

**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday April 1, 2015**

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

Absent: Nil

Call to Order:

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

The Agenda was Adopted.

There was 1 visitor in attendance.

1. DELEGATIONS: NIL

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 March 18, 2015, be Approved.

(15.086) -- 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 March 25, 2015, be Received.

(15.087) -- CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) Planning Report PR 15-6 Local Government Referral Zoning Bylaw Amendment by Courtenay and District Fish and Game Protective Association

CVRD Referral - Fish and Game Association

That the Comox Valley Regional District be advised that, as detailed in the March 25, 2015 Planning Report PR 15-6, insufficient information has been provided to assess the potential impacts of the proposed zoning amendment in relation to the following:

- a. Regional Growth Strategy policies MG 3A-1(c) and 5B-1; and
b. Rural Comox Valley Official Community Plan, Bylaw No. 337, 2014, Watershed Management and Protection policies (1) and (2); and further,*

That the Comox Valley Regional District be requested to re-refer the zoning amendment application for comment upon the provision of information to address the noted polices.

(15.088) -- CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Management Report - April 1, 2015

Management Report

That the Management Report for April 1, 2015 be received and filed for information.

(15.089) -- CARRIED

5. SPECIAL REPORTS:

a. Comox Valley Regional District 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, March 12, 2015;
-Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board held on Thursday, March 12, 2015; and
-Comox Valley Regional District Board held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.*

(15.090) -- CARRIED

6. BYLAWS:

a. Bylaw 1805: Comox Financial Plan Bylaw, 2015

2015-2019 Financial Plan

That Bylaw 1805: Comox Financial Plan Bylaw, 2015 be Adopted.

(15.091) -- CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS: NIL

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. L. F. Forbes - Comox Round About

Comox/Rodello Roundabout

That the March 11, 2015 letter regarding the proposed roundabout at Comox Ave / Rodello Street be received and filed for information.

(15.092) -- CARRIED

b. Rupert Yakelashek (Traditional Territory of the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations) Blue Dot Tour events with David Suzuki

Blue Dot Movement

1. That the March 16, 2015 email from Rupert Yakelashek, requesting that the Town pass a declaration recognising the right to a healthy environment, be received.

(15.093) -- CARRIED

**b. Rupert Yakelashek (Traditional Territory of the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations)
Blue Dot Tour events with David Suzuki**

Blue Dot Movement

2. That the Town of Comox endorse the following declaration:

"All people have the right to live in a healthy environment, including:

- The right to breathe clean air;*
- The right to drink clean water;*
- The right to consume safe food;*
- The right to access nature;*
- The right to know about pollutants and contaminants released into the local environment; and*
- The right to participate in decision-making that will affect the environment.*

The Town of Comox has the responsibility, within its jurisdiction, to respect, protect, fulfill and promote these rights.

The Town of Comox shall apply the precautionary principle: where threats of serious or irreversible damage to human health or the environment exist, the Town of Comox shall take cost-effective measures to prevent the degradation of the environment and protect the health of its citizens. Lack of full scientific certainty shall not be viewed as sufficient reason for the Town of Comox to postpone such measures.

The Town of Comox shall apply full-cost accounting: when evaluating reasonably foreseeable costs of proposed actions and alternatives, the Town of Comox will consider costs to human health and the environment.

By December 31st, 2015, the Town of Comox will consider objectives, targets, timelines and actions within its jurisdiction to fulfill residents' right to a healthy environment, including options to:

- Ensure equitable distribution of environmental benefits and burdens within the municipality, preventing the development of pollution "hot spots"; and*
- Ensure infrastructure and development projects protect the environment, including air quality;*

That the motion be amended to remove the text following "The right to participate in decision-making that will affect the environment."

(15.094) -- CARRIED

3. That the Town of Comox endorse the following declaration:

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- The right to access nature;*
- The right to know about pollutants and contaminants released into the local environment; and*
- The right to participate in decision-making that will affect the environment.*

(15.095) -- CARRIED

c. Dr. James and Gillian Ingrey - Golf balls on church Street

Golf Balls

That the March 11, 2015 letter from Dr. James Ingrey, regarding the threat of golf balls on Church Street, be received and referred to the Golf Club for followup.

(15.096) -- CARRIED

9. LATE ITEMS: NIL

10. DELEGATIONS: NIL

11. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Mayor Ives

Mayor Ives advised that he attended the following:

- the Municipal Financial Authority's annual financial forum,
- a followup meeting with MLA McRae and Minister Polak regarding MMBC,
- the K'omoks First Nations Community to Community Forum, and
- the BC Shellfish and Seafood Festival launch.

Mayor Ives also mentioned that he participated in defending the Mayor's Cup, with funds raised for the benefit of Kid Sport and Comox Valley Minor Hockey.

b. councillor Marg Grant

Councillor Marg Grant advised that she attended the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board, and mentioned that the new president is Bruce Joliffe.

c. Councillor MacKinnon

Councillor MacKinnon advised that he attended the following:

- the Immigration Centre's meet-and-greet,
- the Chamber of Commerce sponsored workshop on growing your business,
- Aspen Park School's expo for small and home-based business,
- Isfeld School's rotary interact dinner,
- the K'omoks First Nations Community to Community Forum,
- a breakfast at d'Esterre Seniors' Centre, and
- the BC Shellfish and Seafood Festival launch.

d. Councillor Price

Councillor Price advised that she attended the following:

- a Comox Archives and Museum Society board meeting as well as AGM,
- Two Regional District board meetings,
- the K'omoks First Nations Community to Community Forum,
- the Comox Valley Women's Business Network fundraiser "When I'm 64", and
- the BC Shellfish and Seafood Festival launch.

e. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift advised that she attended the following:

- the second sewer advisory committee meeting,
- a visit to the Currie Road pump station in Oak Bay,
- the K'omoks First Nations Community to Community Forum, and
- the Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association AGM.

f. Councillor Arnott

Councillor Arnott advised that he attended the following:

- a Community Justice Centre meeting,
- the K'omoks First Nations Community to Community Forum, and
- the BC Shellfish and Seafood Festival launch.

g. Councillor Ken Grant

Councillor Ken Grant advised that he attended the Regional District board meetings and discussed a developer's association breakfast meeting.

14. EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC: NIL

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

CARRIED

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

"Paul Ives"

MAYOR

"Richard Kanigan"

CORPORATE OFFICER