



**TOWN OF COMOX**  
**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,**  
**held in Council Chambers on Wednesday January 11, 2023**

**Present:** Mayor N. Minions  
Councillors S. Blacklock, K. Grant, C. Haslett,  
J. Kerr, J. Meilleur, M. Swift

**Absent:** Nil

**Staff Present:** J. Wall, Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Russwurm, Corporate Officer  
M. Kamenz, Director of Development Services  
G. Schreiner, Fire Chief  
S. Ashfield, Director of Operations

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with 22 members of the public in attendance.

Mayor Minions acknowledged that the Town of Comox is standing on the Unceded traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation.

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**1. INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF LATE ITEMS: NIL**

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**a. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Adoption of Agenda**

*That the January 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting agenda be Adopted.*

(2023.001) -- CARRIED

**3. DELEGATIONS:**

**a. Peter Crawford: Development Variance Permit Application DVP 22-6: 2070 Beaton Ave**

**2070 Beaton Avenue**

Mr. Crawford provided a brief summary of the proposed work and advised that the work will enhance the existing dwelling.

**b. Sydney Rankmore and Jake Hughson (Urban Systems): Climate Action Open House**

**Climate Action Open House**

Sydney provided a background of the project, summarized the input received from the engagement event and reviewed recommendations provided.

**c. Jonathan Schmidt (Bluerock Planning) and Chris Fields (Rynic): Development Process Review Report**

**Development Process Review**

Jonathan Schmidt identified the project methodology and the benefits of an improved development review process. He also advised of guiding principles of an ideal process and summarized the recommendations provided in the report.

## **TOWN OF COMOX - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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**THE MEETING RECESSED AT 6:25 P.M. AND RECONVENED AT 6:35 P.M.**

**COUNCILLOR BLACKLOCK LEFT THE MEETING AT 6:35 P.M.**

### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

#### **a. Revision of Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

##### **RCM Minutes Revision**

1. *That Council's November 16, 2022 resolution 2022.334, as follows: "That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday November 16, 2022, be Approved." be rescinded.*

(2023.002) -- CARRIED

2. *That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday November 16, 2022, be adopted as amended to replace the wording of resolution 2022.320 from:*

*"That Councillor Kerr be appointed to the Comox Valley Food Policy Council for a one-year term." to:*

*"That Councillor Meilleur be appointed to the Comox Valley Food Policy Council for a one-year term."*

(2023.003) -- CARRIED

3. *That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday December 7, 2022, be adopted.*

(2023.004) -- CARRIED

#### **b. Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

##### **RCM Minutes**

*That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday December 7, 2022, be adopted.*

(2023.005) -- CARRIED

#### **c. Public Hearing Meeting Minutes**

##### **Public Hearing Minutes**

*That the Minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting, held in d'Esterre Seniors' Centre on Wednesday December 7, 2022, be Adopted.*

(2023.006) -- CARRIED

### **5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS:**

#### **a. Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes**

##### **SPC Minutes**

*That the Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday December 14, 2022, be Received.*

(2023.007) -- CARRIED

**6. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**a. Consent Agenda**

**Consent Agenda**

1. *That the Consent Agenda items as follows be received for information:*
  - .01 *Chima Nkemdirim, VP Government Relations, Shaw, November 29, 2022, congratulations and how to reach out.*
  - .02 *Sarah Herring, BCSPCA, December 1, 2022, congratulations and resources to help adopt animal related bylaws.*
  - .03 *Martin Davies, December 5, 2022, snow removal appreciation.*
  - .04 *Honourable Mobina Jaffer, Senator for British Columbia, December 5, 2022, congratulations.*
  - .05 *Trish Fennell, December 6, 2022, 1000 Pritchard Road development.*
  - .06 *Evelyn Nixon, December 7, 2022, feels sidewalks are unsafe after snowfall.*
  - .07 *Teresa Beers, December 8, 2022, asks the Comox Council provide direction to Handydart to extend their service hours.*
  - .08 *Residents of Comox Valley, December 12, 2022, climate emergency petition.*
  - .09 *Adriana Proton, City of Courtenay, December 13, 2022, update on the administration of the Strengthening Communities' Services Grant.*
  - .10 *Jen Ford, UBCM, December 14, 2022, December Community Works Fund payment.*
  - .11 *Wendy Stewart-Fox, December 15, 2022, 1000 Pritchard Road development.*
  - .12 *Gloria and Les Herauf, December 15, 2022, 1000 Pritchard Road development.*
  - .13 *Jennifer Dyson, Provincial Agricultural Land Commission, December 28, 2022, congratulations and offering to meet.*
  - .14 *Heather Mackenzie, December 28, 2022, signage that is unique for public infrastructure.*
  - .15 *Brenda Cardinal, January 3, 2023, concerns with development application consultation process.*
  - .16 *Raymond Morin and Susan Toresdahl, January 4, 2023, thank you for support and recognition of staff.*

(2023.008) -- CARRIED

**a. Consent Agenda**

**Consent Agenda**

2. That items .05, .08, .11 and .12 (Climate Action Petition) be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

(2023.009) -- CARRIED

3. That the Climate Action Petition be included in the January 18th Strategic Planning discussion on the Green Open House.

(2023.010) -- CARRIED

4. Item .07 (Handidart Service) be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

(2023.011) -- CARRIED

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**a. Love Local Food: Summer Market and assistance from Council**

**Love Local Food**

That a staff report be provided in a timely manner on options for a summer market.

(2023.012) -- CARRIED

**8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL**

**9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS: NIL**

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Point Holmes Boat Ramp Maintenance**

**Point Holmes Boat Ramp**

That the October 28, 2022 request from the Point Holmes Recreation Association, for the Town to manage the replacement of the ramp surface on the Point Holmes boat ramp, be referred to the February 8, 2023 Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

(2023.013) -- CARRIED

**b. Development Variance Permit Application DVP 22-6: 2070 Beaton Avenue**

**2070 Beaton Avenue**

That Development Variance Permit DVP 22-6 for 2070 Beaton Avenue be issued subject to the Development Variance Permit Conditions listed in Schedule 1 of the January 11, 2022 Planning Report on DVP 22-3.

(2023.014) -- CARRIED

**11. NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL**

**12. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**a. Pete Chambers, President (Comox Business in Action): Proposed Parking Losses**

**BIA: Proposed Parking Losses**

That the December 7, 2022 letter from Pete Chambers, BIA President, providing feedback on the proposed Infrastructure Improvements and proposed street parking impacts, be received and filed for information.

(2023.015) -- CARRIED

**13. LATE ITEMS: NIL**

**14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:**

**a. Councillor Swift**

Councillor Swift advised that she attended:

- the North Island College ground-breaking for new student residences, and
- a Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association / Nautical Days Committee collaboration meeting.

**b. Councillor Haslett**

Councillor Haslett advised that he attended:

- a D'Esterre Seniors Centre board meeting, and
- a Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association / Nautical Days Committee collaboration meeting.

**c. Councillor Meilleur**

Councillor Meilleur advised that she attended:

- the North Island College student housing blessing ceremony, and
- a Food Policy Council sub committee meeting.

**d. Councillor Grant**

Councillor Grant advised that he attended:

- the regional district board meeting, and
- the regional sports commission meeting.

**e. Councillor Kerr**

Councillor Kerr advised that he attended:

- a Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association / Nautical Days Committee collaboration meeting,
- a tour of the food bank in Courtenay,
- the North Island College student housing blessing ceremony,
- a doctor recruitment meeting,
- Coalition to End Homelessness meeting,
- the regional recreation commission meeting, and
- the regional district board meeting.

**f. Mayor Minions**

Mayor Minions advised that she attended:

- the polar bear swim virtually,
- a number of developer meetings, and
- the North Island College student housing blessing ceremony.

**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 7:40 p.m.

*CARRIED*

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

  
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MAYOR

  
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CORPORATE OFFICER