

**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday May 6, 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 were 2 visitors in attendance.

Mayor Ives asked for a moment of silence in honour of George Cochrane, former Mayor of the City of Courtenay.

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 April 15, 2015, be Approved.

(15.110) -- 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 22, 2015, be Received.

(15.111) -- CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) Action Plan for Website Renewal

Website Renewal

That staff be authorized to put a redesign survey on the website until the end of May, and to refer the survey to the Economic Development Society and the BIA.

(15.112) -- CARRIED

- (2) Pickleball feasibility at Highland field location

Pickleball Feasibility

1. *That Council authorize an expenditure of \$4000 for a preliminary Pickleball Court feasibility field review, to include a field survey, geotechnical report and construction cost analysis; and further,*

That the feasibility study be cost shared 50:50 with the Comox Valley Pickleball Association.

(15.113) -- CARRIED

2. *That Council provide a letter of support to the Comox Valley Pickleball association supporting the sport of pickleball in the Comox Valley.*

(15.114) -- CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Management Report - May 6, 2015

Management Report

That the Management Report for May 6, 2015 be received and filed for information.

(15.115) -- 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 (Comox Strathcona Waste Management) held Thursday,

April 16, 2015,

-Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board held Thursday, April 16, 2015.

-Comox Valley Regional District Board held Tuesday, April 28, 2015.

(15.116) -- CARRIED

6. BYLAWS:

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

2015 Tax Rates Bylaw

That Bylaw 1806 (Comox Tax Rates Bylaw, 2015) be Adopted.

(15.117) -- CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Annual Public Reporting

Annual Public Reporting

That the Draft 2014 Statement of Financial Information be approved.

(15.118) -- CARRIED

b. Rezoning Application: RZ 15-3 / 2116 Downey Avenue

2116 Downey Avenue

1. That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1808 be given First and Second Reading; and

(15.119) -- CARRIED

2. That a Public Hearing be scheduled for Bylaw No. 1808 and be located at Council Chambers, 1801B Beaufort Avenue.

(15.120) -- CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Park (Highland Senior Secondary) Grad Cruise

2015 Grad Cruise

That the April 15, 2015 letter from Scott Park, requesting permission to hold the 7th Annual Highland Grad Cruise on Saturday May 30, 2015, be received and permission granted.

(15.121) -- CARRIED

b. Tina Lutz (Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon) 2015 Heart and Stroke Big Bike

Big Bike Event

That the April 24, 2015 letter from Tina Lutz, Special Events Coordinator for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon, requesting to hold the Big Bike Event in Comox on Saturday June 6, 2015, be received and permission granted.

(15.122) -- CARRIED

c. Sophie Brunt (Highland Secondary School) Global Studies

Plastics in the Environment

That the April 24, 2015 letter from Sohie Brunt, Highland Secondary Student, requesting assistance with a project to raise awareness about the issues of plastic in the environment, be received and referred to the Comox BIA and Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce.

(15.123) -- CARRIED

9. LATE ITEMS: NIL

10. DELEGATIONS: NIL

11. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Mayor Ives

Mayor Ives mentioned that he attended:

- the RCMP work experience graduation ceremony;
- 40th anniversary celebrations regarding the Child Development Association;
- a meeting with other mayors and the RD chair regarding the current status of the Chamber of Commerce's governance review petition, and mentioned that they have 2500 signatures toward their goal of 5000;
- a leadership assembly at Aspen School;
- the Town's Open House;
- a reception for an abattoir association;
- the reception for Air Canada's first flight into Comox,
- the funding announcement for Aboriginal Tourism,
- the Battle of the Atlantic service; and
- the Chamber of Commerce lunch and Gordon Wilson's LNG presentation.

b. Councillor Marg Grant

Councillor Grant mentioned that she:

- participated in the McHappy Day fundraiser,
- attended the LNG presentation by Gordon Wilson,
- awarded participants in the St. John's Ambulance First Aid Competitions,
- attended the reception for Air Canada's first flight into Comox,
- attended the reception to welcome the Taiwanese dance troupe,
- attended the Town's Open House,
- attended the first Chat with Councillors, which she mentioned was a huge success, and
- attended the seniors' monthly board meeting.

c. Councillor MacKinnon

Councillor MacKinnon mentioned that he attended:

- the Lawn Bowling Club's season opening,
- the Chat with Councillors,
- the Battle of the Atlantic ceremony,
- the reception for the Taiwanese Director General,
- the reception for Air Canada's first flight into Comox,
- the Public Hearing;
- the McHappy Day fundraiser, and
- the Town Open House.

Councillor MacKinnon also shared a certificate from the Comox Valley Immigration Welcome Centre, identifying the Town of Comox as a very welcoming community.

d. Councillor Price

Councillor Price mentioned that she attended:

- the Chat with Councillors,
- a UBCM Executive meeting, and met with MLA McRae, who mentioned grant funding for cycle lanes,
- the gala of giving as acting Mayor,
- the stepping stones annual event in Cumberland as acting Mayor,
- a watershed advisory group meeting,
- the Town Open House,
- the regional district water, sports, committee of the whole and board meetings,
- a Comox Archives special general meeting and regular meeting,
- the Battle of the Atlantic ceremony, and
- a water committee meeting to discuss water conservation efforts.

e. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift mentioned that she attended:

- the solid waste management and hospital board meetings,
- the McHappy Days fundraising event,
- the LNG luncheon presentation, and
- the Public Hearing.

f. Councillor Arnott

Councillor Arnott mentioned that he attended:

- the Public Hearing,
- the Town Open House,
- a Nautical Days committee meeting, and
- the Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park board meeting.

g. Councillor Ken Grant

Councillor Grant mentioned that he attended:

- the Public Hearing,
- the Town Open House,
- a regional district board meeting, and
- a regional sewer committee meeting.

Mayor Ives also mentioned that he has been appointed to a UBCM advisory committee on MMBC.

14. EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC:

a. Exclude the Public

Exclude the Public

That the Public be Excluded from the Special In-Camera Meeting of Council on Wednesday May 6, 2015, pursuant to the following sub-sections of section 90 of the Community Charter:

(1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality.

(15.124) -- CARRIED

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 5:53 p.m.

CARRIED

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

"Paul Ives"

MAYOR

"Richard Kanigan"

CORPORATE OFFICER