

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday March 2, 2022

Present: Mayor R. Arnott
Councillors A. Bissinger, K. Grant, J. Kerr,
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
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 was 1 member 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:

a. Introduction of Late Items

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1. *That the Agenda be amended to include a letter dated February 28, 2022 requesting financial support for the K'omoks First Nation Guardian Watchman Program.*
(2022.081) -- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
2. *That the Agenda be amended to reverse the order of items 10c. and 10d.*
(2022.082) -- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

a. Adoption of the Agenda

Adoption of Agenda

That the March 2, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be Adopted as Amended.
(2022.083) -- CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS:

a. Frank Denton (Comox Bay Sailing Club): Proposed floathouse facility

**Comox Bay Sailing
Floathouse**

Mr. Denton advised that the Club has seen tremendous growth over the past five years, and there is now a need for an indoor training facility. He advised that they are looking for approval to locate a floathouse facility on either side of the RCM SAR building.

b. Barbara Hanson, Edd Moyes, Lisa Moyes (Blackfin Pub): Rezoning Application RZ 21-6 - Pub Capacity

132 Port Augusta Street

Ms. Hanson advised of their preference for the number of seats allocated to their request for a change in their liquor licence. She also advised of concerns related to parking and noise complaints.

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 16, 2022, be Adopted as Amended.

(2022.084) -- CARRIED

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS: NIL

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

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

- 1. February 10, 2022 email from Kat Perez of the Parkinson Society BC requesting that the Town Circle be lit up on April 11, 2022 to support World Parkinson's Day.*
- 2. February 11, 2022 email from Simone Gendron regarding the dangerous crosswalk across Anderton Road at Comox Avenue.*
- 3. February 13, 2022 email from Anne Davis regarding fire pits & rings on local beaches.*
- 4. February 14, 2022 email from Mel McLachlan regarding a dog run on the Comox Recreation property.*
- 5. February 14, 2022 email from Michelle Hicker of the Vancouver Island Down Syndrome Society regarding a Proclamation for World Down Syndrome Day.*
- 6. February 15, 2022 email from Shari Dunnett of the Comox Valley Community Action Team regarding Bill C-216.*
- 7. February 18, 2022 email from Maizie Dybdal regarding a Pump Track.*
- 8. February 21, 2022 email from Linda-Claire Steager regarding lawns and native plants.*
- 9. Various correspondence regarding Northeast Area of Comox:
 - a. February 16, 2022 email from Sharon and Gene Scheidl,*
 - b. February 23, 2022 email from Susan Holvenstot,*
 - c. February 24, 2022 email from Gwent Pickering,*
 - d. February 24, 2022 email from Jim Wright,*
 - e. February 24, 2022 email from Nicholas Solohub.**
- 10. a. Comox Valley Regional District Board meeting minutes held January 11 and 25, 2022.*
b. Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board meeting minutes held January 27, 2022.

(2022.085) -- CARRIED

- 2. That item 1 (February 10, 2022 email from Kat Perez of the Parkinson Society BC requesting that the Town Circle be lit up on April 11, 2022 to support World Parkinson's Day) be removed from the Consent Agenda and the request granted.*

(2022.086) -- CARRIED

a. Consent Agenda

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3. *That item 6 (February 15, 2022 email from Shari Dunnett of the Comox Valley Community Action Team regarding Bill C-216) be removed from the Consent Agenda, and Council support the Private Members Bill C-216, being "An Act to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and to enact the Expungement of Certain Drug-related Convictions Act and the National Strategy on Substance Use Act".*

(2022.087) -- CARRIED

4. *That item 5 (February 14, 2022 email from Michelle Hicker of the Vancouver Island Down Syndrome Society regarding a Proclamation for World Down Syndrome Day) be removed from the Consent Agenda and the proclamation request approved.*

(2022.088) -- CARRIED

5. *That item 7 (February 18, 2022 email from Maizie Dybdal regarding a Pump Track) be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*

(2022.089) -- CARRIED

6. *That item 8 (February 21, 2022 email from Linda-Claire Steager regarding lawns and native plants) be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*

(2022.090) -- CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Strategic Planning and Action Items Report - March 2, 2022

**Strategic Planning and
Action Items**

That the Strategic Planning and Action Items Report for March 2, 2022 be received and filed for information.

(2022.091) -- CARRIED

b. Comox and Rodello Roundabout

**Comox and Rodello
Roundabout**

THAT Council provides budgetary approval for the design and construction of a roundabout at Comox Avenue and Rodello Street as identified in the 2022-2025 Capital and Special Projects budget approved on January 19th, 2022.

(2022.092) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillors ABissinger NMinions]

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS: NIL

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Tidal Café Parklet Application 2022

Tidal Café Parklet

Council had a general discussion regarding the parklet application for the Tidal Café.

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b. Rezoning Application RZ 21-6: Increase Pub Capacity (Blackfin Pub)

132 Port Augusta Street

1. *That Proposed Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2000 be amended to increase the maximum Pub seating capacity including outdoor seating to 275.*

That the main motion be amended to change the seating capacity to 310.

(2022.093) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillors SMcGowan JKerr NMinions]

2. **MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:**

That Proposed Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2000 be amended to increase the maximum Pub seating capacity including outdoor seating to 310.

(2022.094) -- CARRIED

3. *That Proposed Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2000 be given First and Second readings.*

(2022.095) -- CARRIED

4. *That a Public Hearing in respect of Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2000 be scheduled for April 6, 2022, 6:00 pm, at D'Esterre House, 1801 Beaufort Avenue, and requisite notices be published as required by the Local Government Act.*

(2022.096) -- CARRIED

5. *That an amendment to the Comox Business Regulation Bylaw No. 1882, 2018 be brought forward for Council consideration limiting hours of liquor service to 9 AM to 11 PM Sunday to Thursday and 9 AM to Midnight for Friday and Saturday for a Pub at 132 Port Augusta Street.*

(2022.097) -- CARRIED

c. 2022 Operational Budget

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1. *THAT Council approves the Operational Budget as attached in Appendix A to the March 2, 2022 Report from the CAO titled "2022 Operational Budget".*

(2022.098) -- CARRIED

2. *THAT Council approves the updated strategic plan as attached in Appendix B to the March 2, 2022 Report from the CAO titled "2022 Operational Budget".*

(2022.099) -- CARRIED

3. *THAT Council provides budgetary approval for the construction of the Marine Services Building as contained in the Capital and Special Projects budget approved on January 9th 2022.*

(2022.100) -- CARRIED

d. 2022 Grant in Aid Requests

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1. *THAT Council approves the grant in aid request from the d'Esterre Seniors Center Association for a waiver of fund contributions of \$15,000 towards the d'Esterre Seniors Center elevator.*

(2022.101) -- CARRIED

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2. *THAT the grant in aid requests from LUSH Valley (for an amount of \$25,00 to \$35,000) and Compass Community Radio (for an amount of \$1,500 to \$5,000) be referred to the next budget meeting.*

(2022.102) -- DEFEATED

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

3. *THAT the grant in aid request from LUSH Valley (for an amount of \$25,00 to \$35,000) be referred to the next budget meeting.*

(2022.103) -- DEFEATED

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

11. NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. **James Volkers (Comox Bay Sailing Club): Request for approval to locate a floathouse in the Municipal Marina plus affordable rent**

Floathouse Request

That the February 8, 2022 letter from James Volkers of the Comox Bay Sailing Club, requesting approval to locate a floathouse in the Municipal Marina as well as affordable rent for the floathouse, be referred to staff for more information.

(2022.104) -- CARRIED

- b. **LATE ITEM: Nicole Rempel (Hegus/Chief), K'omoks First Nation: Support for Guardian Watchman Program**

KFN Guardian Watchman Program

That the February 28, 2022 letter from Hegus/Chief Rempel of the K'omoks First Nation, requesting support for the Guardian Watchman Program, be received and referred to the next budget meeting.

(2022.105) -- CARRIED

13. LATE ITEMS: NIL

14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

- a. **Councillor Bissinger**

Councillor Bissinger advised that she:

- met with the Nautical Days Coordinator, and
- attended the raising of the Ukrainian Flag event.

- b. **Councillor Grant**

Councillor Grant advised that he:

- attended the Regional District water committee meeting, and
- attended the raising of the Ukrainian Flag event.

- c. **Councillor Swift**

Councillor Swift advised that she attended:

- the Regional District water committee and sewer commission meetings,
- the raising of the Ukrainian Flag event,
- a Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park wind-up meeting, and
- a Food Resilience workshop.

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d. Councillor Kerr

Councillor Kerr advised that he attended:

- an introductory library board meeting,
- the Wounded Warriors event,
- a physician recruitment meeting,
- a Nautical Days meeting with Councillor Bissinger, and
- the raising of the Ukrainian Flag event.

e. Councillor McGowan

Councillor McGowan advised that she attended:

- the Regional District sewer commission meeting,
- a Comox Archives and Museum Society meeting,
- a Comox Valley Social Planning Society meeting,
- a Food Policy Council meeting, and
- the raising of the Ukrainian Flag event.

f. Councillor Minions

Councillor Minions advised that:

- she attended a Restorative Justice Centre meeting,
- she attended the raising of the Ukrainian Flag event,
- the Coldest Night of the Year event raised \$184,000, and
- she had a couple of discussions regarding the Goose Spit fire issue.

g. Mayor Arnott

Mayor Arnott advised that he attended:

- a physician recruitment meeting,
- a d'Esterre Seniors Centre meeting,
- a meeting with ex-Mayor Ives,
- a public works retirement event,
- a BIA discussion,
- the Wounded Warrior event, and
- the raising of the Ukrainian Flag event.

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 7:12 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER