

TOWN OF COMOX Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday January 18, 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.

The Agenda was amended to add a delegation regarding Rainbow House and adopted as amended.

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

1. DELEGATIONS:

a. Lee Everson, Joyce Wilson and Evan Jolicoeur: Rainbow House

The delegation identified and provided background information on Rainbow House. They advised that they are looking to acquire and renovate an existing home, and looking for the possibility of a tax and DVP exemptions if located in Comox.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Fire Department Strategic Direction Presentation and Discussion

Chief Schreiner provided information for the Committee, advising of challenges in trying to maintain service levels. He advised of the options to either reduce service levels or increase staffing.

b. Urban Systems: Green Open House Discussion

The Committee had a general discussion regarding Urban Systems' summary of the Town's June 2022 Climate Action Open House, including participant feedback and suggested next steps.

c. Development Application Review Discussion

The Committee had a general discussion regarding the Development Process Review Report, including highlights of the seven guiding principles of an ideal approvals process and recommendations for improving the Town's development application outcomes, transparency and efficiency.

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

CARRIED

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

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