



TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday October 9, 2024

- 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
 E. Henley, Director of Finance
 R. Houle, 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 Adopted

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.

1. DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES:

a. 2025-2029 Pre-budget Presentation

The Director of Finance provided a summary outlining the 2025-2029 budget focus, principles, current financial position, and budgetary considerations linked to the Strategic Plan's five priorities, providing guidance for the upcoming budget and financial plan.

1. THAT Council advise the RCMP that the Town of Comox will fund 11.3 officer until the end of 2027 unless there is a significant increase in population or crime rates.

AMENDING MOTION:

THAT the main motion be amended to replace the wording "unless there is a significant increase in population or crime rates" with the wording "with further review at a future date".

CARRIED

2. MOTION AS AMENDED:
 (COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:)

THAT Council advise the RCMP that the Town of Comox will fund 11.3 officer until the end of 2027, with further review at a future date.

CARRIED

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2. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES REPORT:

a. Updated Strategic Plan 2022-2026

The Strategic Plan with updates from the October 2, 2024, Regular Council Meeting with was received.

b. Strategic Plan Scorecard

The Strategic Plan Scorecard, dated October 4, 2024, was received.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Permissive Tax Exemption Policy CCL-025.01

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Permissive Tax Exemption Policy be brought back for discussion during a February or March 2025 Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED

4. STAFF REPORTS:

a. Shelley Ashfield (Director of Operations) - Traffic Complaints

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council forwards the projects listed as 'recommended' in 'Schedule A-E' (highlighted in yellow) to the capital budget deliberations for inclusion in the 2025-2029 Financial Plan, as outlined in the October 4, 2024 report titled "Traffic Complaints".

CARRIED

b. Edward Henley (Director of Finance) - 2025-2029 Pre-budget Presentation

The 2025-2029 Pre-budget Presentation from the Director of Finance was received.

5. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 7:01 P.M.

CARRIED

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

CHAIR

