

**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday September 16, 2015**

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

Absent: P. Ives, M. Grant

Call to Order:

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

The Agenda was Adopted.

There were 24 visitors in attendance.

1. DELEGATIONS:

a. Chris Morrison (Garry Oak Preservation Committee) Berwick Extension

1666 Comox Avenue

Ms. Morrison advised that the garry oak tree proposed to be removed is very healthy, approximately 200 years old and has a life expectancy of 500 to 1000 years. She showed a number of suggested alternative designs that would build around the tree, and requested Council's help in preserving it.

b. Chris Denford and Jackson Lowe - Berwick Expansion

1666 Comox Avenue

Mr. Denford introduced himself, and described the Berwick community and its contribution to the public. He described the additional amenities of the expansion and identified how the proposal would add to the downtown vibrancy of Comox. He asked that Council support the proposal. Mr. Lowe described the detailed features of the project.

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 September 2, 2015, be Approved.

(15.217) -- 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 September 9, 2015, be Received.

(15.218) -- CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Permissive Tax Exemptions for 2016

Permissive Tax Exemptions

That Bylaw No. 1815 (Comox Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2015) be advertised and forwarded to Council for First, Second and Third Readings.

(15.219) -- CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (2) Reserve for Policing and Emergencies

Policing and Emergency Reserve

That Staff be authorized to draft a bylaw that would establish a reserve fund for operating and capital costs related to policing, public safety, emergency and disaster response and recovery.

(15.220) -- CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Management Report - September 16, 2015

Management Report

That the Management Report for September 16, 2015 be received and filed for information.

(15.221) -- CARRIED

5. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

6. BYLAWS:

- a. Bylaw 1815: Comox Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2015

Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw

That Bylaw 1815 (Comox Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2015) be given First, Second and Third Readings.

(15.222) -- CARRIED

- b. Bylaw 1819: Comox Reserve Funds Bylaw, 2015

Reserve Funds Bylaw

That Bylaw 1819 (Comox Reserve Funds Bylaw, 2015) be given First, Second and Third Readings.

(15.223) -- CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Rezoning Application: RZ 15-7 / Development Permit: DP 15-9 Berwick Congregate Care, 1666 and 1700 Comox Avenue

1666 Comox Avenue

Mr. Kamenz, Municipal Planner, summarized the proposed project with respect to location, sustainability implications and implications on the downtown revitalization program.

That Rezoning Application RZ 15-7 / DP 15-9 be referred back to staff in order to consider design options for tree retention and number of stories.

(15.224) -- CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

9. LATE ITEMS: NIL

10. DELEGATIONS: NIL

11. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift advised that she attended a special meeting of the Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association as well as a Sewer Commission meeting.

b. Councillor Arnott

Councillor Arnott mentioned that he had nothing to report out on.

c. Councillor Ken Grant

Councillor Grant mentioned that he attended the Marina Park open house and met with the chair of the Business Improvement Association. He also reviewed his attendance at the Water Committee, Sewer Commission, Committee of the Whole and Sports Commission meetings.

d. Councillor Price

Councillor Price mentioned that she attended the Marina Park Open House and reviewed her attendance at the regional district meetings.

e. Acting Mayor MacKinnon

Acting Mayor MacKinnon mentioned that he attended:

- the Marina Park open house,
- the Comox Valley Chamber mixer,
- the Alberni Project opening at the Mall,
- the Raise-a-Reader fundraiser
- a Homelessness Coalition meeting, and
- the International Student Welcome.

Acting Mayor MacKinnon also mentioned that he participated in the Mayor's charity golf tournament, acknowledged the Tuesday night paddlers on their last paddle of the season and attended a social planning committee meeting.

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)(b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity;

(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality; and

(1)(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

(15.225) -- CARRIED

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:51 p.m.

CARRIED

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

"Paul Ives"

MAYOR

"Richard Kanigan"

CORPORATE OFFICER