



TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday July 8, 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
G. Schreiner, Fire Chief
S. Ashfield, Director of Operations

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with 48 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

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THAT the July 8, 2026, Regular Council Meeting agenda be Adopted.

(2026.236) -- CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS:

a. Scott Melville, Auctioneer (Comox Valley Exhibition Association): Support & Recognition of Agriculture and the Comox Valley Exhibition

**Delegation: Comox Valley
Exhibition Association**

Scott Melville, representing the Comox Valley Exhibition Association, provided an overview of plans for the 2026 Comox Valley Exhibition, to be held August 29–30, including family-oriented activities, agricultural exhibits, entertainment, and community engagement initiatives. He highlighted efforts to revitalize the fair, promote connections between urban and rural residents, and upcoming events including the RCMP Musical Ride on August 5, 2026.

b. Tammy Brunin: Bike Lanes on Noel Ave

**Delegation: Bikes Lanes on
Noel**

Tammy Brunnan, on behalf of residents of Noel Avenue and Aspen Road, expressed concerns that recently installed bike lanes removed on-street parking and created challenges for residents, visitors, businesses, and accessibility. Residents requested that the Town either remove the bike lanes and use shared-road cycling signage or restore parking on one side of the street while maintaining a bike lane on the other side.

b. Tammy Brunin: Bike Lanes on Noel Ave

Delegation: Bikes Lanes on Noel

THAT the matter be referred to Administration for a report back addressing residents' concerns and outlining potential options for bike lanes on Noel Avenue.

(2026.237) -- CARRIED

THE MEETING RECESSED AT 5:32 P.M. AND RECONVENED AT 5:34 P.M.

c. David Dyer: Alternative proposal for building placement at 941 Aspen Road

Delegation: 941 Aspen Road

David Dyer presented an alternative concept for the proposed 941 Aspen East development, supporting growth while requesting a more gradual transition between the development and neighbouring rural properties. He asked that the building closest to his property be replaced with townhouses or reduced in height to lessen impacts on privacy, sunlight, and neighbourhood compatibility.

d. Julie Micksch (Aspen Hector Neighbourhood): Protection of neighbourhood from development impacts at 941 Aspen Road

Julie Micksch, on behalf of area residents, expressed concerns regarding the impacts of the proposed 941 Aspen Road and 2077 Hector Road developments, including density, traffic, tree removal, privacy, and the closure of the Hector Road–Aspen Road trail. She requested that Council reject the proposed building variance, provide a safe pedestrian connection during construction, and require additional mitigation measures for neighbouring properties.

e. Eric Delorme (Highstreet Centures Inc.): Development Permit Application DP 25-14 941 Aspen Road (Aspen-East)

Eric Delorme of Highstreet Ventures presented the proposed 941 Aspen Road East development, consisting of 306 residential units, townhomes, commercial space, and associated amenities, and outlined the requested development permit and variance permit applications. He advised that the Hector–Aspen trail closure is temporary, additional landscaping and buffering can be explored with neighbours, and the requested variance would not increase the overall building height.

THE MEETING RECESSED AT 6:14 P.M. AND RECONVENED AT 6:17 P.M.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

a. Adoption of Minutes (June 10, 2026)

Adoption of Minutes

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, be Adopted.

(2026.238) -- CARRIED

b. Adoption of Minutes (June 17, 2026)

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, be Adopted.

(2026.239) -- CARRIED

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS:

a. Nautical Days Festival Committee Minutes (May 27, 2026)

**Nautical Days Festival
Committee Minutes**

THAT the Minutes of the Nautical Days Festival Committee Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 27, 2026, be Received.

(2026.240) -- CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

1. *THAT the Consent Agenda items as follows be received:*
 1. *Judy Morrison: Lazo Foreshore Walkway Remedial Request*
 2. *David Durrant: Jane Place Pump Station Concern*
 3. *Shelley & Leon Bohmer: Jane Place Pump Station Concern*
 4. *Sharon Elia: Dog Leashing Enforcement for Comox Parks - Request for Summer Student*
 5. *Darrell Tomkins: Live Music in Marina Park During Summer Events*
 6. *Sydney Johnson: Traffic Calming Request - Highwood Dr*
 7. *John Scott: E-Scooters in Comox*
 8. *David Durrant: Road Safety Concerns: Pritchard Rd, Comox Ave, Anderton Rd, Guthrie Rd, Church St, Noel Ave*
 9. *Jonathan Bulcock: Request to Move Cenotaph*
 10. *John Scott: Marketplace Ebike*

AT 6:26 P.M., COUNCILLOR MAUREEN SWIFT LEFT THE MEETING DECLARING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 11. AS SHE HAS A CLOSE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PROPONENT.

11. *Thomas Hart: Development and Rezoning of 721 Lazo Road*

AT 6:28 P.M., COUNCILLOR SWIFT RETURNED TO THE MEETING.

12. *Correspondence related to the Aspen & Hector Development* (2026.241) -- CARRIED
2. *THAT Item 5 (Darrell Tomkins: Live Music in Marina Park During Summer Events) be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.* (2026.242) -- CARRIED
3. *THAT Items 6 (Sydney Johnson: Traffic Calming Request - Highwood Dr) and 8 (David Durrant: Road Safety Concerns: Pritchard Rd, Comox Ave, Anderton Rd, Guthrie Rd, Church St, Noel Ave) be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.* (2026.243) -- CARRIED

a. Consent Agenda

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4. *THAT Items 2 (David Durrant: Jane Place Pump Station Concern) and 3 (Shelley & Leon Bohmer: Jane Place Pump Station Concern) be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.*

(2026.244) -- CARRIED

5. *THAT Item 11 (Thomas Hart: Development and Rezoning of 721 Lazo Road) be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.*

(2026.245) -- CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NIL

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

9. BYLAW ADOPTIONS:

a. Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2056.02 (1301 Knight Road)

Bylaw No 2056.02 - 1301 Knight Road

THAT Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2056.02 (1301 Knight Road) be Adopted.

(2026.246) -- CARRIED

b. Comox Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 2067

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THAT Comox Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 2067 be Adopted.

(2026.247) -- CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Development Variance Permit APPN 2026-0013 (DVP): 351 McLeod Street

DVP 351 McLeod Street

*THAT Development Variance Permit APPN 2026-0013 (DVP) be Approved; and
THAT Administration be directed to issue the permit.*

(2026.248) -- CARRIED

b. Development Permit 25-12 and APPN 2026-0014 (DVP): 941 Aspen - East

DP 941 Aspen Road (East)

*THAT Development Variance Permit APPN-2026-0014 (941 Aspen – East) be approved; and
THAT Administration be directed to issue the permit.*

(2026.249) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillor JMeilleur]

*THAT Development Permit 25-12 be approved; and
THAT Administration be directed to issue the permit.*

(2026.250) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillor JMeilleur]

c. 2027-2031 Budget Schedule

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THAT the July 8, 2026 report from the Director of Finance, titled "2027-2031 Budget Schedule" be received for information.

(2026.251) -- CARRIED

d. Deposits Policy

Deposits Policy

THAT Council approve Council Policy CCL-090 Deposits Policy.

(2026.252) -- CARRIED

e. Exempt Municipal Officers Amendment Bylaw No.1145.01

**Exempt Municipal Officers
Amendment Bylaw**

THAT the Exempt Municipal Officers Amendment Bylaw No. 1145.01 be given First, Second and Third Readings.

(2026.253) -- CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION:

a. Notice of Motion (Mayor Minions) - MICR funding

Mayor Minions provided a notice of motion as follows:

"That Council consider support of up to \$100,000 (34% funding based on population) from the Town of Comox's 2026 unspent Public Safety Budget to support the Mobile Integrated Crisis Response (MICR) pilot program, conditional upon the City of Courtenay participating and funding approximately 66% of the municipal contribution required to continue the pilot through 2027, while advocating for provincial funding."

