



TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday April 1, 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
E. Henley, Director of Finance
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 11 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.

The Mayor recognized April 1, 2026 as the 102nd anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force, thanking RCAF members, their families, and civilian personnel at CFB Comox for their valued contributions to the community.

1. INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF LATE ITEMS: NIL

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

a. Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Agenda

THAT the April 1, 2026, Regular Council Meeting agenda be Adopted.

(2026.116) -- CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS:

a. Tanya Massa, Tourism Development Specialist (Experience Comox Valley): Letter of Support for MRDT Application

**Experience Comox Valley
MRDT Application**

Experience Comox Valley presented on transitioning to a regional MRDT model, which would expand funding for tourism initiatives through a visitor-paid accommodation tax. The change would provide more stable, equitable funding across the region and requires support from local governments before submitting to the Province.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

a. Adoption of Minutes

Adoption of Minutes

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 be Adopted.

(2026.117) -- CARRIED

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS: NIL

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

- 1. *THAT the Consent Agenda items as follows be received:*
 - 1. *Barb Tribe: Bylaw Amendment Request - Bylaw 1652*
 - 2. *Marie Jacobs: CVRD Temporary Use Permit (TUP) for Cannabis Processing*
 - 3. *Diane Nakashima (Shoutout BC News Society): Request For More Affordable (Non-Market) Housing*
 - 4. *Parliamentary Committees Office (Legislative Assembly of British Columbia): Provincial Budget 2027 Consultation - Deadline April 10th*
 - 5. *Will Cole-Hamilton, Chair (Comox Valley Regional District): Adoption of Comox Valley Regional Growth Strategy Minor Amendment Bylaw*
 - 6. *Leona Stefiuk (Strata 107): Elm Place Street Sign Request for 1537 Noel Ave - Fire & EHS Service*

(2026.118) -- CARRIED
- 2. *THAT Item 6. (Leona Stefiuk (Strata 107): Elm Place Street Sign Request for 1537 Noel Ave - Fire & EHS Service) be removed from the agenda for discussion.*

(2026.119) -- CARRIED
- 3. *THAT Council direct Administration to install a directional sign indicating access to Elm Place from Pritchard Road to improve wayfinding and provide greater clarity for emergency access.*

(2026.120) -- CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Council Meeting Video Recording Policy No. CCL-060

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- THAT Council Meeting Video Recording Policy No. CCL-060 be amended to specify that both Regular Meetings of Council and Strategic Planning Committee Meetings be livestreamed and saved to video archives.*

(2026.121) -- CARRIED

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 5:37 P.M. AND RECONVENED AT 5:39 P.M.

b. Development Cost Charge Bylaw No. 2053

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- 1. *THAT third reading of Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 2053 be Rescinded.*

(2026.122) -- CARRIED

b. Development Cost Charge Bylaw No. 2053

**Development Cost Charge
Bylaw No. 2053**

2. THAT Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 2053 be re-read a Third time as amended to:

- Delete P-018 Point Holmes Playground from the project list;
- Update Park DCC reserves and P-001 Community Park Acquisition costs based on the recent purchase of 1413 Balmoral Avenue; and
- Apply a Low-Density Residential Charge on a per lot or per dwelling unit basis.

(2026.123) -- CARRIED

3. THAT Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 2053 be advanced to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

(2026.124) -- CARRIED

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS:

a. Comox Reserve Funds Amendment Bylaw No. 2025.02

**Comox Reserve Funds
Amendment Bylaw No.
2025.02**

THAT Comox Reserve Funds Amendment Bylaw No. 2025.02 be Adopted.

(2026.125) -- CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS:

AT 5:41 P.M. COUNCILLOR BLACKLOCK LEFT THE MEETING, DECLARING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH ITEM 10.(A) AS HIS PARTNER IS EMPLOYED WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

a. 266 Gladstone Town Sale to Habitat for Humanity

**266 Gladstone Town Sale to
Habitat for Humanity**

THAT Council approve and amend the budget to contribute of up to \$282,700 from the Affordable Housing Reserve to offset related costs associated with the Habitat for Humanity four-unit townhouse project at 266 Gladstone Street;

AND THAT Council authorize the issuance of a Notice of Disposition for the proposed sale of 266 Gladstone Street to Habitat for Humanity for nominal consideration, in accordance with the Community Charter;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Town of Comox to enter into a sales agreement with Habitat for Humanity for the disposition of 266 Gladstone Street, with final terms to be satisfactory to the Chief Administrative Officer.

(2026.126) -- CARRIED

AT 5:42 P.M. COUNCILLOR BLACKLOCK RETURNED TO THE MEETING.

b. Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 529.37

**Water Rates and Regulation
Bylaw No. 529.37**

THAT the Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 529.37 be given First, Second and Third Readings.

(2026.127) -- CARRIED

c. New Leases – 129 Port Augusta Street (Marine Services Building)

**Marina Services Building
Leases**

- 1. THAT the proposed lease agreement with Endless Resources Ltd., for the premises located at Unit 101 – 129 Port Augusta Street, during the term May 1, 2026, to April 31, 2029, as attached to the March 26, 2026, report from the Director of Corporate Service titled “New Leases – 129 Port Augusta Street (Marine Services Building)”, be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and the Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement.

(2026.128) -- CARRIED

- 2. THAT the proposed lease agreement with Bill’s Big Animal Encounters Ltd., for the premises located at Unit 102 – 129 Port Augusta Street, during the term April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2029, as attached to the March 26, 2026, report from the Director of Corporate Service titled “New Leases – 129 Port Augusta Street (Marine Services Building)”, be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and the Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement.

(2026.129) -- CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Pete Chambers, President (Comox Business in Action): Comox Tourism Service Delivery

**Comox Business in Action
(BIA) - Tourism Committee**

- 1. THAT the correspondence dated March 13, 2026, from Pete Chambers, President, Comox Business in Action, regarding Comox Tourism Service Delivery and the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT), be Received.

(2026.130) -- CARRIED

- 2. THAT Council support the implementation of a 3% Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT), designate the Comox Business Improvement Association as the eligible entity, and direct that revenues generated through the Online Accommodation Platforms be allocated toward affordable housing initiatives.

(2026.131) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillors JKerr JMeilleur]

b. Brodie Guy, CEO (Island Coastal Economic Trust): Letter of Support Request

**ICET Letter of Support
Request**

THAT the correspondence dated March 24, 2026, requesting support for the modernization of the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET), including proposed provincial investment and legislative updates to support economic development and co-governance with First Nations, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve a letter of support for the Mayor’s signature, addressed to the Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs and Economic Growth, supporting the modernization of ICET and encouraging the Province to proceed with the legislative and investment actions outlined in the Independent Legislative Review, A Case for Change.

(2026.132) -- CARRIED

- c. Pete Chambers, President (Comox Business in Action): Proposed Enhancements to Marina Park**

BIA - Marina Park Enhancements

THAT the correspondence dated March 13, 2026, from Pete Chambers, President, Comox Business in Action (BIA), with a request to proceed with proposed enhancements to Marina Park, including the development of a vendor layout and site plan, the establishment of vendor agreements and booking processes, the implementation of online registration and vendor management tools, and the coordination of vendor vetting and approvals, be Approved.

(2026.133) -- CARRIED

- d. Haeley Dewhirst (Comox Valley Tourism Advisory Committee [TAC]): Support for Expansion and increase of Municipal & Regional District Tax (MRDT) collection within the Town of Comox**

Comox Valley Tourism Advisory Committee: MRDT

THAT the correspondence dated March 26, 2026, from Haeley Dewhirst, Acting Chair, Comox Valley Tourism Advisory Committee, expressing support for the expansion and increase of the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT), be Received.

(2026.134) -- CARRIED

13. LATE ITEMS: NIL

14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

- a. Councillor Blacklock**

Councillor Blacklock shared a reminder about the Community Justice Centre event on April 9th at Sid Williams Theatre, featuring author Michelle Good. Tickets are available through the box office.

- b. Councillor Swift**

Councillor Swift shared a reminder about the Easter event at Filberg Park on April 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., encouraging families to attend.

- c. Councillor Haslett**

Councillor Haslett reported attending the Nautical Days Festival Committee meeting, noting that planning is underway, sponsors are still being sought, ideas include a pirate-themed dress-up day and parade floats, three new members have joined the committee, and preparations are progressing well.

- d. Councillor Kerr**

Councillor Kerr had nothing to report.

- e. Councillor Grant**

Councillor Grant reported that Comox won the KidSport hockey game against Courtenay 5-4 in overtime, raising over \$10,000.

- f. Councillor Meilleur**

Councillor Meilleur had nothing to report.

- g. Mayor Minions**

Mayor Minions reported attending the opening of the Vampire Pavilion at the RCAF static air museum, a project 17 years in the making with over \$900,000 raised, and noted that the new display will be opening soon.

17. RESOLUTION TO GO IN-CAMERA:

a. Exclude the Public

Exclude the Public

THAT the Public be Excluded from the In-Camera session of Council on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 pursuant to the following sub-section of section 90(1) of the Community Charter:

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

(2026.135) -- CARRIED

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT 6:10 P.M.

THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED AT 6:38 P.M.

18. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA: NIL

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:38 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER