

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday May 4, 2022

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

Absent: Nil

Staff Present: J. Wall, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Russwurm, Corporate Officer

Call to Order:

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

There were 2 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 for May 4, 2022 be adopted.

(2022.162) -- 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 April 20, 2022, be Approved.

(2022.163) -- 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 for discussion:*

1. *April 20, 2022 email from Tricia Ratel regarding Protection of Comox's Tree Canopy and Urban Forests.*
2. *April 21, 2022 email from Laura Thomson regarding an emergency with an elderly senior.*
3. *April 21, 2022 email from Linda Thomas of the Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association regarding a Proclamation for National Garden Day.*

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4. *April 25, 2022 email from Claire Donovan regarding Comox's Tree Canopy and Urban Forests.*
5. *April 25, 2022 email from Judy Morrison regarding the widening of Lazo and Knight Roads.*
6. *April 26, 2022 email from Natanya Birkhaven regarding infrastructure.*

(2022.164) -- CARRIED

2. *That the proclamation request from Linda Thomas of the Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association be approved, and that 2022 be proclaimed as the Year of the Garden and June 18, 2022 be recognised as Garden Day in the Town of Comox.*

(2022.165) -- CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Strategic Planning and Action Items Report - May 4, 2022

Strategic Planning and Action Items

That the Strategic Planning and Action Items Report for May 4, 2022 be received and filed for information.

(2022.166) -- CARRIED

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

Guardian Watchman Program

1. *That the February 28, 2022 letter from Hegus (Chief) Nicole Rempel of the K'omoks First Nation be received and that \$5000 be provided.*

That the main motion be amended to add the following text at the end, "for the year 2022."

(2022.167) -- CARRIED

2. **MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:**

That the February 28, 2022 letter from Hegus (Chief) Nicole Rempel of the K'omoks First Nation be received and that \$5000 be provided for the year 2022.

(2022.168) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillor MSwift]

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS: NIL

10. NEW BUSINESS:

AT 5:13 P.M., COUNCILLOR KERR LEFT THE MEETING, DECLARING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH THE NEXT TWO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AS HE AS HE IS AN ADJACENT BUSINESS OWNER.

a. Business Licence Bylaw Amendment to limit hours of liquor service (Blackfin Pub)

Business Regulation Amendment Bylaw

1. *That Comox Business Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1882.05, 2022 be given First Reading.*

(2022.169) -- CARRIED

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a. Business Licence Bylaw Amendment to limit hours of liquor service (Blackfin Pub)

Business Regulation Amendment Bylaw

2. *That Comox Business Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1882.05, 2022 be given Second Reading.*
(2022.170) -- CARRIED
3. *That Comox Business Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1882.05, 2022 be given Third Reading.*
(2022.171) -- CARRIED
4. *That, pursuant to section 59 of the Community Charter, Council give notice of its intention to adopt the Comox Business Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1882.05, 2022 by publishing such notice in two consecutive issues of a newspaper and posting such notice at the Town's public notice posting place.*
(2022.172) -- CARRIED

b. Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw Update

Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw

1. *That Comox Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 2004, 2022 be given First Reading.*
(2022.173) -- CARRIED
2. *That Comox Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 2004, 2022 be given Second Reading.*
(2022.174) -- CARRIED
3. *That Comox Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 2004, 2022 be given Third Reading.*
(2022.175) -- CARRIED

AT 5:16 P.M., COUNCILLOR KERR RETURNED TO THE MEETING.

c. Point Holmes Recreation Association - Sublease Renewal

Point Holmes Boat Launch

That Council authorizes staff to renew the sublease agreement between Point Holmes Recreation Association and the Town of Comox for that portion of land located on Lazo Road and identified on attached Schedule 'A' as Point Holmes Boat Ramp for the purposes of operating a public boat ramp for a period of five (5) year term ending April 30, 2027.

(2022.176) -- CARRIED

d. Bylaw Readings for 2022-2026 Financial Plan and 2022 Tax Rates

2022-2026 Financial Plan and Tax Rates

1. *That the Comox Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2002, 2022 be given First, Second and Third Readings.*
(2022.177) -- CARRIED
2. *That the Comox Tax Rates Bylaw No. 2003, 2022 be given First, Second and Third Readings.*
(2022.178) -- CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. **Jennifer Loo (Fairway Gorge Paddling Club): Request for \$10,000 for Comox Dragon Boat Festival**

Comox Dragon Boat Festival

That the request for seed funding, received April 26, 2022 from the Fairway Gorge Paddling Club, be received and filed for information.

(2022.179) -- CARRIED

13. LATE ITEMS: NIL

14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor Minions

Councillor Minions advised that she attended:

- the Youth Climate Council's Climate Panel and March on Earth Day,
- the Restorative Justice Society board meeting,
- the Comox Valley Waste Management board meeting,
- the Snow to Surf event,
- the Cumberland Forest Society trivia night, and
- the Vancouver Island Food Policy meeting.

b. Councillor Bissinger

Councillor Bissinger advised that she:

- participated in a beach cleanup at Goose Spit on Earth Day,
- attended a Nautical Days' meeting, and
- attended the Food Policy Council meeting.

c. Councillor Grant

Councillor Grant advised that he:

- attended the Comox Valley Regional District board meeting, and
- volunteered at the Snow to Surf event.

d. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift advised that she attended:

- the regional solid waste management board meeting in place of Councillor Bissinger,
- a Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association volunteer lunch,
- a Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association board meeting, and
- the Comox Valley Regional District board meeting.

e. Councillor McGowan

Councillor McGowan advised that she attended:

- the Climate Council Earth Day event,
- a Comox Archives and Museum Society meeting,
- a Food Policy Council meeting,
- the Comox Valley Social Planning Society AGM, and
- an Island Food Shed initial meeting.

f. Councillor Kerr

Councillor Kerr advised that he attended:

- a Vancouver Island Regional Library board meeting,
- the regional hospital board meeting,
- a primary care meeting with the Ministry of Health,
- the Comox Earth Day event at St. Peter's Anglican Church, and
- the Comox Valley Social Planning Society AGM.

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g. Mayor Arnott

Mayor Arnott advised that he:

- attended the Chamber of Commerce AGM and noted that Fire Chief Schreiner was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award,
- attended the Comox Anglican Church Earth Day event,
- attended a Canadian Council for the Blind AGM dinner,
- attended the Emterra cheque presentation for the Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation,
- participated in an RCMP staffing meeting along with the CAO,
- presented at a Cumberland Rotary Club meeting, and
- attended the Snow to Surf 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 5:31 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER