

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday February 21, 2018

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 Amended to include 1 Late Item and Adopted as Amended.

There were 10 visitors in attendance.

Mayor Ives asked for a moment of silence in honour of Dick Merrick, former Mayor of the Town of Comox.

1. DELEGATIONS:

a. Mark Havin (Harbour Centre) DVP 17-10 / 1829 Beaufort Avenue

1829 Beaufort Avenue

Mr. Havin summarized his application and advised that he is hoping to have the current setback restriction on the ground floor units removed in order to allow professional services to occupy the units as well as retail operations. He advised of the price reductions in the units and his experience in trying to lease the units to retail customers. Mr. Havin advised of the benefits of his request, and of the obstacles to finding retail clients. He also asked a potential professional service client to express his views on the matter.

2. MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

a. Regular Council Meeting Minutes

RCM Meeting

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday February 7, 2018, be Approved.

(2018.030) -- CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Management Report - February 21, 2018

Management Report

That the Management Report for February 21, 2018 be received and filed for information.

(2018.031) -- CARRIED

5. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

6. BYLAWS: NIL

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Development Variance Permit Application DVP 17-10 / 1829 Beaufort Avenue

1829 Beaufort Avenue

1. That Development Variance Permit DVP 17-10 be issued.

That the main motion be first amended to read:

“That Development Variance Permit application DVP 17-10 be tabled until the first Council meeting in September 2019; and further,

That, prior to notifying the public and Council reconsideration of Development Variance Permit application DVP 17-10, the applicant provide an update on the outcome of further marketing efforts for the currently vacant commercial units.”

That the first amendment be amended to change the date “September 2019” to “March 2019”.

That the second amendment be amended to change the date “March 2019” to “September 2018”.

*(2018.032) -- CARRIED
[Opposed: Councillor HMacKinnon]*

2. That Development Variance Permit application DVP 17-10 be tabled until the first Council meeting in September 2018; and further,

That, prior to notifying the public and Council reconsideration of Development Variance Permit application DVP 17-10, the applicant provide an update on the outcome of further marketing efforts for the currently vacant commercial units.

*(2018.033) -- DEFEATED
[Opposed: Mayor Ives, Councillors KGrant MGrant MSwift]*

3. That Development Variance Permit DVP 17-10 be issued.

*(2018.034) -- CARRIED
[Opposed: Councillors RArnott HMacKinnon]*

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Pam Moughton (Comox Archives and Museum Society) Thank you for the support

CAMS Support

That the January 30, 2018 letter from Pam Mouton of the Comox Archives and Museum Society, thanking Council and summarizing activities over 2017, be received and filed for information.

(2018.035) -- CARRIED

b. Emma Warren - Improvement at the Marina

New Basketball Court

That the February 9, 2018 email from Emma Warren, requesting that a basketball court be installed at Marina Park, be received and referred to staff for a report.

(2018.036) -- CARRIED

- c. Steve Cowan (Royal Canadian Naval Association) - Permission for Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony**

Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony

That the February 14, 2018 letter from Steve Cowan of the Royal Canadian Naval Association, requesting permission to hold the annual Battle of the Atlantic ceremony at the Naval Memorial Cairn in Marina Park on Sunday May 6, 2018, be received and permission granted.

(2018.037) -- CARRIED

- d. Walt & Pam Levesque - Comox Municipal Marina Ramp Concerns**

Boat Launch Concerns

That the February 14, 2018 email from Walt & Pam Levesque, requesting that a boat ramp marshal be utilized to assist with peak summer traffic and act as an ambassador for Comox, be received and referred to staff for a report.

(2018.038) -- CARRIED

9. LATE ITEMS:

- a. Grant Funding to Address Homelessness**

Homelessness Grant

1. That resolution No. 2018.012 be rescinded.

(2018.039) -- CARRIED

2. That Council authorize staff to provide correspondence to the Vancouver Island Regional Director of BC Housing confirming the Town's contribution, subject to Council approval, of \$30,000 per year to the agency that is recommended by the Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness, in order that the Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness may be in a position to secure additional funds being offered through BC Housing.

(2018.040) -- CARRIED

10. DELEGATIONS: NIL

11. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

- a. Councillor Swift**

Councillor Swift advised:

- that she attended the regular Filberg board meeting,
- that she attended the solid waste management and hospital board meetings,
- of the sad passing of the Mayor of Tahsis, and
- that she attended the regional district sewer commission meeting.

- b. Councillor Price**

Councillor Price reviewed her attendance at the regional district sewer commission, sports commission and committee of the whole meetings.

- c. Councillor MacKinnon**

Councillor MacKinnon advised that he attended the First Nation Women's March and a fundraiser for Comox Valley athletes.

- d. Councillor Arnott**

Councillor Arnott advised that he attended a meeting with the owner of the Rocky Mountain Cafe regarding potential new businesses downtown. He also advised that he attended the charter party for the new Rotary club in Town.

TOWN OF COMOX - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

e. Councillor Ken Grant

Councillor Grant advised that he attended the regional district sewer commission meeting. He reviewed his attendance at the regional district sports commission meeting and advised that he attended the regional district committee of the whole meeting.

f. Councillor Marg Grant

Councillor Grant advised that she:

- met with Brrooklyn Creek Streamkeepers,
- attended a Green Business Certification Info Session,
- attended the Comox-Strathcona waste management and hospital board meetings, and
- attended the d'Esterre Seniors board meeting.

g. Mayor Ives

Mayor Ives reviewed he meeting with MLA Leonard, and advised that he met with a freelance reporter doing a future on Comox Valley supportive housing issues. He also advised that he dropped the hockey puck for a visiting team from Beijing.

14. EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC:

a. Exclude the Public

Exclude the Public

That, pursuant to section 127 of the Community Charter, notice is hereby given that the Public be Excluded from the Special In-Camera Meeting of Council on Wednesday February 21, 2018, pursuant to the following sub-sections of the Community Charter:

90(1)(d) the security of the property of the municipality; and

90(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

(2018.041) -- CARRIED

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:31 p.m.

CARRIED

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

MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER