

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday April 12, 2017

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

Absent: B. Price

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

The Agenda was Adoped.

1. Delegations:

a. Robert Deane (Brooklyn Creek Watershed Society) Invitation to Council Members on their Smolt Count

Mr. Deane advised of the mission, projects and successes of the Brooklyn Creek Watershed Society. He acknowledged and thanked Council, staff and volunteers for their support over the years, and invited Council to one of their upcoming fish counts.

b. Rod Bell-Irving (Legion) - Request for loading zone in front of 1825 Comox Avenue

Mr. Bell-Irving advised of the mission of the Comox Legion and provided additional information on the historical "no parking" zone in front of the Legion. He advised that the one parking spot, as is there currently, is not enough. He requested that Council consider that the Legion is unique, and give serious consideration to granting their request or returning to a "no parking" zone.

c. Al Fraser - Shakesides replacement structure concept

Mr. Fraser presented the conceptual design for a viewing platform, to be located at the site of the Shakesides home. He advised that the intent is to retain some of the physical attributes, and create a permeable structure that can be seen through with relative ease. Mr. Fraser also advised of the proposed budget and stated that the platform could support programming abilities with organizations such as school programs and the Brooklyn Streamkeepers.

2. Minutes of Meetings: NIL

3. Department Reports: NIL

4. Staff Reports:

a. Legion Loading Zone

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the March 29, 2017 report from the Municipal Engineer, titled "Legion Loading Zone" be referred back to staff.

CARRIED

b. Comox Seniors' Centre Association (d'Esterre House) – Agreement Renewal

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the lease agreement between the Comox Seniors' Centre Association and the Town of Comox, for use of the building known as d'Esterre House situated at 1801 Beaufort Avenue, be renewed for a five (5) year term ending April 30, 2022.

CARRIED

c. Computing Tax Rates from 2017 Revised Assessment Roll

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the 2017 Tax Rates Bylaw be drafted based upon a 3.2% increase in taxes across all property classes except Class 6 Business, which would have a 2.2% increase in taxes in 2017.

CARRIED

d. Second Draft of 2017 - 2021 Financial Plan

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That staff be authorized to draft a Financial Plan bylaw for Council consideration based upon the April 7, 2017 staff report from the Director of Finance, titled "Second Draft of 2017 - 2021 Financial Plan".

CARRIED

e. Nautical Days Parade Committee Select Committee - Terms of Reference

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the draft Terms of Reference for the Select Committee on Nautical Days' Parade Participation, as amended to remove item 2b (members of the public), be approved; and further,

That Councillors Marg Grant, Russ Arnott and Maureen Swift be appointed to the Committee.

CARRIED

f. Comox Avenue - Hydro Beautification Update

The April 10, 2017 report from the Municipal Engineer, titled "Comox Avenue - Hydro Beautification Update", was received for information.

5. Correspondence:

a. Kevin East (Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce) Development Application Timelines

The March 21, 2017 letter from Kevin East, Board Chair of the Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce, regarding Town of Comox development application timelines, was received for information.

b. The Sid Williams Theatre Society - Preface to SWTS Pro-Forma 5 Year Financial Plan

The April 5, 2017 letter from the Sid Williams Theatre Society, asking that Council consider a gradual increase in financial support, was received for information.

c. James Derry (The Alberni Project Society) Requesting support and assistance

The January 31, 2017 letter from James Derry, Secretary/Treasurer of the Alberni Project, asking that Council continue to support the work of their mobile unit and museum, was received for information.

6. Exclude the Public: NIL

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 5:56 p.m.

CARRIED

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

"Paul Ives"

CHAIR