

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday January 19, 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
G. Schreiner, Fire Chief (electronically)
S. Ashfield, Director of Operations (electronically)
M. Bell, Communications and Legislative Coordinator
Andrew Burger, Parks Superintendent
Craig Perry, Public Works Superintendent

Call to Order:

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

There were 0 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 January 19, 2022 Regular Council Meeting agenda be Adopted.

(2022.005) -- CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS:

a. John Scott, Mark Rolston, Dianne Binns & Rhonda Bradley - Parking Restrictions at 1700 Balmoral Avenue

1700 Balmoral Avenue

Mr. Scott advised that, as residents, they are opposed to the removal of the 2-hour restricted parking fronting 1700 Balmoral Avenue. He advised that they provided suggestions to Council that he believes fairly accommodates all of the affected parties.

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 December 15, 2021, be Adopted.

(2022.006) -- CARRIED

b. Special Council Meeting Minutes

Special Minutes

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday January 12, 2022, be Adopted.

(2022.007) -- CARRIED

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS:

a. Strategic Planning Committee Minutes

SPC Minutes

That the Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday January 12, 2022, be Received.

(2022.008) -- CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) Capital and Special Projects Budget 2022- Cost Increase Implications

**Capital and Special Projects
2022**

1. *THAT Council approves for expenditure the capital and special projects, in 'Schedule 'A' of this report and their inclusion in the 2022-2026 draft Financial Plan.*

(2022.009) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillors ABissinger KGrant]

2. *THAT Council approves for expenditure the capital and special projects, in 'Schedule 'B' of this report and their inclusion in the 2022-2026 draft Financial Plan.*

(2022.010) -- CARRIED

3. *THAT Council approves for expenditure the capital and special projects, in 'Schedule 'C' of this report and their inclusion in the 2022-2026 draft Financial Plan.*

(2022.011) -- CARRIED

4. *THAT Council approves for expenditure the capital and special projects, in 'Schedule 'D' of this report and their inclusion in the 2022-2026 draft Financial Plan.*

(2022.012) -- CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

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

1. *December 13, 2021 email from Dr. Sara Dubois of BC SPCA regarding an offer of support for changes of rodenticide use in Comox.*
2. *December 15, 2021 letter from Jake Martens of the Comox Valley Regional District regarding Comox Strathcona Waste Management District Bylaw Adjudication.*
3. *December 17, 2021 letter from Dr. Jonathan Kerr of the Comox Valley Family Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee regarding the urgent need for family physicians in the Comox Valley.*
4. *December 30, 2021 email from Vivian Dean regarding parking tickets.*
5. *December 31, 2021 email from Chris McEwen regarding blocked driveways from snow.*
6. *January 4, 6 & 12, 2022 emails from John Scott regarding parking restrictions at 1700 Balmoral Avenue.*
7. *January 6, 2022 email from Isabella Lee of the Girl Guides of Canada regarding Guiding Lights across BC.*

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8. *January 13, 2021 email from Trish Fennell regarding Shakesides.*
(2022.013) -- CARRIED
9. *Comox Valley Regional District Board Minutes from October 26 and December 7, 2021, Comox Strathcona Waste Management Board Minutes from September 9 and December 2, 2021, and Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board Minutes from October 14 and November 18, 2021.*
(2022.013) -- CARRIED
2. *That Item 5 (December 31, 2021 email from Chris McEwen regarding blocked driveways from snow) be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*
(2022.014) -- CARRIED
3. *That Item 1(December 13, 2021 email from Dr. Sara Dubois of BC SPCA regarding an offer of support for changes of rodenticide use in Comox) be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*
(2022.015) -- CARRIED
4. *That Item 3 (December 17, 2021 letter from Dr. Jonathan Kerr of the Comox Valley Family Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee regarding he urgent need for family physicians in the Comox Valley) be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*
(2022.016) -- CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Strategic Planning and Action Items Report - January 19, 2022

Strategic Planning and Action Items

That the Strategic Planning and Action Items Report for January 19, 2022 be received and filed for information.

(2022.017) -- CARRIED

b. Council Remuneration

Council Remuneration

1. *That Comox Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 1996, 2022 be given First Reading.*
(2022.018) -- CARRIED
[Opposed: Councillors ABissinger JKerr NMinions]
2. *That Comox Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 1996, 2022 be given Second Reading.*
(2022.019) -- CARRIED
[Opposed: Councillors ABissinger JKerr NMinions]
3. *That Comox Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 1996, 2022 be given Third Reading.*
(2022.020) -- CARRIED
[Opposed: Councillors ABissinger JKerr NMinions]

c. Kealy Donaldson & Jean Sarrazin (Compass Community Radio) Seeking Financial Assistance (Delegation from December 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting)

Compass Community Radio

The request for financial assistance from Compass Community Radio was received for information.

d. Street and Traffic Bylaw Amendment - Downtown Parking

Street and Traffic Bylaw Amendment

1. *That the Comox Street and Traffic Bylaw Amendment No. 1358.04, 2022 be given First Reading.*
(2022.021) -- CARRIED

d. Street and Traffic Bylaw Amendment - Downtown Parking

Street and Traffic Bylaw Amendment

- 2. *That the Comox Street and Traffic Bylaw Amendment No. 1358.04, 2022 be given Second Reading.*
(2022.022) -- CARRIED
- 3. *That the Comox Street and Traffic Bylaw Amendment No. 1358.04, 2022 be given Third Reading.*
(2022.023) -- CARRIED
- 4. *That Council provide direction to Administration to review parking and implement a hybrid parking solution at 1700 Balmoral Avenue given the community feedback*
(2022.024) -- CARRIED

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS: NIL

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. RCMP Appreciation Day

RCMP Appreciation Day

- That February 1, 2022 be proclaimed as RCMP Appreciation Day in the Town of Comox.*
(2022.025) -- CARRIED

b. Festival Producer Service Agreement - 2022 Nautical Days' Festival

Nautical Days' Festival

- 1. *That the draft Service Contract with Mr. Dave Stevenson for the production of the 2022 Nautical Days' Festival, as attached to the January 11, 2022 report to Mayor and Council from the Executive Coordinator, be approved; and that the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the contract.*
(2022.026) -- CARRIED
- 2. *That the retained \$25,000 grant provided to the Nautical Days' Society in 2020 in order to plan and implement the 2020 Nautical Days' Festival, be reallocated to the 2022 Nautical Days Festival.*
(2022.027) -- CARRIED

c. Employees as Fire Fighters Policy

Employees as Fire Fighters

- THAT Council adopts Employees as Fire Fighters Policy CCL - 071.*
(2022.028) -- CARRIED

d. Marina Food Vendor Policy

Marina Food Vendors

- THAT Council adopts Marina Food Vendor Policy CCL-072.*
(2022.029) -- CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Sid Williams Theatre Society - Request for grant increase

Sid Williams Grant Increase

That the December 15, 2021 letter from Deborah Renz of the Sid Williams Theatre Society, regarding their 2022-2026 budget update and grant request be received; and further,

That Council approve of an increase in the grant provided to the Sid Williams Theatre Society from \$20,000 to \$25,000 in 2022.

(2022.030) -- CARRIED

13. LATE ITEMS: NIL

14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor McGowan

Councillor McGowan advised that she:

- attended a Comox Valley Social Planning Society meeting,
- attended a Comox Valley Food Policy Council meeting and Subcommittee meeting,
- participated in the PMI-WILL interview,
- watched the Immigrant Welcome Centre's 'There's More to Me' videos,
- participated in an interview regarding Shakesides,
- met with residents from 1700 Balmoral regarding parking, and
- met with Councillor Swift to learn the CVRD sewage commission history.

b. Councillor Minions

Councillor Minions advised that she:

- participated in the PMI-WILL interview,
- met with residents from 1700 Balmoral regarding parking,
- met with Coldest Night of the Year organizers, and
- spoke to a few residents regarding local issues.

c. Councillor Bissinger

Councillor Bissinger advised that she:

- participated in the PMI-WILL interview,
- participated in Christmas hamper deliveries,
- met with Dave Stevenson regarding Nautical Days, and
- spoke to a few residents regarding assessment increases.

d. Councillor Grant

Councillor Grant advised that he attended the Regional District sports commission and board meetings.

e. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift advised that she attended the Regional District recreation commission and board meetings.

f. Councillor Kerr

Councillor Kerr advised that he:

- attended the Comox Valley Social Planning Society meeting,
- attended a Climate Caucus meeting,
- spoke with Compass Radio regarding their plans for community radio,
- attended the Economic Update Forum, and
- met with a few residents regarding local issues.

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g. Mayor Arnott

Mayor Arnott advised that he:

- attended a d'Esterre Seniors Society meeting,
- met with a developer regarding a proposed development,
- attended the Economic Update Forum,
- participated in a teleconference with MP Blaney and the CAO regarding grant applications,
- met with a Legion member regarding moving the cenotaph,
- attended a monthly BIA meeting, and
- participated in a Provincial Health call regarding COVID.

17. RESOLUTION TO GO IN-CAMERA: NIL

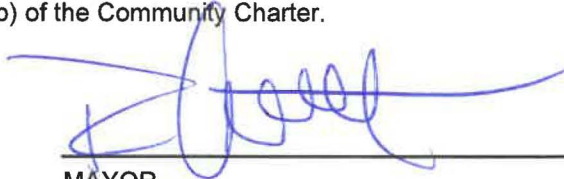
18. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA: NIL

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER