

**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday March 4, 2015**

Present: Mayor P. Ives
Councillors K. Grant, M. Grant, H. MacKinnon,
B. Price, M. Swift

Absent: R. Arnott

Call to Order:

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

The Agenda was amended to include 2 Late Items, and adopted as amended.

There were 10 visitors in attendance.

1. DELEGATIONS:

- a. **Wendy Byrne & Dave Leitch (Comox Valley Regional District) To present the proposed 2015-2019 Comox Valley Water and Comox Valley Sewer financial plans**

CVRD Budget

Ms. Byrne summarized the Regional District Financial Plan as it relates to the Town. She advised that Comox participates in 22 of the 95 services that the Regional District operates. She advised that Comox will see a \$307,000 increase over 2014, which amounts to \$11.01 on an average \$300,000 home. Mr. Leitch provided an overview of the CVRD Water and Sewer Financial Plans.

- b. **Tom Sparrow (Vancouver Island Health Authority) - North Island Hospitals Project**

North Island Hospitals Project

Mr. Sparrow updated Council on the new hospital project in Courtenay. He advised that the building envelope should be complete by October of this year, and that an invitation will be forwarded to Mayor and Council for a walk-through after this time.

2. MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

- a. **Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

RCM Minutes

That the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday February 18, 2015, be Approved.

(15.062) -- 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 February 25, 2015, be Received.

(15.063) -- CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) Marina Space for Comox Valley Marine Rescue Society

CV Marine Rescue Station

That the Town provide offsetting grants for the annual moorage and hydro costs for the Marine rescue station and two berths (34' and 38') to the Comox Valley Marine Rescue Society until March 31, 2020.

(15.064) -- CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (2) Review of Mack Laing House Report

Mack Laing House

That the Town confirms the existing plan to remove the remaining structures from the Baybrook property and the Mack Laing Park property as they are in poor condition and finalize the park use plan to return the property to a natural state for passive recreation use.

(15.065) -- CARRIED

- (3) First Draft of 2015 - 2019 Financial Plan

2015-2019 Financial Plan

1. *That Council add \$20,000 in casual wages to the fire department operating budget.*

(15.066) -- CARRIED

2. *That a grant of \$2,500 for the year 2015 be provided to The Alberni Project.*

(15.067) -- CARRIED

3. *That the draft 2015-2019 Financial Plan include the following increases in property taxes:*

- *In 2015, 1.5% for commercial and 2.5% for all other property classes, and*
- *In 2016-2019, 2.7% overall.*

(15.068) -- CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Management Report - March 4, 2015**

Management Report

That the Management Report for March 4, 2015 be received and filed for information.

(15.069) -- CARRIED

- b. **2015 Strategic Plan**

2015-2018 Strategic Plan

That the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan be approved.

(15.070) -- 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 Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board held on Thursday, February 12, 2015;*
- *Comox Valley Regional District (Comox Strathcona Waste Management) Board held on Thursday, February 12, 2015; and*
- *Comox Valley Regional District Board held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015.*

(15.071) -- CARRIED

6. BYLAWS:

- a. **Bylaw 1799: Comox Refuse Collection Bylaw Amendment No. 6, 2015**

Refuse Collection

That Bylaw 1799: Comox Refuse Collection Bylaw Amendment No. 6, 2015 be Adopted.

(15.072) -- CARRIED

b. Bylaw 1801: Point Holmes Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Local Area Service Bylaw Amendment No. 2, 2015

Sewer Service - 1139 Kye Bay

That Bylaw 1801: Point Holmes Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Local Area Service Bylaw Amendment No. 2, 2015 be Adopted.

(15.073) -- CARRIED

c. Bylaw 1804: Comox Municipal Marina Fees Bylaw, 2015

2015 Marina Rates

That Bylaw 1804: Comox Municipal Marina Fees Bylaw, 2015 be Adopted.

(15.074) -- CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. James Warren (CVRD) - Bylaw 360 "Comox Valley Transit Service Local Establishment Bylaw, 1990, Amendment No. 4"

CVRD Transit Bylaw

That the Town of Comox consent to the adoption of Comox Valley Regional District Bylaw No. 360 being "Comox Valley Transit Service Local Establishment Bylaw, 1990, Amendment No. 4" under section 801.4 of the Local Government Act.

(15.075) -- CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Neil Belanger - BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society

BC Aboriginal Network on Disability

That the February 12, 2015 letter from Neil Belanger of the BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society, requesting support for the BC Without Barriers campaign, be received and filed for information.

(15.076) -- CARRIED

b. Wendy Prothero - Chats with Council

Chats with Council

That the February 13, 2015 letter from Wendy Prothero, inquiring about 'chats with Council' was received and filed for information.

(15.077) -- CARRIED

c. Steve Cowan, President (Royal Canadian Naval Association): Battle of Atlantic Ceremony

Battle of the Atlantic

That the February 17, 2015 letter from Steve Cowan of the Royal Canadian Naval Association, requesting permission to hold the annual Battle of the Atlantic ceremony at the Naval Memorial Cairn in Marina Park on Sunday May 3, 2015, be received and permission granted.

(15.078) -- CARRIED

d. Inspector Walton (CV RCMP) 2014 Annual Performance Plan - 3rd Quarter Report

RCMP Performance Plan

That the February 16, 2015 letter from Inspector Tim Walton, OIC Comox Valley RCMP, regarding the 2014 Annual Performance Plan - 3rd Quarter Report, be received and filed for information.

(15.079) -- CARRIED

e. Laurel Sanders - Electronic Cigarettes

Electronic Cigarettes

That the February 17, 2015 email from Laurel Sanders, asking if the Town of Comox would be interested in considering a bylaw restricting the sale of battery-powered e-cigarettes to minors, be received and filed for information.

(15.080) -- CARRIED

f. Michael Zbarsky (CVRD) - Review of Comox Valley Transit Service Function

Review of Transit Service

That the February 19, 2015 letter from Michael Zbarsky, Manager of Transit and Sustainability for the CVRD, regarding a review of the Comox Valley Transit Service be received and filed for information.

(15.081) -- CARRIED

9. LATE ITEMS: NIL

10. DELEGATIONS: NIL

11. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor Price

Councillor Price reviewed her attendance at the following:

- a Comox Archives and Museum Society meeting, noting that visitors continue to increase;
- the Comox Valley Conservation Strategy's watershed event; and
- the regional district Committee of the Whole.

b. Councillor MacKinnon

Councillor MacKinnon reviewed his attendance at the following:

- an earthquake preparedness workshop with the Comox Fire Department,
- the Comox Valley Conservation Strategy's watershed event; and
- a sponsored restorative justice speaker series with the Community Justice Centre.

c. Councillor Marg Grant

Councillor Grant mentioned that all is good with the Senior's Centre Association.

d. Councillor Ken Grant

Councillor Grant reviewed his attendance at the regional district Committee of the Whole meeting;

e. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift reviewed her attendance at the following:

- a Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Society meeting, and
- the restorative justice speaker series with the Community Justice Centre.

f. Mayor Ives

Mayor Ives advised that a grant application to the Island Coastal Economic Trust for the Marina Project was approved on February 20, and that an additional grant has been made to the Western Economic Diversification Fund for the balance of funds. Mayor Ives also reviewed his attendance at the following:

- a breakfast meeting with the Child Development Association;
- the restorative justice speaker series with the Community Justice Centre;
- the Brooklyn Elementary Spelling Bee, where he was a judge;
- an Economic Development Society board members meeting;
- a BC Salmon Farmers function, as well as presentations from the aquaculture industry, in Victoria; and
- a YANA fundraiser that he attended with the Fire Chief.

He also advised of the upcoming Mayor's Cup tournament on March 29 with the Montreal Canadiens alumni team.

14. EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC: NIL

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:42

CARRIED

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

"Paul Ives"

MAYOR

"Richard Kanigan"

CORPORATE OFFICER