

**TOWN OF COMOX**  
**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,**  
**held in Council Chambers on Wednesday October 20, 2021**

**Present:** Mayor R. Arnott  
Councillors A. Bissinger, K. Grant, S. McGowan,  
N. Minions, M. Swift

**Absent:** Nil

**Staff Present:** J. Wall, Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Russwurm, Corporate Officer  
M. Kamenz, Director of Development Services  
G. Schreiner, Fire Chief (electronically)

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

Pursuant to the Gatherings and Events Order of the Public Health Officer, Council Chambers was open to members of the public with limited seating capacity. 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.

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**1. INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF LATE ITEMS: NIL**

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: NIL**

**3. DELEGATIONS:**

**a. S/Sgt Troy Beauregard (RCMP): Quarterly RCMP Statistics for Comox**

**RCMP Statistics**

S/Sgt Beauregard provided a summary of policing statistics for the second quarter of 2021 (Jul1 to Sep 30), compared to first quarter statistics. S/Sgt also provided an operational update and answered questions of Council members.

**b. Christine Hodgson and Gary Guthrie (Brooklyn Creek Watershed Society) Support for a pathway along Brooklyn Creek**

**Brooklyn Creek Watershed Society**

Ms. Hodgson and Mr. Guthrie provided information on the Society's restoration work, fundraising and successes related to the rehabilitation of Brooklyn Creek. They also advised of their desire to see a complete walking trail along the extent of the Creek within the Town and presented their assessment of how this could be approached. They asked that staff be directed to develop a two-step implementation plan for acquisition of the property needed.

**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 October 6, 2021, be Approved.*

(2021.405) -- CARRIED

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS:**

**a. Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Strategic Planning  
Committee Minutes**

1. *That the Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday September 22, 2021, be Received.*  

(2021.406) -- CARRIED
  
2. *That the Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday October 13, 2021, be Received.*  

(2021.407) -- CARRIED

**6. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**a. Consent Agenda**

**Consent Agenda**

1. *That the Consent Agenda items as follows be received:*
  1. *October 1, 2021 email from Chuck Mills regarding a controlled pedestrian crosswalk on Comox Avenue.*
  2. *October 3, 2021 email from Geoff Battimelli regarding a traffic safety issue at the intersection of Glacier View Drive and Comox Avenue.*
  3. *October 3, 2021 email from Barbara Berger of the Comox Valley Chapter regarding the BC Climate Emergency Campaign.*
  4. *October 3, 2021 email from Craig Baird of Canadian History Ehx regarding Town of Comox Sponsorship Podcast Episode.*
  5. *October 3, 2021 email from Lorraine Kendall regarding parking signs in front of 1700 Balmoral Avenue.*
  6. *October 3, 2021 email from Leone King regarding parking signs in front of 1700 Balmoral Avenue.*
  7. *October 3, 2021 email from Trudy Rochon regarding parking signs in front of 1700 Balmoral Avenue.*
  8. *October 6, 2021 letter from Robert Laing regarding Butchers Road.*
  9. *October 6, 2021 email from Ray & Gail Challoner regarding the changes to metered water rates and billing.*
  10. *Comox Valley Regional District Board meeting minutes held Tuesday, October 5, 2021.*
  11. *October 12, 2021 letter from Dwayne Varney regarding the increase in the water bill.*  

(2021.408) -- CARRIED

**a. Consent Agenda**

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- 2. *That the following items be removed from the consent agenda for discussion:*
  - *October 3, 2021 email from Lorraine Kendall regarding parking signs in front of 1700 Balmoral Avenue,*
  - *October 3, 2021 email from Leone King regarding parking signs in front of 1700 Balmoral Avenue, and*
  - *October 3, 2021 email from Trudy Rochon regarding parking signs in front of 1700 Balmoral Avenue.*

(2021.409) -- CARRIED
  
- 3. *That the October 12, 2021 letter from Dwayne Varney regarding an increase in the water bill be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.*

(2021.410) -- CARRIED
  
- 4. *That the October 3, 2021 email from Barbara Berger of the Comox Valley Chapter regarding the BC Climate Emergency Campaign be removed from the consent agenda and that a letter of support be sent.*

(2021.411) -- CARRIED
  
- 5. *That the October 6, 2021 letter from Robert Laing regarding Butchers Road be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.*

(2021.412) -- CARRIED
  
- 6. *That the October 3, 2021 email from Craig Baird of Canadian History Ehx regarding a Town of Comox Sponsorship Podcast Episode be removed from the consent agenda and that they be engaged to develop a podcast regarding the Town of Comox history including interesting places to see and do.*

(2021.413) -- CARRIED
  
- 7. *That the October 1, 2021 email from Chuck Mills, requesting that the controlled crosswalk at Comox Ave and Rodello St be taken down, be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.*

(2021.414) -- CARRIED
  
- 8. *That the October 3, 2021 email from Geoff Battimelli, requesting a traffic circle for the intersection of Glacier View Drive and Comox Avenue, be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.*

(2021.415) -- CARRIED

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**a. Strategic Priorities and Action Items Report - October 20, 2021**

**Strategic Priorities**

- That the Strategic Priorities and Action Items Report for October 20, 2021 be received and filed for information.*

(2021.416) -- CARRIED

**b. North East Comox Implementation Bylaws, Adoption Report**

**NE Comox Implementation**

- 1. *That Comox Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1976 be Adopted.*

(2021.417) -- CARRIED
  
- 2. *That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1983 be Adopted.*

(2021.418) -- CARRIED

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**b. North East Comox Implementation Bylaws, Adoption Report**

**NE Comox Implementation**

- 3. *That Comox Drainage Infrastructure Protection Bylaw 1824 be Adopted.*  
(2021.419) -- CARRIED
  
- 4. *That Comox Runoff Control Bylaw 1919 be Adopted.*  
(2021.420) -- CARRIED
  
- 5. *That Comox Highway Use Bylaw 1920 be Adopted.*  
(2021.421) -- CARRIED
  
- 6. *That Comox Storm Drain Connection Amendment Bylaw, No. 1921 be Adopted.*  
(2021.422) -- CARRIED
  
- 7. *That Comox Building Amendment Bylaw 1922 be Adopted.*  
(2021.423) -- CARRIED
  
- 8. *That Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw No. 1977, 2021 be Adopted.*  
(2021.424) -- CARRIED

**8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL**

**9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS:**

**a. Comox Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1990, 2021**

**Permissive Property Tax Exemptions**

- That Comox Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1990, 2021 be Adopted.*  
(2021.425) -- CARRIED

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Notice of Motion from October 6, 2021 RCM: Goose Spit Beach Fire Program - Mayor Arnott**

**Goose Spit Beach Fire Program**

- That the Town of Comox write a letter to the Comox Valley Regional District supporting the continuation of the Goose Spit Beach Fire Program.*  
(2021.426) -- CARRIED

**11. NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL**

**12. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**a. Jasia Cocking (Royal Canadian Legion Br 160 Comox): Request for flyby permission for Remembrance Day**

**Legion Request for Flyby**

- That the October 14, 2021 email from Jasia Cocking of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 160 Comox be received and that permission be granted for a flyby by RCAF Aircraft as low as 500 feet for the planned Remembrance Day Service being held in Comox BC Canada, for transit, practice and shows on November 11, 2021.*  
(2021.427) -- CARRIED

**13. LATE ITEMS: NIL**

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**14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:**

**a. Councillor Swift**

Councillor Swift advised that she attended the water forum and the in-camera sewage commission meeting.

**b. Councillor McGowan**

Councillor McGowan advised that she attended a decolonizing 101 webinar.

**c. Councillor Grant**

Councillor Grant advised that he attended the in-camera sewage commission meeting and the Economic Development Society service review meeting.

**d. Councillor Bissinger**

Councillor Bissinger advised that she attended the Comox-Strathcona regional hospital board meeting.

**e. Councillor Minions**

Councillor Minions advised that she:  
- attended the Comox-Strathcona regional hospital board meeting,  
- attended the in-camera sewage commission meeting,  
- talked to a community member regarding strategic priorities,  
- attended a chicken tour, and  
- had two phone calls regarding the 1700 Balmoral parking issue.

**f. Mayor Arnott**

Mayor Arnott advised that he:  
- participated in a Zoom Island Health meeting,  
- served lunch at the St. George's Church in Courtenay,  
- attended a meeting with the CAO regarding marine concerns, and  
- attended the Community Justice Centre lecture series with the CAO.

**17. RESOLUTION TO GO IN-CAMERA: NIL**

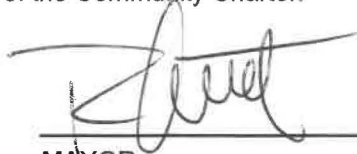
**18. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA: NIL**

**Adjournment:**

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:08 p.m.

*CARRIED*

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER