

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday May 19, 2021

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

Absent: Nil

Staff Present: J. Wall, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Russwurm, Director of Corporate Services
M. Kamenz, Director of Development Services (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 Agenda

That the May 19, 2021 Regular Council Meeting agenda be adopted.

(2021.220) -- CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS:

a. Russell Dyson (Comox Valley Regional District): Sewer Conveyance Route

Sewer Conveyance

Mr. Dyson and Mr. Kris LaRose provided an update for Council on the liquid waste management planning process and the conveyance route for the replacement of the sewer line through the Town. They advised that the works will consist of a combination of horizontal drilling and cut and cover, and they are working with staff to minimize the community.

b. Audrey Craig (Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association): Filberg Park Grape Arbour

Grape Arbour

Ms. Craig advised that the condition of the grape arbour has become a hazard, during the time that its restoration was delayed for two years. They have rescheduled its replacement for this summer/fall and are asking Council to expedite the approval process for a heritage alteration permit so that they can complete the works.

c. Bob Brash, Executive Director (Truck Loggers Assoc.): Importance of timber harvesting in Comox

Timber Harvesting

Mr. Brash gave an overview of the role of the Truck Loggers Association and the value and importance of timber harvesting in Comox. Mr. Brash provided some information on the cost structures and complexities of working in the forest sector and in particular the old growth forests. He advised that the Truck Loggers Association is supportive of change and working towards a collective vision on improving overall forestry sector prosperity and healthy resource communities.

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 May 5, 2021, be Adopted.

(2021.221) -- CARRIED

b. Special Council Meeting Minutes

Special Council Meeting Minutes

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday May 12, 2021, be Approved.

(2021.222) -- 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 May 12, 2021, be Received.

(2021.223) -- CARRIED

b. Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Public Hearing Minutes

That the Minutes of the Public Hearing, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday May 5, 2021 be Adopted.

(2021.224) -- CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

1. *That the Consent Agenda items as follows be received:*

1. *May 3, 2021 email from Donald Traboulee regarding lowering the speed along Lazo Road*
2. *May 7, 2021 letter from Rob James of Point Holmes Recreation Association regarding Lazo Road Traffic Speed*
3. *May 3, 2021 email from Steve Hill regarding Residential Tax Exemption Program*
4. *May 7, 2021 letter from David Hyndman regarding a safety concern at the Marina boat launch*
5. *May 11, 2021 email from Amber-Skye Brammall of Highland Secondary regarding tree planting*
6. *Comox Valley Regional District Board meeting minutes held on April 13 & 27, 2021*
7. *Comox Strathcona Waste Management Board meeting minutes held on April 22, 2021*

(2021.225) -- CARRIED

2. *That the May 3, 2021 email from Steve Hill be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*

(2021.226) -- CARRIED

a. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

3. *That the May 11, 2021 email from Amber-Skye Brammall of Highland Secondary regarding tree planting be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*
(2021.227) -- CARRIED
4. *That the May 7, 2021 letter from David Hyndman regarding a safety concern at the Marina boat launch be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*
(2021.228) -- CARRIED
5. *That the topic of BC Hydro LED street lights be added to the agenda for discussion.*
(2021.229) -- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Strategic Planning and Action Items Report - May 19, 2021

Strategic Priorities Report

That the Strategic Priorities and Action Items Report for May 19, 2021 be received and filed for information.

(2021.230) -- CARRIED

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS:

a. Rezoning Application RZ 21-1 (Home Occupation Text Amendment - Reflexology)

Home Occupation Rezoning - Reflexology

1. *That the Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1971 be given Third Reading.*
(2021.231) -- CARRIED
2. *That the Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1971 be Adopted.*
(2021.232) -- CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Development Variance Permit Application: DVP 20-2 (582 Windslow Road)

582 Windslow Road

That Development Variance Permit 20-2 be issued, subject to the Development Variance Permit Conditions listed in Schedule 1 of the May 19, 2021 Planning Report to Mayor and Council, titled "Development Variance Permit Application: DVP 20-2 (582 Windslow Road)".

(2021.233) -- CARRIED

b. Community Centre Display Cases - Licence to Use or Occupy

Pearl Ellis Gallery - Display Art

That the Licence to Use or Occupy Agreement between the Town and the Pearl Ellis Gallery of Fine Arts Society, as included in the May 19, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Agenda, be approved for a period of three years effective July 1, 2021; and further, that the Mayor and the Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement.

(2021.234) -- CARRIED

c. Marine Services Building Design and Cost Estimate

Marine Services Building

1. *THAT Council support the attached Marine Services Building floor layout and;

THAT Council acknowledges changes that may be required as plans are finalized, business cases are understood, and construction constraints are better known and;

THAT a cost estimate based on the approved design be brought to Council for consideration and approval.*

(2021.235) -- CARRIED
2. *THAT due to guidance from the BC Building Board regarding accessibility requirements the flat platform roof option be discontinued.*

(2021.236) -- CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION:

a. Heritage Alteration Permit - Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association

Heritage Permit - Filberg

1. *That the following motion be added to the agenda for consideration:

"That, in accordance with section 3 of the Comox Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 1363, 2001 (Exemptions from Permit Requirement), a Heritage Alteration Permit not be required by the Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association for the replacement of the grape arbour."*

(2021.237) -- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
2. *That, in accordance with section 3 of the Comox Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 1363, 2001 (Exemptions from Permit Requirement), a Heritage Alteration Permit not be required by the Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association for the replacement of the grape arbour.*

(2021.238) -- CARRIED

12. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

13. LATE ITEMS: NIL

14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift advised that she attended:

- an Indigenous training session,
- a strategic planning session with the Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association,
- the regional sewer commission meeting, and
- the regional district board meeting.

b. Councillor Grant

Councillor Grant advised that he attended:

- the regional sewer commission meeting,
- the regional district board meeting, and
- an economic development service review meeting.

c. Councillor Minions

Councillor Minions advised that she:

- attended the regional hospital board meeting,
- attended a Comox Valley Drug Strategy community session,
- met with Helen Boyd and a community doctor regarding activities of the health network, and
- attended a couple of other community meetings.

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d. Councillor McKenna

Councillor McKenna advised that he had two meetings with the Vancouver Island Regional Library and attended the Indigenous awareness training.

e. Councillor Bissinger

Councillor Bissinger advised that she attended the regional sewage commission meeting and the regional solid waste management board meeting.

f. Councillor McGowan

Councillor McGowan advised that she attended:

- the Indigenous training session,
- a Substitute Strategy wrap up meeting, and
- a Food Policy Council meeting.

g. Mayor Arnott

Mayor Arnott advised that he attended:

- a meeting with the BC Housing,
- the regular COVID meeting with Minister Osborne,
- an in-camera regional district meeting,
- a Comox Business in Action meeting,
- a meeting with Island Health's new executive director, and
- a discussion with an RCMP member at Point Holmes.

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 May 19, 2021 pursuant to the following sub-sections of section 90 of the Community Charter:

(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations.

(2021.239) -- CARRIED

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT 6:19 P.M.

THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED AT 6:55 P.M.

18. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA: NIL

Adjournment:

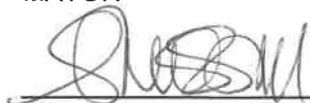
Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER