

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday May 9, 2018

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

Absent: K. Grant

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:18 p.m.

The Agenda was Adopted.

1. Delegations:

a. Cory Vanderhorst (Meyers Norris Penny) - Town of Comox Audit Findings Report

Mr. Vanderhorst summarized the 2017 audit findings for the Town of Comox, including financial statement highlights, the draft audit report and audit findings report. He advised that the audit went really well and thanked staff and Council for their assistance. He identified that it was a clean audit, with no irregularities and no conflicts of interest. Mr. Vanderhorst stated that financial sustainability is healthy and trending in a positive direction, and that flexibility is steady. He also stated that the Town is not highly vulnerable to other funding sources and that the Town's vulnerability continues to trend lower.

b. Inspector Tim Walton (CV RCMP) - RCMP Year End Report

Inspector Walton provided crime statistics for 2017. He advised that once again Comox is a very safe community. He noted that theft is up in all categories, with offenders coming in from outside the community. Inspector Walton suggested that residents lock their vehicles, as theft from vehicles doubled over last year. He also advised that their priorities continue to be crime reduction, youth, community engagement and traffic safety.

c. Geoff Crawford, Lara Greasley & John Watson (Comox Valley Economic Development Society) 2018 Spring Update

John Watson provided a 2018 Spring update for the Committee. He advised that they are working with the Comox BIA to improve services in Comox, improve services for business and improve visitor services in Comox. He advised they are working with the Comox BIA in implementing a business ambassador pilot program in Comox. Mr. Watson noted that out-of-town visitor numbers at the Visitor Centre are up by 8% and that hotel tax is up 14%. Mr. Watson also discussed some of the exciting changes with respect to the Seafood Festival this year.

2. Minutes of Meetings: NIL

3. Department Reports: NIL

4. **Staff Reports:**

a. **Comox Valley Rocks for Kids - Request for Reimbursement of Fees**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Marina Park Facility booking fees for the Comox Valley Rocks for Kids event on June 9, 2018 be reimbursed.

CARRIED

b. **Downtown Traffic Intersections**

The May 3, 2018 Report from the Municipal Engineer, titled "Downtown Traffic Intersections", was received for information.

5. **Correspondence: NIL**

6. **Exclude the Public:**

a. **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 May 9, 2018, pursuant to the following sub-sections of the Community Charter:

90(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.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 5:20 p.m.

CARRIED

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



CHAIR