

**Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting,  
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday October 14, 2015**

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**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 4:15 p.m.

**1. Delegations:**

**a. Steve Chambers (Comox Valley Pickleball Association) Permanent outdoor pickleball courts**

Mr. Chambers advised Council of the status of the project and the donations made by members to date. He is asking Council for a letter of support and sponsorship for a Comox Valley Community Foundation grant application.

**b. Inspector Walton (CV RCMP) - Policing Report**

Inspector Walton advised that the 2014 Crime Severity Index for Comox is way down over the year before, and the second lowest in BC. He mentioned that, while crime rates are dropping, investigations are taking longer. Inspector Gray presented a handout on crime statistics in Comox, and answered questions of Council on the development of a policing, public safety and emergencies reserve.

**2. Minutes of Meetings: NIL**

**3. Department Reports: NIL**

**4. Staff Reports:**

**a. Reserve for Policing and Emergencies**

The October 9, 2015 report from the CAO, titled Reserve for Policing and Emergencies, was received for information.

**b. Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce Request for Support for Governance Review Study**

The October 9, 2015 report from the CAO, titled Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce Request for Support for Governance Review Study, was received for information.

**c. Open Burning on Large Lots**

1. That the Comox Fire Prevention and Regulation Bylaw, 2007 be amended to permit a 7-day burning period between April 1-7 each year, for properties over 3.0 acres (1.2 hectares) in the Agricultural Land Reserve that have Farm Status; and further,

That the following conditions apply to the fires:

- the property owner be required to obtain a permit from the Fire Department indicating dates, size, allowable material to be burned and safety regulations;
- the size of fires be limited to one cubic meter at a time; and
- the number of fires be limited to one fire per property.

That the main motion be amended to replace the text "for properties over 3.0 acres (1.2 hectares) with the text "for properties over 10.0 acres (4.0 hectares)".

*CARRIED*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

2. That the Comox Fire Prevention and Regulation Bylaw, 2007 be amended to permit a 7-day burning period between April 1-7 each year, for properties over 10.0 acres (4.0 hectares) in the Agricultural Land Reserve that have Farm Status; and further,

That the following conditions apply to the fires:

- the property owner be required to obtain a permit from the Fire Department indicating dates, size, allowable material to be burned and safety regulations;
- the size of fires be limited to one cubic meter at a time; and
- the number of fires be limited to one fire per property.

*CARRIED*

**5. Correspondence:**

- a. **Steve Chambers (Comox Valley Pickleball Association) Seeking support for permanent outdoor pickleball courts**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

That the October 8, 2015 email from Steve Chambers of the Comox Valley Pickleball Association, requesting a letter of support and endorsement of a grant application to the Comox Valley Community Foundation, be received and the request granted.

*CARRIED*

**6. Exclude the Public:**

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That the Public be Excluded from the Special In-Camera Meeting of Council on Wednesday October 14, 2015, pursuant to the following sub-sections of section 90 of the Community Charter:

(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;

*CARRIED*

**Adjournment:**

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 5:10 p.m.

*CARRIED*

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

*"Paul Ives"*

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CHAIR