

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday January 16, 2019

Present: Mayor R. Arnott
Councillors A. Bissinger, K. Grant, S. McGowan,
P. McKenna, N. Minions

Absent: M. Swift

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Agenda was Amended to include 1 Late Item and Adopted as Amended.

There was 1 visitor in attendance.

1. DELEGATIONS:

- a. **Katherine Dolmage and Chris Read (Marine Harvest Canada) - Update on marine harvest business and certification activities**

Marine Harvest / Mowi

Ms. Dolmage and Mr. Read described the marine harvest business and advised of a global name change to Mowi. They provided a summary of their certification standard to the Committee and advised that their goal is to be 100% certified by 2020. They also invited members of the Committee that they will provide a tour of the facility if there is interest.

- b. **Aaron Handford (Applicant) - Rezoning Application RZ 17-12 / Development Permit Application DVP 17-9 (1961 Bolt Avenue)**

1961 Bolt Avenue

Mr. Handford advised that he was available to answer any questions of Council.

2. MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

- a. **Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

RCM Meeting Minutes

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday December 5, 2018, be Approved.

(2019.003) -- CARRIED

- b. **Special Council Meeting Minutes**

Special Council Meeting Minutes

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday December 12, 2018, be Approved.

(2019.004) -- CARRIED

- c. **Special Council Meeting Minutes**

Special Council Meeting Minutes

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, held at the Comox Community Centre on Saturday January 5, 2019, be Approved.

(2019.005) -- CARRIED

d. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

COW Meeting Minutes

That the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday January, 9, 2019, be Received.

(2019.006) -- CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) LGMA Commemorative Tree Planting - 100th Anniversary

LGMA Commemorative Tree

That Council authorize staff to proceed with selecting a tree to plant in a location recommended by staff and hold a commemorative tree planting ceremony in recognition of the local government profession and ongoing commitment to the community.

(2019.007) -- CARRIED

- (2) Dog Park Feasibility and Public Consultation Process

Dog Park Feasibility and Communication

1. *That a public consultation process regarding the feasibility of a dog park be undertaken.*

That the main motion be amended to add the text "for an amount up to \$15,000".

(2019.008) -- DEFEATED

[Opposed: Mayor Arnott, Councillors KGrant PMcKenna SMcGowan]

2. *That the main motion be amended to add the text "for an amount up to \$20,000".*

(2019.009) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillor NMinions]

3. *That a public consultation process regarding the feasibility of a dog park be undertaken, for an amount up to \$20,000.*

(2019.010) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillor NMinions]

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Management Report - January 16, 2019

Management Report

That the Management Report for January 16, 2019 be received and filed for information.

(2019.011) -- CARRIED

b. Support to CVRD (lead applicant) re: CV Early Years Collaborative Child Care Planning Committee Funding Application

Collaborative Child Care Planning Committee

That Council of the Town of Comox supports the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) Board as the primary applicant in an application to the UBCM Community Child Care Planning program to apply for, receive and manage the grant funding on our behalf as it relates to developing a child care needs study in the Comox Valley.

(2019.012) -- CARRIED

5. SPECIAL REPORTS:

a. Comox Valley Regional District Meeting Minutes

CVRD Meeting Minutes

That the following Comox Valley Regional District meeting minutes be received for information:

- *Comox Valley Regional District Board held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 and Tuesday December 18, 2018; and*
- *Comox Valley Regional District (Comox Strathcona Waste Management) Board held on Thursday, November 29, 2018.*

(2019.013) -- CARRIED

6. BYLAWS: NIL

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Rezoning Application RZ 17-12 / Development Variance Permit Application DVP 17-9 (1961 Bolt Avenue)

1961 Bolt Avenue

1. *That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1894 be given First and Second Readings.*

(2019.014) -- CARRIED

2. *That a Public Hearing in respect of Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1894 be scheduled for February 6, 2019, 6:30pm, at Council Chambers, 1801B Beaufort Avenue, and that staff be instructed to publish the requisite notices as required by the Local Government Act.*

(2019.015) -- CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Rick Gibson (Comox Valley Snow to Surf Society) Requesting permission to use Marina Park

Snow to Surf

That the November 27, 2018 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 on Sunday April 28, 2019, be received and permission granted.

(2019.016) -- CARRIED

b. Arjun Singh (UBCM) Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment

UBCM Gas Tax Funding

That the December 10, 2018 letter from Arjun Singh, UBCM President, advising of the second Community Works Fund payment for fiscal year 2018/2019, be received and filed for information.

(2019.017) -- CARRIED

c. Jacqueline Zweng (Wounded Warrior Run BC) 6th Annual Wounded Warrior Run BC

Wounded Warrior Run

That the December 17, 2018 email from Jacqueline Zweng, Director of Wounded Warriors Run BC, regarding their annual Wounded Warrior Run, be received and filed for information.

(2019.018) -- CARRIED

d. Andrew Cole (Royal Canadian Legion) 15th Annual Military Service Recognition Book

Military Service Recognition Book

That the December 17, 2018 letter from Andrew Cole of the BC/Yukon Royal Canadian Legion Campaign Officer, asking if the Town of Comox would consider sponsoring an ad in the Military Service Recognition Book in support and recognition of Veterans, be received and referred to the budget process.

(2019.019) -- CARRIED

e. Kerri Medley - Lengthening the sea-walk

Lengthening the Sea-Walk

That the January 2, 2019 email from Kerri Medley, asking that Council re-visit the feasibility of lengthening the sea-walk from Marina Park towards Port Augusta Park and/or the Filberg Park instead of expanding the Pier, be received and filed for information.

(2019.020) -- CARRIED

f. Dave Adamson: Analysis of the Realistic Business Plan for Shakesides Nature House Jon Pascoe (Pascoe Management Consulting): The Future of Mack Laing Park

Shakesides

That the January 3, 2019 letter from Dave Adamson and the January 7, 2019 email from Jon Pascoe, asking Council to continue with its application to modify the Mack Laing Trust, be received and filed for information.

(2019.021) -- CARRIED

g. Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities - January Update

AVICC Update

That the January Update received January 11, 2019 from the AVICC Local Government House be received and filed for information.

(2019.022) -- CARRIED

9. LATE ITEMS:

a. Grant Application - Rural and Northern Communities Program Intake

Grant Application

That Council formally authorizes staff to proceed with an application for funding to the Rural and Northern Communities Program Intake for the reconstruction and upgrade of Balmoral Avenue and Torrence Road (from Donovan Drive to Albatross Avenue).

(2019.023) -- CARRIED

b. Joe Smith - Originals Only Art Show

Originals Only Art Show

That the letter from Joe Smith regarding the Originals Only Art Show be added to a future agenda.

(2019.024) -- CARRIED

10. NOTICE OF MOTION:

a. Notice of Motion (Councillor Minions) - Plastic Bag and Straw Ban

Plastic Bag Ban

Councillor Minions provided a Notice of Motion "That a staff report be provided on the banning of single use plastic bags and straws".

11. DELEGATIONS: NIL

12. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor Bissinger

Councillor Bissinger advised that she attended the Comox Valley Regional District sewer, hospital board and solid waste management meetings.

b. Councillor Grant

Councillor Grant advised that he attended the Comox Valley Regional District sewer commission and committee of the whole meetings.

c. Councillor Minions

Councillor Minions advised that she attended:

- a Comox Valley Regional District facility tour,
- the Comox Valley Regional District waste management and hospital board meetings,
- a Coalition to End Homelessness meeting,
- Council's Strategic Planning session, and
- the Community Centre's polar bear swim.

d. Councillor McGowan

Councillor McGowan advised that she attended:

- the Comox Valley Children's Daycare Society pancake breakfast,
- the Comox Archives and Museum Society board meeting,
- the Habitat for Humanity opening,
- a What is Reconciliation event, and
- Council's strategic planning session.

She also advised that she listened to a forestry webinar and donated blood.

e. Councillor McKenna

Councillor McKenna advised that he:

- attended a Community Justice Centre board meeting,
- attended a Coalition to End Homelessness meeting, and
- talked to dog owners in Northeast Woods,

He also advised of the upcoming Chamber of Commerce's breakfast.

f. Mayor Arnott

Mayor Arnott advised that he attended:

- Council's Strategic Planning session;
- a Strathcona Breakfast Club Rotary meeting;
- a number of meetings regarding the Mariner apartment flooding, including a Town Hall meeting with the Acting CAO and Emergency Coordinator;
- an information session regarding the upcoming Mayor's Cup tournament; and
- the Comox Valley Regional District sewage commission and committee of the whole meetings.

14. EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC: 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