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Ben Douglas, Poppy Chair (Legion Branch 160 Comox): 2026 Remembrance Day Parade & Flyby Request

**2026 Remembrance Day
Parade & Flyby Request**

THAT the June 9, 2026 correspondence from Ben Douglas, Poppy Chair, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 160 Comox, regarding the 2026 Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremonies, be received; and,

THAT the request from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 160 Comox to hold the 2026 Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony on November 11, 2026 be approved, including:
1) the temporary closure of Comox Avenue between Ellis Street and Nordin Street from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 2) the use of Town barricades and the reviewing stand, and
3) the placement of temporary no parking signs on both sides of Comox Avenue between Church Street and Port Augusta Street from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., subject to obtaining the required road closure permit from the Town's Engineering Department; and further,

THAT the Mayor be authorized to provide a letter to the Royal Canadian Air Force confirming the Town of Comox's support for a flyby in conjunction with the Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11, 2026

(2026.254) -- CARRIED

b. Janine Scheffler, Facilitator (Pride Society of the Comox Valley): Flag Raising Request - August 28, 2026

Flag Raising Request - August 28, 2026

THAT the June 19, 2026 correspondence from Janine Scheffler of the Pride Society of the Comox Valley be received; and

THAT approval be granted for the Pride flag to be raised at Town Hall from August 28 to 31, 2026.

(2026.255) -- CARRIED

13. LATE ITEMS: NIL

14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor Blacklock

Councillor Blacklock reminded the public that the second "Float Your Boat Friday" event would take place at noon on Friday at the corner of Port Augusta and Comox Avenue and reported that the first event was successful, featuring the Navy Band and strong attendance, with many people continuing down to the marina afterward.

b. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift attended the following:

- the Sewer Commission meeting, where residents from Jane Place requested an independent inquiry into the sewage spill and noted that the request for an independent inquiry would be discussed at the next Sewer Commission meeting.
- the Filberg Board meeting, reporting that preparations for the upcoming Filberg Festival were progressing well.

c. Councillor Haslett

Councillor Haslett attended the following:

- the d'Esterre Seniors Centre 50th Anniversary Celebration and announced a community celebration at Marina Park on July 18 at 4:00 p.m.
- the Nautical Days committee meeting noting that preparations were in their final stages
- the Fire Hall groundbreaking ceremony, and
- the first Float Your Boat Friday event.

d. Councillor Kerr

Councillor Kerr attended the following:

- the Comox Valley Hospital Board meeting and noted that the primary discussion focused on advocacy efforts to have the Campbell River long-term care facility project reinstated after it had previously been approved and subsequently cancelled.
- the opening of Qapoje Park, advising that Qapoje is the K'ómoks word meaning "spring salmon in a creek flowing south." He noted that the park includes a new viewing platform and estuary access and acknowledged the collaboration of the CVRD, K'ómoks First Nation, and other project partners in creating the park.

e. Councillor Grant

Councillor Grant attended the following:

- the North Island 911 meeting
- the Water Committee meeting explaining that water restrictions are influenced by BC Hydro licensing requirements and fish habitat protection.
- the Hospital Board meeting

He reported that the investigation into the sewage spill found that an incorrect valve had been installed, the valve failed when pressure was increased, and the responsible company accepted responsibility noting that work is ongoing regarding odour concerns at the treatment facility.

f. Councillor Meilleur

Councillor Meilleur attended the following:

- the Museum and Archives Board meeting and welcomed the new Executive Director.
- the Food Policy Council municipal subcommittee meeting focused on drought conditions, water restrictions and agricultural impacts
- a UBC focus group on misinformation and disinformation affecting local governments

g. Mayor Minions

Mayor Minions reported on community and regional events, including the Comox Farmers Market, a provincial ministers' visit to 19 Wing Comox, an Island Health update, Canada Day celebrations, the the installation of chairs and bistro sets at the marina, and the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Comox Fire Station.

17. RESOLUTION TO GO IN-CAMERA: NIL

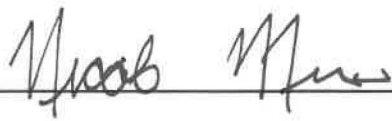
18. RISE AND REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA: NIL

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:56 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER