

**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday April 15, 2015**

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

Absent: R. Arnott, B. Price

Call to Order:

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

The Agenda was Amended to include 1 Late Item and Adopted as amended.

There was 1 visitor in attendance.

1. DELEGATIONS:

a. John Watson (Comox Valley Economic Development Society) - CVEDS Workplan

CVEDS Workplan

Mr. Watson provided a summary on how the Strategic Priorities of Council align with the Comox Valley Economic Development Society's workplan.

b. Cory Vanderhorst (Meyers Norris Penny) - Town of Comox Audit Findings Report

2014 Audit Findings

Mr. Vanderhorst summarized the 2014 audit findings for the Town of Comox, including financial statement highlights, the draft audit report and audit findings report, auditor independence and financial analysis. He identified that it was a clean audit, with no irregularities and no conflicts of interest. He stated that financial sustainability is healthy and trending in a positive direction, and that flexibility is healthy and showing little change. Mr. Vanderhorst also stated that vulnerability to other funding sources is low.

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 April 1, 2015, be Approved.

(15.097) -- 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 April 8, 2015, be Received.

(15.098) -- CARRIED

AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING, MAYOR IVES LEFT COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA, AND COUNCILLOR SWIFT ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) Rezoning Application: RZ 14-11 / Development Permit Application: DP 14-14 (1770 Comox Avenue)

1770 Comox Avenue

That a Public Hearing located at the Comox Community Centre, 1855 Noel Avenue, be scheduled for Comox Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 1791 and Comox Phased Development Agreement Authorization Bylaw No. 1792: 1770 Comox Avenue; and further,

That Schedule 1, Outstanding Items of the April 8, 2015 Planning Report on RZ 14-11, be amended to include floor to ceiling outdoor windows on the ground floor.

(15.099) -- CARRIED

AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING, MAYOR IVES RETURNED TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND RESUMED THE CHAIR.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (2) Proposed UBCM Resolution Regarding MMBC and Provincial Funding

UBCM Resolution - MMBC

That the following resolution be endorsed and forwarded to UBCM for consideration:

Whereas the Provincial Recycling Regulation renders producers responsible for collecting and recycling the products that they make and sell;

And Whereas the Multi-Materials British Columbia (MMBC) product stewardship plan outlines how, acting on behalf of producers, it will increase the provincial recycling rate for packaging and printed paper from approximately 52 per cent to over 75 per cent;

And Whereas MMBC estimates suggest that 400 businesses have yet to discharge their financial obligations under the BC Recycling Regulation - that they are, in effect, non-compliant - thereby limiting MMBC's financial ability to expand collection system capacity;

Therefore be it resolved that the Ministry of Environment improve the regulatory compliance of producers under the Regulation, so that MMBC can finance continued expansion of the packaging and printed paper collection system to all communities throughout the province.

(15.100) -- CARRIED

- (3) Coffee with Comox Councillors

Coffee Meetings with Councillors

That quarterly informal coffee meetings with Councillors be offered to the public at various locations throughout Town.

(15.101) -- CARRIED

- (4) Brad Erhardt Memorial Award

Brad Erhardt Memorial Award

That the Town send a letter of congratulations to Karin Kratz in recognition of her Brad Erhardt Memorial Award for contributions to the start up of wheelchair sports in the Comox Valley.

(15.102) -- CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Management Report - April 15, 2015

Management Report

That the Management Report for April 15, 2015 be received and filed for information.

(15.103) -- 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 Board held on Tuesday, March 31, 2015.*

(15.104) -- CARRIED

6. BYLAWS:

a. Bylaw 1803: Downtown Comox Business Improvement Area Bylaw, 2015

Downtown Comox BIA

That Bylaw 1803 (Downtown Comox Business Improvement Area Bylaw, 2015) be Adopted.

(15.105) -- CARRIED

b. Bylaw 1806: Comox Tax Rates Bylaw, 2015.

Tax Rates Bylaw

That Bylaw 1806 (Comox Tax Rates Bylaw, 2015) be given First, Second and Third Readings.

(15.106) -- CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Draft 2014 Annual Financial Statement

Audit Financial Statements

That the Draft 2014 Annual Financial Statements be received and approved.

(15.107) -- CARRIED

b. Comox Valley Transit Service Analysis Request for Proposal

Transit Service Analysis

That the Town of Comox offer its support for the release of the Comox Valley Transit Service Analysis Request for Proposal

(15.108) -- CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

9. LATE ITEMS:

a. Appointment of Alternate Director on Comox Valley Regional District Board

CVRD Board Alternate Director

That Councillor Marg Grant be appointed as alternate director for director Barbara Price on the Comox Valley Regional District board, for Thursday April 16, 2015.

(15.109) -- CARRIED

10. DELEGATIONS: NIL

11. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor MacKinnon

Councillor MacKinnon mentioned that he attended:

- the Easter Eggstravaganza as a representative of the Town,
- a Comox Valley Social Planning Committee meeting,
- the Purple Ribbon Campaign kickoff,
- the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Convention,
- a marina advocacy sub-committee meeting of the BIA, and
- an initial meeting of the Homelessness Coalition.

Councillor MacKinnon also mentioned that on behalf of the Town, he received a framed certificate from the Immigrant Welcome Centre for the Town's support of that organization.

b. Councillor Marg Grant

Councillor Grant mentioned that she attended the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Convention.

c. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift mentioned that she attended the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Convention, as well as a meeting of the Site Selection Committee for the Sewer Commission.

d. Councillor Ken Grant

Councillor Grant mentioned that he attended the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Convention, visited the Currie Road pump station in Oak Bay and Chaired a Regional District Sports Commission meeting.

e. Mayor Ives

Mayor Ives mentioned that he attended:

- the Economic Development Society quarterly board meeting,
- the Purple Ribbon Campaign kick-off,
- the announcement for L'Arche's I Belong! Campaign,
- the Officer's mess dinner, and
- the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Convention.

Mayor Ives also mentioned that he handed out invitations to the Shellfish and Seafood Festival.

14. EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC: NIL

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

CARRIED

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

"Paul Ives"

MAYOR

"Richard Kanigan"

CORPORATE OFFICER