

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday June 16, 2021

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

Absent: Nil

Staff Present: J. Wall, Chief Administrative Officer (electronically)
S. Russwurm, Corporate Officer
C. Freundlich, Director of Finance (electronically)
M. Kamenz, Director of Development Services
G. Schreiner, Fire Chief
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 standing on the Unceded traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation.

1. INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF LATE ITEMS: NIL

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

a. Adoption of the Agenda

Adoption of Agenda

That the June 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting agenda be Adopted.

(2021.260) -- CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS:

a. Mike Zbarsky (CVRD) and James Wadsworth (BC Transit): Regional transit exchange at Port Augusta Street and Comox Avenue

Transit Exchange

Mr. Zbarsky and Mr. Wadsworth provided information on the Comox Valley Transit Infrastructure Study, particularly on the recommendations related to the upgrade of the transit exchange in Comox, at Port August Street and Comox Avenue. They advised that the upgrade to the Comox exchange, as well as upgrades to the Courtenay exchanges, will help to enhance the frequent transit network between Comox and Courtenay, which will reduce travel times and increase ridership.

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 June 2, 2021, be Adopted.

(2021.261) -- 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 June 9, 2021, be Received.

(2021.262) -- CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) 2020 Transportation Master Plan Update

Transportation Master Plan

THAT the 2020 Transportation Master Plan Update, as included in the June 9, 2021 Strategic Planning Committee agenda, be adopted.

(2021.263) -- CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

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

1. *June 3, 2021 email from Dianna Colnett regarding the replacement of Comox street lights.*
2. *June 3, 2021 letter from Verena Bryner regarding chickens in the backyard.*
3. *June 4, 2021 email from Cathy Peters of the BC Anti-Human Trafficking regarding Kamloops and update on Human sex trafficking.*
4. *June 7, 2021 letter from Ralph Watts regarding the Street Light Replacement.*
5. *June 7, 2021 email from John Scott regarding bikes on walking paths at Comox Marina Park.*
6. *June 9, 2021 email from Jennifer Dobbelaere regarding a bike and skate park.*
7. *June 9, 2021 email from Laura Lidstone regarding a bike and skate park.*
8. *June 10, 2021 email from Andrea Levaseur regarding a bike and skate park.*
9. *June 10, 2021 email from Crystal Oelke regarding a bike and skate park.*
10. *June 11, 2021 email from Michelle Brown regarding a bike and skate park.*
11. *June 11, 2021 email from Kelly Broza regarding a bike and skate park.*
12. *Comox Valley Regional District Board meeting minutes held on May 11 & 25, 2021.*
13. *Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board meeting minutes held on May 13, 2021.*

(2021.264) -- CARRIED

2. *That items 6 to 11 of the June 16, 2021 Consent Agenda, regarding a bike and skate park, be removed for discussion.*

(2021.265) -- CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Strategic Priorities and Action Items Report - June 16, 2021

Strategic Priorities Report

That the Strategic Priorities and Action Items Report for June 16, 2021 be received and filed for information.

(2021.266) -- CARRIED

b. 2020 Annual Report

Annual Report

That the 2020 Annual Report, as contained in the June 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting agenda, be Adopted.

(2021.267) -- CARRIED

c. UBCM Meeting Requests

UBCM Meeting Requests

1. *THAT the Town of Comox request a meeting of the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure at the 2021 UBCM meeting to discuss the Town's planned upgrades along Lazo and Knight Road and the desire for the Town to see the Province upgrade their section.*

(2021.268) -- CARRIED

2. *THAT the Town of Comox request a meeting of the Minister of Education and/or Minister of Mental Health & Addictions at the 2021 UBCM meeting to discuss lack of movement on pilot projects on X, as well as the psych-educational and autism assessments.*

(2021.269) -- CARRIED

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS: NIL

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Northeast Comox Storm Water Management Plan Implementation: Bylaws

Northeast Comox Implementation

1a *THAT Comox Drainage Infrastructure Protection Bylaw 1824 be given First Reading.*

(2021.270) -- CARRIED

1b *THAT Comox Drainage Infrastructure Protection Bylaw 1824 be given Second Reading.*

(2021.271) -- CARRIED

2a *THAT Comox Highway Use Bylaw 1920 be given First Reading.*

(2021.272) -- CARRIED

2b *THAT Comox Highway Use Bylaw 1920 be given Second Reading.*

(2021.273) -- CARRIED

3a *THAT, prior to Third Reading of Subdivision and Servicing Bylaw, Amendment No. 1977, a report be provided to Council discussing an increase in the buffer along Pritchard Road from 12m to 24m as well requiring higher than 25% tree retention without an ability to replant.*

(2021.274) -- CARRIED

3b *THAT Subdivision and Servicing Bylaw, Amendment No. 1977 be given First Reading.*

(2021.275) -- CARRIED

a. Northeast Comox Storm Water Management Plan Implementation: Bylaws

**Northeast Comox
Implementation**

- 3c. *THAT Subdivision and Servicing Bylaw, Amendment No. 1977 be given Second Reading.*
(2021.276) -- CARRIED
- 4a *THAT Comox Runoff Control Bylaw 1919 be given First Reading.*
(2021.277) -- CARRIED
- 4b *THAT Comox Runoff Control Bylaw 1919 be given Second Reading.*
(2021.278) -- CARRIED
- 5a *THAT Comox Storm Drain Connection Amendment Bylaw, No.1921 be given First Reading.*
(2021.279) -- CARRIED
- 5b *THAT Comox Storm Drain Connection Amendment Bylaw, No.1921 be given Second Reading.*
(2021.280) -- CARRIED
- 6a *THAT Comox Building Amendment Bylaw 1922 be given First Reading.*
(2021.281) -- CARRIED
- 6b *THAT Comox Building Amendment Bylaw 1922 be given Second Reading.*
(2021.282) -- CARRIED

b. Northeast Comox Storm Water Management Plan Implementation: Official Community Plan Amendment OCP 21-2 - Introductory Report

**Northeast Comox
Implementation**

- 1. *That, in accordance with section 475 of the Local Government Act, the proposed OCP Amendment OCP 21-2 be referred to K'ómoks First Nation;*
(2021.283) -- CARRIED
- 2. *That, in accordance with section 475 of the Local Government Act, notice of proposed OCP Amendment, as contained in Attachment 1 to the June 16, 2021 Planning Introductory Report OCP 21-2, be placed on the Town's bulletin board and website, until replaced by a notice of public hearing.*
(2021.284) -- CARRIED
- 3. *That, in accordance with section 475 of the Local Government Act, the January 20, 2021 Planning Report PR 21-1, as contained in Attachment 2, and the June 16, 2021 Planning Introductory Report OCP 21-2 be posted on the Town's website.*
(2021.285) -- CARRIED

c. Northeast Comox Storm Water Management Plan Implementation: ALR Buffer - Introductory Report

**Northeast Comox
Implementation**

- That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1983 be given First and Second Readings.*
(2021.286) -- CARRIED

d. 2021 Capital Projects Budget Increase Request

Capital Projects Budget

1. *THAT Council approves of an increase in the 2021 Capital Projects Budget for the Noel Ave (Aspen to Aitken) Watermain, Storm and Road Resurfacing Project, an increase of \$230,000(\$158,000 Road Resurfacing, \$63,000 Storm Reserve and \$9,000 Water Reserve).*

(2021.287) -- CARRIED

2. *THAT Council approves of an increase in the 2021 Capital Projects Budget for the McKenzie Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project, an increase of \$30,000 from Sewer Reserve.*

(2021.288) -- CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL

12. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

13. LATE ITEMS: NIL

14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift advised that she attended the Regional District sewer commission, water committee and regular board meetings.

b. Councillor McGowan

Councillor McGowan advised that she attended a Food Policy Council meeting, met with the CAO and some Comox Archives and Museum Society board members and attended a d'Esterre Seniors Centre meeting.

c. Councillor Grant

Councillor Grant advised that he attended the Regional District sewer commission, water committee and regular board meetings.

d. Councillor Bissinger

Councillor Bissinger advised that she toured an almost passive house in Comox and had a discussion with parents regarding a pump and skate park.

e. Councillor McKenna

Councillor McKenna advised that he participated in a passive house tour, participated in interviews with the Vancouver Island Regional Library board and met with two community groups - one holding an online festival and one having live musical theatre this summer.

f. Councillor Minions

Councillor Minions advised that she:

- attended the Regional District sewage commission meeting,
- toured the almost passive house,
- participated in Stocky Edwards' birthday event,
- attended some FCM conference workshops, and
- attended the Fairy Creek blockade.

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g. Mayor Arnott

Mayor Arnott advised that he attended:

- attended a BC Restart Zoom call,
- attended an ICET board meeting,
- participated in Stocky Edwards' birthday event,
- participated in an Island Health COVID call,
- attended a Baynes Sound / Lambert Channel ecoforum, and
- attended a BIA meeting.

17. RESOLUTION TO GO IN-CAMERA: NIL

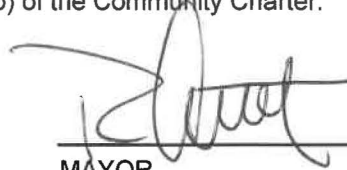
18. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA: NIL

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER