

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday February 16, 2022

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

Absent: Nil

Staff Present: J. Wall, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Russwurm, Corporate Officer
C. Freundlich, Director of Finance
M. Kamenz, Director of Development Services
G. Schreiner, Fire Chief
S. Ashfield, Director of Operations
R. Bozerocka, Planner
M. Bell, Communications and Legislative Coordinator

Call to Order:

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

There were 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 February 16, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be Adopted.

(2022.056) -- CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS:

a. Kimerly Toonders and Maurita Prato (Comox Valley Food Policy Council)

Food Policy Council

Ms. Toonders and Ms. Prato gave a brief overview of the Food Policy Council and identified some of the priorities areas for the Council. They advised that they act as an advisory council regarding matters related to food policy and invited Council member to join meetings or consider becoming a member.

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 February 2, 2022, be Adopted.

(2022.057) -- CARRIED

b. Special Council Meeting Minutes

**Special Council Meeting
Minutes**

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday February 9, 2022, be Adopted.

(2022.058) -- CARRIED

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 February 9, 2022, be Received.

(2022.059) -- CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) Town Logo Rebranding

Town Logo Rebranding

1. *That Council approve of Option A for an updated Town logo to be used for all remaining logo visual assets, as presented in UpanUp's Comox Logo & Branding Update, attached to the Communications and Legislative Coordinator's February 9, 2022 report to the Strategic Planning Committee.*

(2022.060) -- CARRIED

2. *That Council approve of Option C for an updated Town logo to be used on the Town website, as presented in UpanUp's Comox Logo & Branding Update, attached to the Communications and Legislative Coordinator's February 9, 2022 report to the Strategic Planning Committee*

(2022.061) -- CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

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

1. *January 28, 2022 email from Debbie Joslin regarding parking concerns at Brooklyn School.*
2. *February 3, 2022 email from Barb Tribe regarding the crossing on Balmoral Avenue, going from Brooklyn Creek to Mack Laing Park.*
3. *February 7, 2022 letter from Dr. John and Barbara Neilson regarding traffic and safety concerns on Balmoral Avenue.*
4. *February 10, 2022 letter from Arzeena Hamir (Comox Valley Regional District) regarding the cancellation of the Goose Spit Beach Fire Program.*

(2022.062) -- CARRIED

2. *That item 2 (February 3, 2022 email from Barb Tribe regarding the crossing on Balmoral Avenue, going from Brooklyn Creek to Mack Laing Park) be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*

(2022.063) -- CARRIED

3. *That item 3 (February 7, 2022 letter from Dr. John and Barbara Neilson regarding traffic and safety concerns on Balmoral Avenue) be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*

(2022.064) -- CARRIED

4. *That item 4 (February 10, 2022 letter from Arzeena Hamir (Comox Valley Regional District) regarding the cancellation of the Goose Spit Beach Fire Program) be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*

(2022.065) -- CARRIED

a. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

5. *That item 1 (January 28, 2022 email from Debbie Joslin regarding parking concerns at Brooklyn School) be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*

(2022.066) -- CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Affordable Housing Contribution Update

**Affordable Housing
Contribution**

THAT an Affordable Housing Contribution policy with a Long Term Acquisition method policy be submitted to Council for review.

(2022.067) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Mayor Arnott, Councillors KGrant MSwift]

b. NE Comox – Residential Scenarios

**NE Comox Residential
Scenarios**

The Ms. Bozerocka, Planner, provided an overview of the process used to develop the NE Comox storm water management plan and summarized the zoning analysis undertaken. She also gave an update on the height and underground structure limitations as well as identified the financial and servicing implications of various development scenarios.

THAT Council directs Administration to proceed with implementation of development in Northeast Comox in accordance with Scenario 3, as presented in the February 16, 2022 report to Mayor and Council titled "NE Comox - Residential Scenarios".

(2022.068) -- CARRIED

c. Council Tree Retention Policy CCL 067

Tree Retention Policy

1. *That the Council Tree Retention Policy CCL 067 be adopted as contained in Attachment 1 of Staff Report PR 21-14 dated February 16, 2022.*

That the main motion be amended to read: "That the Council Tree Retention Policy CCL 067, as contained in Attachment 1 of Staff Report PR 21-14 dated February 16, 2022, be adopted as amended to replace all references to 25% with 35%."

That the amendment be amended to replace "35%" with "30%".

(2022.069) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillor KGrant]

2. **AMENDMENT MOTION AS AMENDED:**

That the main motion be amended to read: "That the Council Tree Retention Policy CCL 067, as contained in Attachment 1 of Staff Report PR 21-14 dated February 16, 2022, be adopted as amended to replace all references to 25% with 30%."

(2022.070) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillor KGrant]

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c. Council Tree Retention Policy CCL 067

Tree Retention Policy

3. MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

That the Council Tree Retention Policy CCL 067, as contained in Attachment 1 of Staff Report PR 21-14 dated February 16, 2022, be adopted as amended to replace all references to 25% with 30%.

(2022.071) -- CARRIED
[Opposed: Councillor KGrant]

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS:

a. Comox Parks Use Bylaw Amendment No.1881.01, 2022

Parks Use Bylaw Amendment

That the Comox Parks Use Bylaw Amendment No.1881.01, 2022 be Adopted.

(2022.072) -- CARRIED

b. Road Allowance Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw Amendment 1999

2137 Comox Avenue

That the Road Allowance Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw Amendment 1999 be Adopted.

(2022.073) -- CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Notice of Motion from February 2, 2022 RCM: Comox Youth Climate Council - Green New Deal (Councillor Kerr)

Comox Youth Climate Council - Green New Deal

That Administration review the Comox Youth Climate Council's proposed Green New Deal policies, provide recommendations to Council, and incorporate the analysis into the reporting of the Town's green initiatives as part of the upcoming Green Open House.

(2022.074) -- CARRIED

b. Funding Application for Universal Water Meters & Airport Land Detention Pond

Universal Water Meters

THAT staff apply for grant funding for the project "Using Green Infrastructure to Protect Water Quality and Supply for the Town of Comox" (Application #IG0505) through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Environmental Quality; and further,

THAT Council supports the project and commits to its share Two Million Two Hundred and Ninety-Three Thousand One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$2,293,137) of the project, as well as cost overruns.

(2022.075) -- CARRIED

c. Heritage Registry Policy

Heritage Registry

THAT Council adopts CCL-067 Heritage Registry Policy

(2022.076) -- CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. **Rick Gibson (Comox Valley Snow to Surf): Request for permission to use Marina Park and close the boat ramp**

Snow to Surf 2022

That the January 19, 2022 letter from Rick Gibson of the Comox Valley Snow to Surf Society, requesting the use of Marina Park and the closure of the boat launch facilities for the finish of the Snow to Surf event on Sunday May 1, 2022, be received and permission granted.

(2022.077) -- CARRIED

- b. **Jacqueline Zweng (Wounded Warrior Run BC): Invitation to Mayor and Council and request for donation**

Wounded Warrior Run

That the February 21, 2022 letter from Jacqueline Zweng of the Wounded Warrior Run BC, advising of the 9th annual event to raise funds for life changing programs offered by Wounded Warriors Canada, be received and filed for information.

(2022.078) -- CARRIED

- c. **Kealy KIKI Donaldson (Compass Community Radio): Request for support of the Glacier Kings Junior B Hockey playoff games**

Compass Community Radio

That the February 1, 2022 email from Kiki's Communications Ltd., regarding their hosting of select Playoff Road Games for the Comox Valley Glacier Kings, be received and filed for information.

(2022.079) -- CARRIED

- d. **Maurita Prato (LUSH Valley): Request for Support of Food Access Programs**

LUSH Food Access Programs

That the February 10, 2022 letter from Maurita Prato of LUSH Valley Food Action Society, requesting \$25-30,000 for their healthy food program, be received and referred to the budget process.

(2022.080) -- CARRIED

13. LATE ITEMS: NIL

14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

- a. **Councillor Minions**

Councillor Minions advised:

- of the status of the Coldest Night of the Year fundraising, and
- that she: participated in some community meetings and phone calls.

- b. **Councillor Bissinger**

Councillor Bissinger advised that she:

- attended the Elected Officials committee of the whole forum, and
- participated in some community discussions regarding development.

- c. **Councillor Grant**

Councillor Grant advised that he attended:

- the regional district sewer commission, recreation commission and board meetings.

- d. **Councillor Swift**

Councillor Swift advised that she attended:

- the Elected Officials committee of the whole forum,
- the regional district sewage and recreation commission meetings, and
- the regional district board meeting and budget presentations.

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e. Councillor Kerr

Councillor Kerr advised that he attended:

- a workshop on disaster resilience infrastructure,
- the hospital board meeting,
- the regional tourism forum, and
- an onboarding meeting with the regional district CAO.

f. Councillor McGowan

Councillor McGowan advised that she attended:

- the regional hospital board meeting,
- the CVRD tourism forum,
- the orientation with CVRD CAO,
- the sewage commission meeting, and
- many conversations regarding the Northeast Woods development.

g. Mayor Arnott

Mayor Arnott advised that he attended:

- the regional tourism meeting,
- a Comox BIA meeting, and
- the North Island College housing announcement.

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 7:47 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER