



TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday February 1, 2023

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

Absent: Mayor N. Minions

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

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with 15 members of the public in attendance.
Acting Mayor Grant 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 February 1, 2023 Regular Council Meeting agenda be Adopted.

(2023.016) -- CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS:

a. Council Certificate of Recognition - Medical Emergency

Certificate of Recognition

Council awarded Certificates of Recognition to members of staff and the community for their quick action in response to a medical emergency at the Comox Community Centre. Certificates of Recognition awarded to: Ryan Casselman, Justin Fleming, John Dove and Jenny Leakey.

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 January 11, 2023, be Adopted.

(2023.017) -- CARRIED

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5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS:

a. Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

SPC Meeting Minutes

That the Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday January 18, 2023, be Received.

(2023.018) -- CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

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

.01 Gail Jernberg, January 12, 2023, opposed to skate and bike park at disc golf course.

.02 Major Mitch Hargreaves (CFB Comox), January 12, 2023, 1966 Guthrie proposed contravention of Comox Airport Zoning Regulations.

.03 Trish Fennell, January 12, 2023, request to increase tree canopy.

.04 Lara Greasley (Comox BIA), January 16, 2023, invitation to Strategic Plan results

.05 Miriam Myers (Comox Valley Airport Commission), January 23, 2023, recent appointees of local government nominees.

.06 Mel Mclachan, January 23, 2023, suggestion to locate BC Ambulance Service at the Comox Fire Hall.

.07 Grzeslo family, January 23, 2023, concerns with future developments.

.08 Steve Hill, January 27, 2023, promoting water conservation.

(2023.019) -- CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Beaufort Sidewalk / Parking

Beaufort Avenue Parking

1. THAT Council direct administration to proceed with the construction of the sidewalk on the south side of Beaufort Avenue (Church Street to Nordin Street) and introduce additional on street parking on the south side of Beaufort Avenue east of Nordin Street; and further,

That the laneway parking adjacent to the Town parking lot at 151 Port Augusta Street be extended westward to add additional parking.

(2023.021) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillor CHaslett]

2. That staff work with the Comox BIA on identifying and communicating the vast array of parking options available in the downtown area.

(2023.022) -- CARRIED

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS: NIL

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Development Permit Variance Application DVP 22-8: 299 Glacier View Dr

299 Glacier View Drive

That Development Variance Permit DVP 22-8 Conditions for 299 Glacier View Drive be amended to add that the southernmost window on the northeast elevation be frosted, and that DVP 22-8 be issued subject to the Development Variance Permit Conditions listed in Schedule 1 of the February 1, 2023 Planning Report on DVP 22-8.

(2023.023) -- CARRIED

b. Comox Airport Zoning Regulations Change Letter of Support

Comox Airport Zoning Regulations

1. *THAT Council approves the letter attached to the February 1, 2023 report from the CAO titled "Comox Airport Zoning Regulations Change Letter of Support", addressed to Minister Anand, of the Department of National Defence, to encourage changes to Comox Airport Zoning Regulations to allow for taller buildings within Comox's regulation area.*

(2023.024) -- CARRIED

2. *THAT Council request the City of Courtenay, the Comox Valley Regional District, and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs consider providing the Town with a letter of support for changes to Comox Airport Zoning Regulations.*

(2023.025) -- CARRIED

c. General Fees and Charges

Fees and Charges Bylaw

That Comox Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 2012, 2023 be given First, Second and Third Readings.

(2023.026) -- CARRIED

d. Sanitary Sewer and Water Parcel Taxes

Sewer and Water Parcel Taxes

That Comox Sanitary Sewer and Water Services Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 2014, 2023 be given First, Second and Third Readings.

(2023.027) -- CARRIED

e. Water, Sewer and Refuse Fees

Water, Sewer and Refuse

1. *That Comox Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 2011, 2023 be given First, Second and Third Readings.*

(2023.028) -- CARRIED

2. *That Comox Sewer User Rates Bylaw No. 2013, 2023 be given First, Second and Third Readings.*

(2023.029) -- CARRIED

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e. Water, Sewer and Refuse Fees

Water, Sewer and Refuse

3. That Comox Refuse Collection Amendment Bylaw No. 1585.11, 2023 be given First, Second and Third Readings.

(2023.030) -- CARRIED

f. 2023 Marina Rates

2023 Marina Rates

1. That Comox Municipal Marina Fees and Regulations Bylaw No. 2010, 2023 be given First Reading.

(2023.031) -- CARRIED

2. That all rates in the proposed bylaw be increased by 10% over the 2022 rates, and that Comox Municipal Marina Fees and Regulations Bylaw No. 2010, 2023 be given Second Reading.

(2023.032) -- CARRIED

3. That Comox Municipal Marina Fees and Regulations Bylaw No. 2010, 2023 be given Third Reading.

(2023.033) -- CARRIED

g. Capital and Special Projects Budget 2023

Capital and Special Projects

That voting on the Capital and Special Projects budget 2023 be deferred until the February 15, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

(2023.034) -- CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. **Rick Gibson (Comox Valley Snow to Surf): Request for permission to use Marina Park and close the boat ramp**

Snow to Surf

That the January 12, 2023 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 for the finish of the Snow to Surf event on Sunday April 30, 2023, be received and permission granted.

(2023.035) -- CARRIED

- b. **Inspector MJ Kurvers (OIC Comox Valley): Request for an increase in Regular Member positions**

RCMP Request for Increase

That the January 17, 2023 letter from Inspector M.J. Kurvers, Officer in Charge, Comox Valley Detachment, requesting the addition of two Constable Positions be received and filed for information.

(2023.036) -- CARRIED

13. LATE ITEMS: NIL

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14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Council Reports

Councillor Swift advised that she attended the Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association board meeting and reminded Council members to purchase memberships.

Councillor Blacklock reminded Council members of the Comox Business in Action's membership survey on issues and opportunities.

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