

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday May 18, 2022

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

Absent: N. Minions

Staff Present: Shelly Russwurm, Director of Corporate Services
Marvin Kamenz, Director of Development Services

Call to Order:

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

There were 3 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.

Mayor Arnott then asked for a moment of silence in honour of Stocky Edwards, Second World War Canadian ace fighter pilot and recipient of the Town of Comox Freedom of the Town award.

1. INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF LATE ITEMS: NIL

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

a. Adoption of the Agenda

Adoption of Agenda

That the May 18, 2022 Regular Council Meeting agenda be adopted.

(2022.184) -- CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS:

a. Tryna McLean (Parks Department): Pollinator Week

Pollinator Week

Ms. McLean highlighted some of the recent projects of the Parks Department in attracting pollinators to Town parks.

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 May 4, 2022, be Approved.

(2022.185) -- CARRIED

b. Special Council Meeting Minutes

Special Minutes

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday May 11, 2022, be Adopted.

(2022.186) -- CARRIED

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS: NIL

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

That the Consent Agenda items as follows be received for discussion:

1. *April 29, 2022 email from Vivian Vaillant of Children & Youth Matter Comox Valley regarding a Proclamation request.*
2. *April 29, 2022 letter from Ashley Hedstrom regarding affordable housing.*
3. *May 2, 2022 email from Bill Mcleod regarding early morning aircraft noise.*
4. *May 2, 2022 letter from the Residents of Hudson and Davies Road regarding DP 10-04.*
5. *May 2, 2022 letter from Tryna McLean of the Town of Comox Parks Department regarding a Proclamation request.*
6. *May 9, 2022 email from Magaret Simon regarding cats in the neighborhood.*
7. *May 9, 2022 email from John Scott regarding dangerous crosswalks.*
8. *May 9, 2022 letter/petition from town of Comox Residents regarding Northeast Comox.*
9. *Comox Valley Regional District Board Meeting Minutes from March 29, April 12 & 26. Comox Strathcona Waste Management Board Meeting Minutes from March 17 & April 21.*

(2022.187) -- CARRIED

2. *That the proclamation request to declare the Month of May 2022 as Community Resilience Month be approved.*

(2022.188) -- CARRIED

3. *That the proclamation request from the Parks Department to declare the week of June 20-26, 2022 as Pollinator Week in the Town of Comox be approved.*

(2022.189) -- CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Strategic Planning and Action Items Report - May 18, 2022

Strategic Planning and Action Items

That the Strategic Planning and Action Items Report for May 18, 2022 be received and filed for information.

(2022.190) -- CARRIED

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS:

a. Comox Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 2004, 2022

Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw

1. *That Comox Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 2004, 2022 be Adopted.*

(2022.191) -- CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Community Event Recognition Policy

**Community Event
Recognition Policy**

1. *That programmable LED lighting strips be purchased and installed at Town Hall, using funds currently in the 2022 financial plan (facilities budget).*
(2022.192) -- CARRIED
2. *That funds be budgeted in Council's 2023 Financial Plan to install an additional dedicated flagpole at Town Hall to be used for permanently flying the K'omoks First Nation flag.*
(2022.193) -- CARRIED
3. *That Council Policy No. CCL-058 (Flag Protocol Policy) be amended as attached to the May 18, 2022 Report from the Director of Corporate Services titled "Community Event Recognition Policy".*
(2022.194) -- CARRIED
4. *That Council Policy No. CCL-059 (Proclamation Policy) be amended as attached to the May 18, 2022 Report from the Director of Corporate Services titled "Community Event Recognition Policy".*
(2022.195) -- CARRIED
5. *That Council Policy No. CCL-039 (Flying of Canadian Flag) be rescinded.*
(2022.196) -- CARRIED

AT 5:16 P.M., COUNCILLOR BISSINGER LEFT THE MEETING, DECLARING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH ITEM 10b AS SHE DEALT WITH THE FILE AS PART OF HER REGULAR EMPLOYMENT.

**b. Lot 6, Section 70, Comox District, Plan 1933 (near 1891 Guthrie Road)
PR 22-7 Response to CVRD referral for proposed Freedom Mobile monopole
telecommunication tower**

**Proposed Freedom Mobile
Tower**

1. *THAT the Town recommends that the CVRD Board not issue a letter of concurrence and that the comments contained in Attachment 1 to Planning Report PR 22-7 dated May 18, 2022, be forwarded to the Comox Valley Regional District Board in response to the referral of a proposed Freedom Mobile monopole telecommunication tower at Lot 6, Section 70, Comox District, Plan 1933 dated April 22, 2022.*
(2022.197) -- CARRIED
2. *THAT Town objection to the Freedom Mobile proposal to construct a 31 metre monopole telecommunication tower at Lot 6, Section 70, Comox District, Plan 1933 and a copy of Planning Report PR 22-7 dated May 18, 2022 be forwarded to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED), Cypress Land Services (the applicant), and Freedom Mobile.*
(2022.198) -- CARRIED

AT 5:18 P.M., COUNCILLOR BISSINGER RETURNED TO THE MEETING.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL

12. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

13. LATE ITEMS: NIL

14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor Kerr

Councillor Kerr invited the public to the upcoming community listening event and advised that he:

- attended the Comox Archives and Museum Society's presentation of the sovereign medal to Pam Moughton, and
- attended a Comox Valley physician recruitment meeting.

b. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift advised that she attended:

- the Regional District water committee, sewer commission and board meetings;
- an Airshed Roundtable meeting; and
- the Comox Archives and Museum Society's presentation of the sovereign medal to Pam Moughton.

c. Councillor McGowan

Councillor McGowan advised that she attended:

- a Food Policy Council municipal sub-committee meeting,
- a Climate Caucus call, and
- the Comox Archives and Museum Society's presentation of the sovereign medal to Pam Moughton.

d. Councillor Grant

Councillor Grant advised that he attended:

- the Regional District water committee, sewer commission and board meetings; and
- the Comox Valley Minor Hockey Association AGM.

e. Councillor Bissinger

Councillor Bissinger advised that she:

- spoke with some residents about a downtown subdivision.

f. Mayor Arnott

Mayor Arnott advised that he:

- attended a Comox Valley physician recruitment task force meeting,
- attended the d'Esterre Seniors' Society pancake breakfast,
- attended the 20th anniversary of the Hope Afloat Campaign,
- met with a member of the public regarding land use,
- met with the Comox Valley Airport Commission CEO,
- attended the Comox Archives and Museum Society's presentation of the sovereign medal to Pam Moughton,
- attended the United Soccer mini world cup,
- attended a Ukrainian Rally,
- attended the Cadet ceremonies,
- attended the d'Esterre monthly meeting, and
- met with the Chamber of Commerce president.

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 5:22 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER