

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday November 17, 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
C. Freundlich, Director of Finance
M. Kamenz, Director of Development Services
G. Schreiner, Fire Chief
T. Hagmeier, Recreation Director
S. Ashfield, Director of Operations
M. Bell, Communications and Legislative Coordinator

Call to Order:

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

There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

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 Regular Council Meeting Agenda of November 17, 2021 be Adopted.

(2021.469) -- CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS: NIL

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 November 3, 2021, be Approved.

(2021.470) -- CARRIED

b. Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

PH Meeting Minutes

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

(2021.471) -- CARRIED

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5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS:

a. Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

SPC Minutes

That the Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday November 10, 2021, be Received.

(2021.472) -- CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

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

1. *October 30, 2021 email from Joanne Abbott regarding fireworks.*
2. *November 1, 2021 email from Catherine Black regarding Buena Vista traffic.*
3. *November 2, 2021 email from Adam Duncan regarding sponsorship for the 2022 U21 Junior Curling Championships.*
4. *November 3, 2021 email from Steve Hill regarding wood burning.*
5. *November 4, 2021 email from Robert Sadee regarding fireworks.*
6. *November 5, 2021 letter from Jesse Ketler, Chair of the CVRD, regarding an upcoming elected officials forum.*
7. *November 9, 2021 email from Cathy Peters regarding child sex trafficking.*
8. *November 10, 2021 email from Mike Copp regarding concerns of retaining walls, parking and construction noise.*

(2021.473) -- CARRIED

2. *That item 4 (November 3, 2021 email from Steve Hill regarding wood burning) and item 8 (November 10, 2021 email from Mike Copp regarding concerns of retaining walls, parking and construction noise) be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*

(2021.474) -- CARRIED

3. *That item 1 (October 30, 2021 email from Joanne Abbott regarding fireworks) and item 5 (November 4, 2021 email from Robert Sadee regarding fireworks) be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion; and further,*

That the Town send a letter to the K'omoks First Nation (KFN), advising of the Town's concern over the sale of fireworks on KFN Territory.

(2021.475) -- CARRIED

4. *That item 3 (November 2, 2021 email from Adam Duncan regarding sponsorship for the 2022 U21 Junior Curling Championships) be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion; and further,*

That the Town write a letter to the BC Junior Curling Championship participants, welcoming them to the Comox Valley.

(2021.476) -- CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Strategic Priorities and Action Items Report - November 17, 2021

Strategic Priorities and Action Items

That the Strategic Priorities and Action Items Report for November 17, 2021 be Received and Filed for information.

(2021.477) -- CARRIED

b. Joint Working Group of the Substance Use Strategy Report: Request for staff support and funding (See November 3, 2021 RCM Minutes)

Substance Use Strategy

1. *That a staff member be appointed to the Joint Working Group of the Substance Use Strategy Report.*

(2021.478) -- DEFEATED

[Opposed: Mayor Arnott, Councillors ABissinger KGrant SMcGowan NMinions]

2. *That the Community Substance Use Strategy Committee be requested to provide information on the staff needs and time commitment requested for the Joint Working Group.*

(2021.479) -- CARRIED

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS:

a. Rezoning Application RZ 20-4 Urban Agriculture

Urban Agriculture

1. *That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1987 with a minimum parcel size of 1,500 m2 be given Third Reading.*

(2021.480) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillors KGrant MSwift]

2. *That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1987 be Adopted.*

(2021.481) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillors KGrant MSwift]

3. *That Comox Sign Amendment Bylaw 1988 be Adopted.*

(2021.482) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillors KGrant MSwift]

4. *That Comox Building Amendment Bylaw 1989 be Adopted.*

(2021.483) -- CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Development Variance Permit Application DVP 21-6 (266 Stewart Street)

266 Stewart Street

That Development Variance Permit DVP 21-6 be issued subject to the Development Variance Permit Conditions listed in Schedule 1 of the November 17th Planning Report on DVP 21-6.

(2021.484) -- CARRIED

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b. Water, Sewer and Refuse Fees

Water, Sewer and Refuse Fees

- 1. *That the Comox Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1991, 2021 be given First Reading.*
(2021.485) -- CARRIED

- 2. *That the Comox Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1991, 2021 be given Second Reading.*
(2021.486) -- CARRIED

- 3. *That the Comox Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1991, 2021 be given Third Reading.*
(2021.487) -- CARRIED

- 4. *That the Comox Sewer User Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1992, 2021 be given First Reading.*
(2021.488) -- CARRIED

- 5. *That the Comox Sewer User Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1992, 2021 be given Second Reading.*
(2021.489) -- CARRIED

- 6. *That the Comox Sewer User Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1992, 2021 be given Third Reading.*
(2021.490) -- CARRIED

- 7. *That the Comox Refuse Collection Amendment Bylaw No. 1585.10, 2021 be given First Reading.*
(2021.491) -- CARRIED

- 8. *That the Comox Refuse Collection Amendment Bylaw No. 1585.10, 2021 be given Second Reading.*
(2021.492) -- CARRIED

- 9. *That the Comox Refuse Collection Amendment Bylaw No. 1585.10, 2021 be given Third Reading.*
(2021.493) -- CARRIED

AT 5:44 P.M., MAYOR ARNOTT LEFT THE MEETING, DECLARING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA, AS HE IS A MUNICIPAL MARINA TENANT. ACTING MAYOR SWIFT ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

c. 2022 Marina Rates

Marina Rates

- 1. *That the Comox Municipal Marina Fees and Regulations Bylaw No. 1993, 2021 be given First Reading.*
(2021.494) -- CARRIED

- 2. *That the Comox Municipal Marina Fees and Regulations Bylaw No. 1993, 2021 be given Second Reading.*
(2021.495) -- CARRIED

- 3. *That the Comox Municipal Marina Fees and Regulations Bylaw No. 1993, 2021 be given Third Reading.*
(2021.496) -- CARRIED

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AT 5:54 P.M., MAYOR ARNOTT RETURNED TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND RESUMED THE CHAIR.

d. Water Parcel Tax

Water Parcel Tax

1. *That the Comox Sanitary Sewer and Water Parcel Tax Bylaw 1994, 2021 be given First Reading.*

(2021.497) -- CARRIED
2. *That the Comox Sanitary Sewer and Water Parcel Tax Bylaw 1994, 2021 be given Second Reading.*

(2021.498) -- CARRIED
3. *That the Comox Sanitary Sewer and Water Parcel Tax Bylaw 1994, 2021 be given Third Reading.*

(2021.499) -- CARRIED

e. Capital and Special Projects Budget 2022

Capital and Special Projects 2022

Council had a general discussion regarding the proposed Capital and Special Projects Budget for 2022.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL

12. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

13. LATE ITEMS: NIL

14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor McGowan

Councillor McGowan advised that she:

- attended a session on modernizing forestry policy,
- viewed some BC housing conferences, and
- attended an elders take action group meeting.

b. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift advised that she attended:

- the CVRD recreation commission meeting,
- the CVRD board meeting, and
- an elders take action group meeting.

c. Councillor Grant

Councillor Grant advised that he:

- attended the CVRD sports commission meeting,
- listened to the all candidates debate, and
- met with CVRD board chair Ketler.

d. Councillor Bissinger

Councillor Bissinger advised that she attended a webinar on modernizing forestry and listened to the all candidates meeting.

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e. Councillor Minions

Councillor Minions advised that she:

- attended the modernizing forestry webinar,
- listened to the Chamber of Commerce's all candidates meeting, and
- discussed bylaw enforcement levels with a resident.

f. Mayor Arnott

Mayor Arnott advised that he:

- met with some new residents,
- participated in the Child Development Telethon,
- met with group regarding a public radio initiative,
- attended a BIA meeting,
- attended the remembrance day ceremony, and
- attended the Salvation Army's 25th anniversary of Pidcock centre.

17. RESOLUTION TO GO IN-CAMERA: NIL

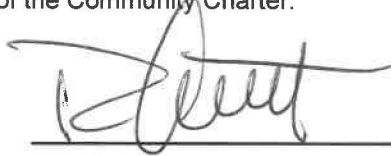
18. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA: NIL

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:54 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER