



TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday February 4, 2026

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 (electronically)
R. Houle, Director of Development Services
G. Schreiner, Fire Chief

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with 14 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 February 4, 2026, Regular Council Meeting agenda be Adopted.

(2026.034) -- CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS:

a. Roch Massicotte, President (Comox Valley Marine Rescue Society): 5 Year Extension for Moorage and Hydro

Comox Valley Marine Rescue Society

A representative of the Comox Valley Marine Rescue Society outlined the organization's volunteer marine search and rescue operations, including service coverage, training requirements, and recent operational activity. The Society requested a five-year free moorage and hydro extension at the Comox Marina for RCMSAR Station 60 and two vessels, including an offsetting grant for annual moorage costs.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

a. Adoption of Minutes

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THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Council, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, be Adopted.

(2026.035) -- CARRIED

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS: NIL

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

THAT the Consent Agenda items as follows be received for information:

- 1. *Bob Wells, Mayor (City of Courtenay): Council Resolution to Support Elect Respect Campaign*
- 2. *Esther Karasova, Executive Director (Open Door Language & Culture Society): Lunar New Year Event, Feb 22, 3-5pm*
- 3. *Barb Morris, VP (Comox Valley Cycling Club): Event Request - Bicycle Race on Lazo Loop for May 9, 2026*
- 4. *Lisa Dennis, Manager of Legislative Services (Comox Valley Regional District): 2026 Comox Valley Water Committee Voting Structure*
- 5. *Colleen McVea, Chair (Comox Valley Children's Day Care Society): Appreciation form 2026 Tax Exemption*

(2026.036) -- CARRIED

b. Comox Valley Water Committee

Comox Valley Water Committee

THAT Item 4. (Lisa Dennis, Manager of Legislative Services (Comox Valley Regional District): 2026 Comox Valley Water Committee Voting Structure) be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

(2026.037) -- CARRIED

THAT Council direct Administration to send a letter to the Comox Valley Water Committee, and request that the CVRD and the City of Courtenay also provide information, requesting:

- 1. *Available information on industrial and commercial water use by each participating jurisdiction.*
- 2. *Any available data or analysis on residential water use, including what may be driving recent changes in consumption.*
- 3. *Information on any major upcoming decisions or projects where the Committee's current voting structure could have a meaningful impact, including matters related to system expansion, cost sharing, or buy-in arrangements.*

(2026.038) -- CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Larissa Rutquist (Comox Valley Community Broadcasting Society): Seeking Support Letter for Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) FM licence

CV Community Broadcasting Society

THAT Council direct Administration to send a letter of support to the Comox Valley Community Broadcasting Society in support of their CRTC application.

(2026.039) -- CARRIED

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS:

a. Amenity Cost Charges Bylaw No. 2052 and Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 2053

ACC & DCC Bylaws

1. *THAT Amenity Cost Charges Bylaw No. 2052 and Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 2053 be postponed until the March 4, 2026 Regular Council Meeting, to allow for discussion to occur on the Amenity Cost Charges and Development Cost Charges at the February 11, 2026 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting.*

(2026.040) -- CARRIED

2. *THAT external development consultants be invited to attend the discussion on the Amenity Cost Charges and Development Cost Charges at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on Feb 11, 2026.*

(2026.041) -- CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Council Correspondence Policy CCL-006.04

Council Correspondence Policy

THAT the draft Council Correspondence Policy CCL-006.04 as detailed in the January 26, 2026, report from the Corporate Coordinator, titled "Council Correspondence Policy" be Approved.

(2026.042) -- CARRIED

b. Parcel Tax Review Panel

Parcel Tax Review Panel

THAT Council schedule a Parcel Tax Review Panel meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 4:55 pm at the Comox Council Chambers.

(2026.043) -- CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Sheriden Barnett (Deputy CAO, K'ómoks First Nation): Letter of Support request for K'ómoks Treaty

K'ómoks First Nation Treaty

THAT the correspondence dated January 29, 2026, from Sheridan Barnett, Deputy CAO, K'ómoks First Nation, requesting a letter of support for the K'ómoks Treaty be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve a letter of support for the K'ómoks Treaty, addressed to Premier David Eby and Minister Chartrand-Hebert, for the Mayor's signature, encouraging the Province to proceed on the timeline identified by K'ómoks First Nation, including earlier ratification where possible.

(2026.044) -- CARRIED

- b. Nicole Rempel (Elected Chief, K'ómoks First Nation): Letter of Support request for an Addition to Reserve Application**

**K'ómoks First Nation
Addition to Reserve**

THAT the correspondence dated January 29, 2026, from Chief Nicole Rempel of the K'ómoks First Nation regarding the Addition to Reserve application for the Piercy Road parcel be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve a letter of support for K'ómoks First Nation's Addition to Reserve application for the Piercy Road parcel, for submission to the Government of Canada.

(2026.045) -- CARRIED

13. LATE ITEMS: NIL

14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

- a. Councillor Blacklock**

Councillor Blacklock had nothing to report.

- b. Councillor Swift**

Councillor Swift attended a Filberg Lodge and Park Association board meeting and noted planning for an Easter event on April 4.

- c. Councillor Haslett**

Councillor Haslett reported on ongoing strategic planning related to a d'Esterre project, noting recent progress and potential interest in filling board positions.

- d. Councillor Kerr**

Councillor Kerr reported CVRD budget meetings and highlighted a projected increase in CVRD debt from about \$150 million to \$350 million over five years due to major capital projects (including a large sewer plant upgrade and other projects discussed).

- e. Councillor Grant**

Councillor Grant reported attending the CVRD budget meeting and a Regional Parks and Trails Committee meeting.

- f. Councillor Meilleur**

Councillor Meilleur reported attending meetings of the Comox Archives and Museum Board, Food Policy Council, and the Regional Parks and Trails Committee, and noted that she was reappointed as Vice Chair of the Regional Parks and Trails Committee. She also noted attending a Treaty update session.

- g. Mayor Minions**

Mayor Minions reported on the Town's 80th anniversary event held in mid-January, noting it was well attended and well received, and thanked staff and participants for their work. She also reported attending an RCMP facility tour in North Cowichan with the CAO, noting the scale of the new facility and highlighting the need for the region to focus on RCMP facility planning and upgrades in the near term.

17. RESOLUTION TO GO IN-CAMERA: NIL

18. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA: NIL

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 5:43

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER