportation, housing and energy; and
- a Coalition to End Homelessness meeting.

e. Councillor Bissinger

Councillor Bissinger advised that she had nothing to report.

f. Councillor McGowan

Councillor McGowan advised that she attended:

- a Youth Climate Council World Water Day,
- a virtual information session on rethinking energy , and
- a webinar from the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative.

g. Mayor Arnott

Mayor Arnott advised that he attended:

- a zoom meeting with Providence,
- an annual performance meeting with the RCMP,
- a zoom meeting with MLA Leonard,
- a lunch meeting with Comox Valley Airport Commission CEO Mike Atkins,
- a meeting with a couple of community members regarding an art project related to reconciliation,
- an in-camera Regional District meeting, and
- a Provincial Health call with Minister Osborne.

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 April 7, 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.

(2021.138) -- CARRIED

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT 6:52 P.M.

THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:38 P.M.

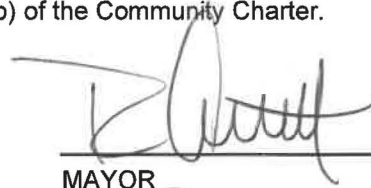
18. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA: NIL

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER