



TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday March 12, 2025

Present: Mayor N. Minions
Councillors S. Blacklock (electronic), K. Grant (electronic), C. Haslett,
J. Kerr (electronic), 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
T. Hagmeier, Recreation Director
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. DELEGATIONS:

**a. John Neville, President & Allan Gornall, General Manager (Comox Valley Marina Ltd):
Comox Economic Development Plan**

Comox Valley Marina

The Comox Valley Marina Ltd. delegation presented plans for marina expansion, including additional moorage, transient berths, and improved Harbour Air service protection. They requested OCP amendments and zoning changes to allow high-density, multi-use development at 1805 & 1823 Beaufort Ave., citing zoning restrictions and economic viability concerns.

**b. Donna Turner (Comox Valley Pickleball Association): Request for the Town to Acquire
Land on Pritchard Road**

Comox Valley Pickleball Association

The Comox Valley Pickleball Association delegation presented the need for a dedicated pickleball and recreation hub, citing overcrowding, growing demand, and community benefits. They requested approval for CAO Jordan Wall to engage with the Province of BC on acquiring land at 900, 910, and 920 Pritchard Road for the facility's development.

c. Matthew Shields (Diamond Head Consulting): Urban Forest Management Strategy

Urban Forest Management Strategy

Diamond Head Consulting updated Council on the Urban Forest Management Strategy, noting a 1% canopy loss since 2019, valued at \$1.1 million annually in ecosystem services, and raising concerns about urban heat. Next steps include public engagement, setting canopy cover targets, and drafting the strategy to support sustainable urban forestry.

2. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES REPORT:

a. Strategic Plan Scorecard

Strategic Plan Scorecard

The Strategic Plan Scorecard, dated March 12, 2025, was received.

3. COUNCIL EVENT:

a. Youth and Council Event: Comox Youth Council and Town of Comox Council Connection Event

Youth and Council Event

Recreation Programmer Justin Wolfe introduced the Comox Youth Council (CYC), outlining its purpose and ongoing projects. Discussions covered Council members' experiences, community perceptions of youth, and opportunities for youth engagement in Comox's future. The meeting concluded with a request that Town Council designate a Council representative to connect with the Youth Council three to four times per year to strengthen collaboration.

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

CARRIED

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



CHAIR