



**TOWN OF COMOX**  
**Minutes of the Special Council Meeting,**  
**held in Council Chambers on Wednesday June 19, 2024**

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

**Absent:** Nil

**Staff Present:** J. Wall, Chief Administrative Officer  
C. Dallamore, Corporate Coordinator  
G. Schreiner, Fire Chief

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm with 2 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, the traditional keepers of this land.

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**1. RESOLUTION TO GO IN-CAMERA:**

**a. Exclude the Public**

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*THAT the Public be Excluded from the In-Camera session of Council on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 pursuant to the following sub-sections of section 90 of the Community Charter:*

*(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.*

(2024.239) -- CARRIED

**THE MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT 4:00 PM AND RECONVENED AT 4:55 PM**

**THE MEETING RECESSED AT 4:55 PM AND RECONVENED AT 5:00 PM**

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**a. Adoption of Agenda**

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*THAT the June 19, 2024, Special Council Meeting agenda be Adopted.*

(2024.240) -- CARRIED

**3. DELEGATIONS:**

**a. Sarah Cavanagh (Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) - K'omoks First Nation Treaty Negotiation Update**

Sarah Cavanagh, Senior Negotiator at the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, along with Jessica Jamieson and Sarah Plank, provided a presentation to update the Council on the K'omoks First Nation treaty negotiations. The presentation covered jurisdiction and lands, harvesting rights, resource management, and targeted timelines for consultation, engagement, and approvals.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**a. Consent Agenda**

**Consent Agenda**

- 1. *THAT the Consent Agenda items as follows be received for information:*
  - 1. *May 24, 2024, Pride Society of the Comox Valley: Request that the Town of Comox reconsider its permissive tax exemption for the Bay Community Church.*
  - 2. *June 2, 2024, Stephen Galpin: Expressing opposition to food trucks being permitted in Lazo Road and Kye Bay parks.*
  - 3. *June 4, 2024, Lorraine Barner: Request for name recognition for former Mayor Merrick.*
  - 4. *June 11, 2024, Petra Bernard: Zoning Amendment Application RZ 23-6 (458 Anderton Road)*

*Correspondence related to RZ24.3 (2123 Hector Road):*

- 5. *May 31, 2024, Hans and Marie Jacobs (comments also related to RZ 23.2 - 941 Aspen / 2077 Hector Road application).*
- 6. *May 28, 2024, John D. Neilson (President, Brooklyn Creek Watershed Society)*
- 7. *June 3, 2024, Hans and Marie Jacobs (comments also related to RZ 23.2 - 941 Aspen / 2077 Hector Road application).*

*Correspondence related to Bill 44 (Small Scale Multi-Family Housing):*

- 8. *June 12, 2024, Carol Finley*
- 9. *June 12, 2024, Jessica*
- 10. *June 12, 2024, Hal Martyn (Consulting Engineer for 1609/1617 Birch Avenue Zoning Amendment)*
- 11. *June 13, 2024, Maureen Denny*

*(2024.241) -- CARRIED*

- 2. *THAT Item 6. (May 28, 2024, John D. Neilson, President, Brooklyn Creek Watershed Society) be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.*

*(2024.242) -- CARRIED*

- 3. *THAT Item 4. (June 11, 2024, Petra Bernard: Zoning Amendment Application RZ 23-6, 458 Anderton Road) be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.*

*(2024.243) -- CARRIED*

- 4. *THAT Item 10. (June 12, 2024, Hal Martyn (Consulting Engineer for 1609/1617 Birch Avenue Zoning Amendment) be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.*

*(2024.244) -- CARRIED*

a. Consent Agenda

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5. THAT Item 3. (June 4, 2024, Lorraine Barner: Request for name recognition for former Mayor Merrick) be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

(2024.245) -- CARRIED

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Jenny Steel (Comox Golf Club) - Request for letter of support for their grant application (June 5, 2024, Delegation)

Comox Golf Club

THAT a letter of support be provided to the Comox Golf Club to assist in securing funding through the BC Gaming Grants Program for the completion of an Irrigation Renewal Project.

(2024.246) -- CARRIED

b. Julie Micksch (RBTech): Request for the Town to hire a registered professional biologist (June 5, 2024, Delegation)

Julie Micksch

This item was received for information for future consideration.

6. BYLAW ADOPTIONS:

a. Bill 44 Implementation: Small Scale Multi Family Housing (Adoption of Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1850.47)

Bill 44: Small Scale Multi Family Housing

THAT Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1850.47 be adopted.

(2024.247) -- CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Permissive Tax Exemptions

Permissive Property Tax Exemption Policy

THAT Administration provide a report for Council review detailing the ability to partially or fully remove a permissive tax exemption, for example, based on actions taken, regional considerations, or changes in property use.

(2024.248) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillor SBlacklock]

b. Grant in Aid Program Options

Grant in Aid Program

1. THAT 'Continuing Approval' grant in aid policy with an amount of \$10,000 for Individual Applications be submitted to Council for review.

(2024.249) -- DEFEATED

[Opposed: Mayor Minions, Councillors SBlacklock CHaslett KGrant JKerr JMeilleur MSwift]

2. THAT a grant in aid policy with only Continuing Approval be submitted to Council for annual review with a cap of \$100,000.

(2024.250) -- CARRIED

**c. UBCM Minister Meeting Requests**

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1. THAT the June 19, 2024 report from the CAO titled "UBCM 2024 Minister Meeting Requests" be received for discussion.

(2024.251) -- CARRIED

2. THAT based on the June 19, 2024 report from the CAO titled "UBCM 2024 Minister Meeting Requests", Council direct Administration to prepare meeting requests on the following topics:

1. To seek a permanent exemption to the Kye Bay area for Small Scale Multi Family Housing regulations

2. RCMP cost sharing & officer allocation in a regional approach

3. Youth recreation and pump track funding

4. BC Hydro regarding resident street light complaints

(2024.252) -- CARRIED

**AT 6:45 PM COUNCILLOR GRANT LEFT THE MEETING AND RETURNED AT 6:46 PM**

**d. Tom Beshr: Request to have street light replaced**

**Correspondence**

Council discussed Mr. Beshr's request regarding the replacement of a street light.

**Adjournment:**

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:53 pm

CARRIED

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

  
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MAYOR

  
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CORPORATE OFFICER