

**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,  
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday January 21, 2015**

**Present:** Mayor P. Ives  
Councillors R. Arnott, K. Grant, M. Grant  
H. MacKinnon, M. Swift

**Absent:** B. Price

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Agenda was Adopted.

There were 25 visitors in attendance.

**1. DELEGATIONS:**

**AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING COUNCILLOR ARNOTT LEFT COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA**

**a. Bruce Morrison - Marina Fee Increases**

**Marina Fees**

Mr. Morrison stated that marina fee increases are unjustifiable and unfair, and asked Council to take a fresh look at the rates. He claimed that a large percentage of boaters are not wealthy, and that the increase in fees is inconsistent with the increase in costs. He would like Council to work with a marina tenants advisory group.

**AT THIS POINT, COUNCILLOR ARNOTT RETURNED TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**2. MINUTES OF MEETINGS:**

**a. Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**RCM Minutes**

*That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday January 7, 2015, be Approved.*

(15.009) -- CARRIED

**b. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

**COW Minutes**

*That the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday January 14, 2015, be Received.*

(15.010) -- CARRIED

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (1) Setting 2015 Water Rates

**2015 Water Rates**

*That Bylaw No. 1797 (Comox Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw Amendment No. 21, 2015) be forwarded to Council for First, Second and Third Readings.*

(15.011) -- CARRIED

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (2) Setting 2015 Sewer Rates

**2015 Sewer Rates**

*That Bylaw No. 1798 (Comox Sewer User Rates Bylaw Amendment No. 10, 2015) be forwarded to Council for First, Second and Third Readings.*

(15.012) -- CARRIED

- (3) Port Augusta Storm Sewer Rehabilitation

**Port Augusta Sewer**

*That Staff be authorized to expend up to \$80,000 for the rehabilitation of a section of storm sewer main along Port Augusta (Beaufort to the Outfall) using a technique called "Pipe Bursting".*

(15.013) -- CARRIED

- (4) Expenditure for Furnishings and Landscaping – Municipal Works Yard Replacement

**Works Building Furnishings and Landscaping**

*That staff be authorized to include the purchase of office furnishings, in the amount of \$50,000, and landscaping costs, in the amount of \$30,000, in the Comox Municipal Works Yard Replacement budget for 2015.*

(15.014) -- CARRIED

- (5) Planning Report PR 15-2: Comox Downtown Vitalization Program - Six Month Review

**Downtown Vitalization Program Extension**

*That staff be directed to prepare bylaw amendments allowing the extension of the Downtown Vitalization Program for Council consideration in April 2015.*

(15.015) -- CARRIED

- (6) Jim Whitehead (Comox Town Residents Association) - Public Parking in Downtown Comox

**CTRA Downtown Parking**

*That the January 6, 2015 letter from Jim Whitehead of the Comox Town Residents' Association, requesting proper signage to all available parking spaces in the downtown area, be referred for information to the Comox Business in Action.*

(15.016) -- CARRIED

- (7) Lewis Bartholomew (The Alberni Project) Request for financial support

**The Alberni Project Request for Funding**

*That the January 6, 2015 letter from Lewis Bartholomew of The Alberni Project, requesting a 5-year annual operation grant in the amount of \$6000, be referred to a future budget meeting.*

(15.017) -- CARRIED

**3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Management Report - January 21, 2015

**Management Report**

*That the January 21, 2015 Management Report be received and filed for information.*

(15.018) -- CARRIED

**5. SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**a. Comox Valley Regional District Board Meeting Minutes**

**CVRD Meeting Minutes**

*That the following Comox Valley Regional District meeting minutes be received for information:  
- Comox Valley Regional District (Comox Strathcona Waste Management) Board held on Thursday, January 8, 2015; and  
- Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board held on Thursday, January 8, 2015.*

(15.019) -- CARRIED

**6. BYLAWS:**

**a. Bylaw 1797: Comox Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw Amendment No. 21, 2015**

**2015 Water Rates**

*That Bylaw 1797 (Comox Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw Amendment No. 21, 2015) be given First, Second and Third Readings.*

(15.020) -- CARRIED

**b. Bylaw 1798: Comox Sewer User Rates Bylaw Amendment No. 10, 2015**

**2015 Sewer Rates**

*1. That Bylaw 1798 (Comox Sewer User Rates Bylaw Amendment No. 10, 2015) be given First, Second and Third Readings.*

(15.021) -- CARRIED

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. January 28 Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**COW Cancelled**

*That the Committee of the Whole meeting, scheduled for January 28, 2015, be cancelled due to a number of Council members attending the Local Government Leadership Academy sessions in Parksville.*

(15.022) -- CARRIED

**b. Planning Report PR 15-3 / 1805 and 1823 Beaufort Avenue Water Lot Block D Comox Valley Marina Rescind Previous Resolutions**

**1805 / 1823 Beaufort Avenue**

*That the September 15, 2010 resolutions to issue:  
a) Development Permit DP 07-9 be rescinded;  
b) Development Variance Permit DVP 07-11 be rescinded;  
c) Development Permit DP 09-11 be rescinded; and  
d) Flood Plain Bylaw exemption FE 08-1 be rescinded.*

(15.023) -- CARRIED

**c. Rezoning Application RZ 15-1 / Telecommunication Modules First and Second Reading Report**

**Telecommunications Module**

*That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1800 be given First and Second Reading; and further,*

*That a Public Hearing located in Council Chambers, at 1801B Beaufort Avenue, be scheduled for proposed Bylaw No. 1800.*

(15.024) -- CARRIED

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE:

### a. Glenn Miller: Municipal Marina Moorage Fee Increases

#### Marina Fees

*That the January 9, 2015 letter from Glenn Miller regarding the Municipal Marina moorage fee increases be received and filed for information.*

(15.025) -- CARRIED

### b. Comox Valley Water Committee: Assignment of Weighted Votes (James Warren)

#### Water Committee Weighted Votes

*That the January 9, 2015 letter from James Warren, Corporate Legislative Officer for the Comox Valley Regional District, requesting the assignment of votes for the Comox Valley Water Committee, be received; and further,*

*That the distribution of weighted votes for the Town of Comox Directors on the Comox Valley Water Committee for 2015 be as follows: Councillor Ken Grant - 2 votes, and Councillor Barbara Price - 1 vote.*

(15.026) -- CARRIED

### c. Margaret Simon and Kent Sharkey: Residential water rates

#### Water Rates

*That the January 16, 2015 email from Margaret Simon and Kent Sharkey, suggesting that everyone be connected to a water meter and pay according to use, be received and filed for information.*

(15.027) -- CARRIED

### d. Jonathan Kerr (Navigate Community Garden) Requesting support

#### Navigate Community Garden

*That the January 15, 2015 email from Jonathan Kerr, requesting support and/or sponsorship for their proposed community garden, be received and filed for information.*

(15.028) -- CARRIED

### e. LATE ITEM - Chief Councillor Everson (K'omoks FN) - Letter of Support for proposed sidewalk project

#### K'omoks FN - LOS for Sidewalk

*That the January 19, 2015 letter of support to Chief Councillor Everson, regarding their proposed sidewalk project along Back Road, be received and approved.*

(15.029) -- CARRIED

## 9. LATE ITEMS: NIL

## 10. DELEGATIONS: NIL

## 11. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

### a. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift mentioned that she

- attended the orientation for the Comox-Strathcona Waste Management Committee, including an overview of the plan for the coming year;
- attended the orientation for the Comox-Strathcona Regional Hospital District; and
- attended a Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association meeting, and mentioned that revenues for the past festival were down considerably.

**b. Councillor Arnott**

Councillor Arnott mentioned that he attended a Community Justice Centre meeting and a Nautical Days Committee meeting. He also handed out a Notice of Motion and briefly explained his proposed motion.

**c. Councillor Ken Grant**

Councillor Grant mentioned that he attended an Economic Development Society meeting. He also mentioned that he has spent many hours of conversation with the chair of the sewer commission regarding the proposed lift station.

**d. Mayor Ives**

Mayor Ives mentioned that he attended

- a Solid Waste Management Committee meeting,
- a Comox-Strathcona hospital district meeting,
- the Community Foundations Awards Ceremony and mentioned that three organizations in Comox received funding, and
- a meeting with St. Joseph's Hospital board chair and CE regarding the work of a task force on the future role of the hospital.

**e. councillor Marg Grant**

Councillor Grant mentioned that the Seniors' Society were very pleased to have received the Community Foundation grant. She also mentioned that they would like to see a link to their website on the Town's website.

**g. Councillor MacKinnon**

Councillor MacKinnon mentioned that he attended a Maple Lake fundraising committee meeting. He also mentioned that he followed up on a compliment received by a resident regarding the new bus service, as well as schedules installed at certain bus stops in Town.

**14. EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC: NIL**

**Adjournment:**

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

*CARRIED*

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

*"Paul Ives"*

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MAYOR

*"Richard Kanigan"*

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CORPORATE OFFICER