

**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday March 16, 2016**

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 40 visitors in attendance.

1. DELEGATIONS:

a. Rezoning Application: RZ 16-1 (1823 Buena Vista Avenue)

1823 Buena Vista

The applicant summarized his proposal and answered questions of Council.

b. Steve Chambers (Comox Valley Pickleball Association) - Advancement of Pickleball

Pickleball Feasibility

Mr. Chambers expressed his frustrations with the process involved in having the Town build dedicated outdoor pickleball courts for the Comox Valley Pickleball Association.

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 March 2, 2016, be Approved.

(2016.052) -- CARRIED

b. Mack Laing Nature House Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Mack Laing Advisory
Committee Minutes**

That the Minutes of the Mack Laing Nature House Advisory Committee Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Friday February 12, 2016, be Approved.

(2016.053) -- CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Management Report - March 16, 2016

Management Report

The Management Report for March 16, 2016 was received and filed for information.

(2016.054) -- CARRIED

5. SPECIAL REPORTS:

a. RISE AND REPORT: Mack Laing Nature House Advisory Committee Members

Mack Laing Advisory Committee

The Mayor advised that, at its Special In-Camera Meeting of Wednesday December 9, 2015, Council passed the following motion:

"That the following members be appointed to the Mack Laing Nature House Advisory Committee, effective December 9, 2015:

- Councillor Marg Grant;
- Councillor Maureen Swift;
- Councillor Russ Arnott as alternate;
- Al Fraser, Parks Superintendent, Staff Representative;
- Ms. Angela Burns, Mack Laing Heritage Society;
- Ms. Pam Moughton, Comox Archives and Museum Society;
- Ms. Christine Hodgson, Brooklyn Creek Watershed Society;
- Mr. Terry Chester, member of the community at large; and
- Mr. Mark Ouellette, member of the community at large with construction experience."

b. RISE AND REPORT: 2016 Town of Comox Heritage Award

Heritage Award

The Mayor advised that, at its March 2, 2016 Special In-Camera Council meeting, Council passed the following resolution:

"That Kay Bukta be posthumously given the Town of Comox 2016 Heritage Award, and that the award be presented by the Mayor at the opening of the 102 Battalion Exhibit on Saturday March 19, 2016."

6. BYLAWS: NIL

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Rezoning Application: RZ 16-1 (1823 Buena Vista Avenue)

1823 Buena Vista

1. *That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1833 be given First and Second Reading.*
(2016.055) -- CARRIED
2. *That a Public Hearing be scheduled for Bylaw No. 1833 and be located at Council Chambers, 1801B Beaufort Avenue.*
(2016.056) -- CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Sheelane Stigant - Development plans for the property on Aspen and Murrelet

Vacant Property

That the February 25, 2016 letter from Sheelane Stigant, regarding the vacant property along Murrelet Road, be received and filed for information.

(2016.057) -- CARRIED

b. John Mackay (Mosaic Capital) Catamaran Racing in Comox

Catamaran Racing

That the February 26, 2016 letter from John Mackay of Mosaic Capital Corporation, regarding Compass Adventure and Catamaran Racing in Comox, be received and filed for information.

(2016.058) -- CARRIED

c. Gary Fribance (Third Crossing Society) Looking for financial contribution

Third Crossing Society

That the March 1, 2016 letter from Gary Fribance, President of the Third Crossing Society, requesting a financial contribution towards their efforts, be received and filed for information.

(2016.059) -- CARRIED

d. Clive Powsey - Air quality indicators

Air Quality

That the March 8, 2016 email from Clive Powsey, regarding air quality indicators in the Comox Valley, be received and filed for information.

(2016.060) -- CARRIED

e. George Hanson - Economic Alliance - Membership

**Economic Alliance
Membership**

That the March 10, 2016 email from George Hanson of the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance, requesting that the Town of Comox become a member, be received and that Mr. Hanson be invited to present to Council.

(2016.061) -- CARRIED

9. LATE ITEMS: NIL

10. DELEGATIONS: NIL

11. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor Marg Grant

Councillor Grant reviewed her attendance at the d'Esterre Seniors' Association meeting. She also advised that she met with Amy Yakimyshyn regarding transit issues and chaired the Comox Archives and Museum Society AGM.

b. Councillor MacKinnon

Councillor MacKinnon advised that he attended

- a joint BIA/Rotary/Town meeting regarding the development of a water park,
- a Maple Lake Committee meeting,
- a student Rotary gala, and
- a Comox Valley Homelessness Coalition meeting.

He also advised that he provided information to a prospective busker in the Town, referred the Gaglardi School to Town staff regarding a community garden project, and attended a support meeting / drumming session for the missing Azer children at the Recreation Centre

c. Councillor Price

Councillor Price reviewed her attendance at the Regional District sewer, water and committee of the whole meetings. She also advised that she chaired an AVICC teleconference meeting, and attended the Comox Archives and Museum Society AGM.

AT 6:30 P.M. THE MEETING RECESSED IN ORDER TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING IN RELATION TO BYLAW NO. 1832 (COMMUNITY GARDENS).

THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 6:34 P.M.

d. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift reviewed her attendance at the Regional District hospital, solid waste and sewer commission meetings. She also advised that she attended the Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association regular meeting, and reminded Council of the upcoming AGM.

e. Councillor Arnott

Councillor Arnott advised that he attended a Community Justice Centre meeting and the Coldest Night of the Year Walk.

f. Councillor Ken Grant

Councillor Grant advised that he attended the joint BIA/Rotary/Town water park meeting and the Regional District sewer, water and committee of the whole meetings. He also reviewed his attendance at the sewer commission meeting.

g. Councillor Marg Grant

Councillor Grant continued her summary and reviewed her attendance at the Comox-Strathcona solid waste meeting and the library board meeting.

h. Mayor Ives

Mayor Ives advised that he attended

- the Shellfish Festival launch in Vancouver,
- the Svend Robinson lecture, and
- the YANA Big Love fundraiser.

He also advised that he presented to the Elder College and the Strathcona Sunrise Rotary, as well as attended a Cycling Coalition meeting and the opening ceremony for the Midget Provincial Hockey Tournament. Mayor Ives also reviewed his attendance at the North Courtenay Connector open house.

12. BYLAWS:

a. Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1832 (Community Gardens)

Community Gardens

1. *That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1832 be given Third Reading.*
(2016.062) -- CARRIED
2. *That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1832 be Adopted.*
(2016.063) -- CARRIED

15. 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 March 16, 2016, pursuant to the following sub-sections of section 90 of the Community Charter:

- (1)(d) the security of the property of the municipality.*
(2016.064) -- CARRIED

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:38 p.m. CARRIED

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

"Paul Ives"

MAYOR

"Richard Kanigan"

CORPORATE OFFICER