



TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday March 11, 2026

Present: Mayor N. Minions
Councillors S. Blacklock (electronically), K. Grant, C. Haslett,
J. Kerr (electronically), 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
S. Ashfield, Director of Operations

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Agenda was adopted as amended to remove Item 2 (a) Delegation: Dave Ewart (889 Hercules Place) - Tree Protection Covenant.

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. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES REPORT:

a. Strategic Plan Scorecard

The Strategic Plan Scorecard dated March 11, 2026 was received.

2. DELEGATIONS:

Diamond Head Consulting – Urban Forest Management Strategy & Tree Bylaw Workshop

Urban Forest Management Strategy

1. THAT the Town manage all trees of any size on town-owned property, and regulate trees with diameters greater than 20 cm on private land and greater than 75 cm diameter for significant/high-value trees.

DEFEATED

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 7:23 P.M. AND RECONVENED AT 7:30 P.M.

b. Diamond Head Consulting – Urban Forest Management Strategy & Tree Bylaw Workshop

Urban Forest Management Strategy

2. THAT Council direct Administration to proceed with creating a tree protection bylaw that regulates trees on private property, with details (sizes, restrictions, etc.) to be determined later.

CARRIED

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3. THAT the tree protection bylaw allow removal of most trees on private property with few restrictions, primarily requiring permits for tracking purposes.

CARRIED

4. THAT Council direct Administration to require a permit for removal of trees with diameter greater than 30 cm.

CARRIED

5. THAT Council direct Administration to develop criteria for defining significant or ecologically valuable trees that may require additional protection.

CARRIED

6. THAT the tree protection bylaw include a tree replacement ratio requirement, with specific ratios to be determined later.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:09 p.m.

CARRIED

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



CHAIR