



TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday August 9, 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 5:02 p.m. with 13 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.

1. INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF LATE ITEMS: NIL

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

a. Adoption of the Agenda

Adoption of Agenda

That the August 9, 2023 Regular Council Meeting agenda be adopted.

(2023.256) -- CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS:

**a. Brian Perry: (Manor Park Strata Corporation): Development Variance Permit Application
DVP 23-7 (2250 Manor Place)**

2250 Manor Place

Brian Perry discussed the 2021 heat dome impacts and their need to prepare. He advised of the benefit of heat pumps and noted that they will do a pilot project if their DVP application is approved.

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 July 12, 2023, be Adopted.

(2023.257) -- CARRIED

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS: NIL

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

- 1. *That the Consent Agenda items as follows be received for information:*
 - a. *Naomi Radawiec, Brooklyn Elementary Grade 5/6 class, July 12, 2023, would like to see information signs and fencing around the Middens at Mack Laing Park.*
 - b. *Lisa Domae, North Island College, July 20, 2023, Build 2026 update.*
 - c. *Sarah Weber, C3 Alliance Corp, July 21, 2023, invitation to Resource Breakfast Series.*
 - d. *Anne Bank, National Defence, July 26, 2023, reply to the letter asking to examine the Comox Airport Zoning Regulations.*
 - e. *Jen Ford, UBCM, July 28, 2023, advising of Community Works Fund payment for 2023/2024*
 - f. *Jack & Kathryn Turner, July 28, 2023, automated collection concerns*
 - g. *Cindy Webb, Township of Spallumcheen, July 31, 2023, seeking support for no-cost recycling of certain plastic containers.*
 - h. *Jesse Ketler, CVRD, August 2, 2023, initiation of Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw amendment*
 - i. *Julia Jachimowicz, United Way BC, August 2, 2023, Proclamation request for United Way Campaign.*
 - j. *Jonas Woodrow, UBCM, August 2, 2023, Next Generation 911 Funding*

(2023.258) -- CARRIED

- 2. *That item a (Naomi Radawiec, Brooklyn Elementary Grade 5/6 class, July 12, 2023, seeking information signs and fencing around the Middens at Mack Laing Park) be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.*

(2023.259) -- CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. 2022 Annual Report Adoption

Annual Report

That the 2022 Annual Report, as contained in the August 9, 2023 Regular Council Meeting agenda, be Adopted.

(2023.260) -- CARRIED

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS: NIL

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. CMHC Housing Accelerator Fund Application

Housing Accelerator Fund Application

- 1. THAT Council direct staff to submit a Housing Accelerator Fund Action Plan that includes the initiatives as generally outlined in the staff report dated August 9, 2023, along with all additional required documentation to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation as the Town's application under the Housing Accelerator Fund program.

(2023.261) -- CARRIED

- 2. THAT Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into any contribution agreements or amending agreements that may be required should the Town be approved for funding under the program.

(2023.262) -- CARRIED

b. Development Variance Permit Application: DVP 23-7 (2250 Manor Place)

2250 Manor Place

That Development Variance Permit DVP 23-7 for 2250 Manor Place be issued subject to the Development Variance Permit Conditions listed in Schedule 1 of the August 9, 2023 Planning Report on DVP 23-7.

(2023.263) -- CARRIED

c. CVRD Conveyance Project Nighttime Works

Conveyance Project

THAT Council delegate authority to administration to review and approve variances to Bylaw No. 1652 for construction at night for the CVRD Sewer System Conveyance Project if it aligns with the Traffic Management Strategy which was presented to the Comox Valley Sewage Commission on February 14, 2023 and attached to this report.

(2023.264) -- CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION:

a. Notice of Motion from July 12, 2023 RCM: Speed limit in Downtown Core (Councillor Kerr)

Speed Limit in Downtown

- That Administration be directed to prepare a report for Council that:
- 1. recognises the importance of safety to Comox residents and visitors;
 - 2. evaluates a reduction in the speed limit in Downtown Comox to 30 km/hr, effective November 1st, 2023; and
 - 3. provides recommendations on piloting a speed limit reduction in one residential neighbourhood to 30 km/hr, effective November 1st, 2023.

(2023.265) -- DEFEATED

[Opposed: Councillors SBlacklock CHaslett KGrant MSwift]

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Artur Ciastkowski (Comox Valley Record): requesting Town to stop advertising with Meta

Comox Valley Record Advertising

That the July 16, 2023 letter from Artur Ciastkowski of the Comox Valley Record, requesting that the Town stop advertising with Meta platforms, be received for information.

(2023.266) -- CARRIED

- b. Linda Thomas (Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association): requesting the Filberg public washrooms be added to Town cleaning schedule**

Filberg Washrooms

That the July 26, 2023 letter from Linda Thomas of the Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Society, requesting that the Filberg public washrooms be added to Town cleaning schedule, be received, and that the Filberg washrooms be maintained by Town staff.

(2023.267) -- CARRIED

- c. Myrna Logan (MIKI'SIW Metis Association): request for flag raising during Metis Week and Louis Riel Day**

Flag Raising - Metis Week

That the August 1, 2023 Flag Raising request for November 13-17, 2023 from the MIKI'SIW Metis Association be received, and that the request be granted.

(2023.268) -- CARRIED

- d. Pat Sloan, August 4, 2023: laurel spurge spreading from the golf course**

Larel Spurge on Golf Course

That the August 4, 2023 email from Pat Sloan, regarding laurel spurge on the Comox golf course grounds, be received and filed for information.

(2023.269) -- CARRIED

13. LATE ITEMS: NIL

14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

- a. Councillor Blacklock**

Councillor Blacklock advised that he attended:
- the Nautical Days events,
- an information session regarding Peer Assisted Care Teams (PACT), and
- a Comox Valley Substance Use Collaboration meeting.

- b. Councillor Swift**

Councillor Swift advised that she attended a Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association board meeting.

- c. Councillor Haslett**

Councillor Haslett advised that he attended a meeting with Councillor Kerr and Tourism, Art, Culture and Sport Minister Popham regarding the application process for grants.

- d. Councillor Kerr**

Councillor Kerr thanked volunteers, producers and Town staff for all working to put on the Nautical Days festival. Councillor Kerr also advised that he attended the meeting with Tourism, Art, Culture and Sport Minister Popham regarding the application process for grants.

- e. Councillor Grant**

Councillor Grant advised that he attended:
- the Nautical Days festival,
- the Filberg Festival and
- a regional district in-camera meeting.

f. Councillor Meilleur

Councillor Meilleur advised that she attended:

- the meeting with Tourism, Art, Culture and Sport Minister Popham regarding the application process for grants; and
- a drought conditions and response call regarding the Tsolum River watershed.

g. Mayor Minions

Mayor Minions advised that she attended:

- a meeting with the CAO and Harbour Air regarding year-round operations, and
- an announced on Comox being the first bat friendly community on Vancouver Island.

Mayor Minions also advised of the upcoming Pride flag raising event and the first Pride Parade on August 26.

17. RESOLUTION TO GO IN-CAMERA:

a. Exclude the Public

Exclude the Public

That the Public be Excluded from the In-Camera session of Council on Wednesday August 9, 2023 pursuant to the following sub-sections of section 90 of the Community Charter:

(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations; and

(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

(2023.270) -- CARRIED

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT 6:21 P.M.

THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:12 P.M.

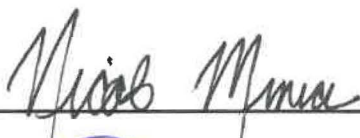
18. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA: NIL

Adjournment:


Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER