



TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday April 2, 2025

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
G. Schreiner, Fire Chief

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with 4 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.

1. INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF LATE ITEMS: NIL

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

a. Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Agenda

THAT the April 2, 2025, Regular Council Meeting agenda be Adopted.

(2025.124) -- CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS: NIL

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

a. Adoption of Minutes

Adoption of Minutes

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held in Council Chambers on March 19, 2025, be Adopted.

(2025.125) -- CARRIED

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS:

a. Nautical Days Festival Committee Meeting Minutes

**Nautical Days Festival
Committee Meeting Minutes**

THAT the Minutes of the Nautical Days Festival Committee Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, be Received.

(2025.126) -- CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

- 1. *THAT the Consent Agenda items as follows be received for information:*
 - 1. *Steve Faraher-Amidon: Air quality in the City of Courtenay is improving thanks to local improvements*
 - 2. *Elizabeth Wylie: 2025 to 2029 Proposed Budget Increases*
 - 3. *Shelley & Leon Bohmer, Carol Baert & Dave Hone, Ros Pattison & Dana Way, Colin & Sandra Eves: Comox Pump Station Concerns*
 - 4. *Bob Wells, Mayor (City of Courtenay): Tariffs Response - City of Courtenay Joins Team Canada*
 - 5. *Ben Geselbracht, President (Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities): Requesting Feedback - Reforming the Local Government Act - A Roadmap*
 - 6. *Mel McLachlan: Tree Canopy Status Evaluation*
 - 7. *Lisa Pineault, Mayor (Village of Daajing Giids): Cannabis Taxation Sharing & Municipal-Owned Cannabis Retail Stores*
 - 8. *Maurita Prato & Naomi Robert, Co-Chairs (Comox Valley Food Policy Council): Food Policy Framework to Support Municipal OCP Updates*

(2025.127) -- CARRIED
- 2. *THAT Item 8. (Maurita Prato & Naomi Robert, Co-Chairs (Comox Valley Food Policy Council): Food Policy Framework to Support Municipal OCP Updates) be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.*

(2025.128) -- CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Boundary Extension Application – Torrence Road Properties – Electoral Approval (BE 23-1)

Boundary Extension & AAP

THAT Council accepts the Proposal Report dated January 23, 2025 from the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs for the proposed boundary extension in the Noel Ave, Torrence Road, and King Road area for the following properties:

- 1. *The North ½ of Lot 20, District Lot 186, Comox District, Plan 449 Except That Part in Plan 24247 (PID 001-095-544, no civic address),*
- 2. *Lot A, District Lot 186, Comox District, Plan 24247 (PID 002-992-647, 480 Torrence Rd),*
- 3. *The North ½ of the South ½ of Lot 20, District Lot 186, Comox District, Plan 449 (PID 009-047-671, 456 Torrence Rd); AND FURTHER,*

a. Boundary Extension Application – Torrence Road Properties – Electoral Approval (BE 23-1)

Boundary Extension & AAP

THAT Town of Comox Administration be authorized to proceed with an Alternative Approval Process for electoral approval of a boundary extension application in the Noel Ave, Torrence Road, and King Road area for the above properties.

(2025.129) -- CARRIED

b. Comox Affordable Housing Agreement Bylaw 2040

1966 Guthrie Road, Phase 3

THAT Comox Housing Agreement Bylaw No. 2040 be given, First, Second, and Third Readings.

(2025.130) -- CARRIED

c. Respectful Workplace Policy

Respectful Workplace Policy

THAT Policy CCL-080.01, Respectful Workplace Policy, be Adopted.

(2025.131) -- CARRIED

d. Scott Mercer, Inspector (Comox Valley RCMP): 2025 Policing Priorities

Policing Priorities

Council discussed the 2025 Policing Priorities, and the recommendations will be added to the April 16, 2025, Regular Council Meeting agenda.

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS: NIL

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Station Replacement

Fire Station Replacement

Fire Chief Gord Schreiner gave a presentation on the current fire station's issues, noting it no longer meets the needs of the growing department. The proposed upgrade would improve safety, operations, and response, with costs shared by the Town of Comox and the Fire Protection District.

a. Fire Station Replacement

1. *THAT Council direct Administration to develop a financial plan for the replacement of the existing fire station offices, with implementation beginning in early 2026.*

(2025.132) -- CARRIED

2. *THAT a Council tour of the fire station be organized.*

(2025.133) -- CARRIED

3. *THAT Council add "Fire Station Replacement" to the Strategic Plan under Community Connections and Wellness – Public Safety.*

(2025.134) -- CARRIED

b. Disposal of Asset, 2009 TORO Groundsmaster 4000-D

Disposal of Asset

THAT the sale of the 2009 Toro Groundsmaster 4000-D to Comox Golf Club, for the price of \$8,000 be approved.

(2025.135) -- CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL

12. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

13. LATE ITEMS: NIL

14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor Blacklock

Councillor Blacklock shared information about a substance use awareness event planned for the Comox Valley, set to take place on June 3 or 4.

b. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift attended a Nautical Days Festival Committee meeting and a Filberg Heritage Lodge & Park Association board meeting, sharing details about an Easter event at the Filberg Lodge on April 19, and announced that Filberg Park has received Level 1 Arboretum Accreditation from the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and The Morton Arboretum.

c. Councillor Haslett

Councillor Haslett attended the KidSport Cup fundraiser event with Councillor Grant and CAO Jordan Wall, and also participated in the Nautical Days Festival Committee meeting, held on the last Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm in council chambers.

d. Councillor Kerr

Councillor Kerr attended a Comox Strathcona Waste Management meeting last week and announced that Recycle BC has provided short notice that their agreement must be signed by April 16. They will continue to fund recycling depots and are only providing a 10% increase for curbside pickup.

e. Councillor Grant

Council Grant attended the KidSport Cup fundraiser event and a Comox Strathcona Waste Management meeting.

f. Councillor Meilleur

Councillor Meilleur announced that the Comox Museum is hosting visioning and strategic planning meetings on the next two Saturdays, inviting public comments or attendance, and also shared that the Pearl Ellis 100th birthday celebration will take place on April 12 at the Gallery.

g. Mayor Minions

Mayor Minions announced that the Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce AGM will be held on April 23 at 5:30 at 40 Knots, and the Comox BIA AGM is scheduled for May 12 at 5:30 at RAD Brewery.

17. RESOLUTION TO GO IN-CAMERA: NIL

18. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA: NIL

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Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:03 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER