

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Special (Inaugural) Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday November 7, 2018

Present: Mayor R. Arnott
Councillors A. Bissinger, K. Grant, S. McGowan,
P. McKenna, N. Minions, M. Swift

Absent: Nil

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Agenda was Adopted.

There were 35 visitors in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

a. Call to Order - Richard Kanigan, CAO/Corporate Administrator

Call to Order

Richard Kanigan, CAO/Corporate Administrator, called the meeting to order.

2. OATHS OF OFFICE:

a. Oaths of Office

Oath of Office

Mr. Paul R. Ives, Q.C. (Commissioner for Taking Affidavits for BC) administered Oaths of Office to Mayor-Elect Russell John Arnott, Councillor-Elect Alexandra Bissinger, Councillor-Elect Kenneth John Grant, Councillor-Elect Stephanie Kathryn McGowan, Councillor-Elect Patrick Joseph McKenna, Councillor-Elect Nicole Brianne Minions and Councillor-Elect Maureen Elizabeth Swift.

3. INAUGURAL ADDRESS:

a. Mayor's Inaugural Address

Inaugural Address

Mayor Arnott read out the following address to Council and the members of the public:

We respectfully acknowledge that we live, work and play on the traditional lands of the K'omoks First Nation. Gila'kasla, Hay ch q' a' – a warm welcome to guests, friends and family members.

Congratulations to our newly elected Council – welcome back to incumbent Councillors Ken Grant and Maureen Swift; and a warm welcome to newly and never before elected Councillors Alex Bissinger, Stephanie McGowan, Nicole Minions and Pat McKenna. Our special thanks go out to retiring councillors Marg Grant, Barbara Price and Hugh MacKinnon and to Mayor Ives for their dedication and commitment to Comox for so many years. We honour their dedicated service to our community and, in particular, their role, expertise and wealth of experience while serving the citizens of Comox.

During the campaign one item that I spoke about was the Town's asset management plan and how this leads us toward future fiscal sustainability. I spoke about the infrastructure, the equipment and various assets that feed into our plan. Today I want to acknowledge our most important asset; our employees. Comox is very fortunate to have a group of individuals who want to make our town better. There is no one person that makes us who we are. We work

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Inaugural Address

together as a team, my commitment is not only to the residents of Comox but to all of you who work here and I thank you for your commitment to us.

My campaign allowed me to get out and talk with many people and I heard the message loud and clear that we are heading in the right direction. Comox will retain its charm and we will balance the growth that is knocking. We will continue to be part of the environment we love so much and we will work together to ensure our unique community prospers.

As we start these next four years together I want to reiterate my pledge of transparency and open communications. As Council this is the first step towards a unified group that is tasked with steering Comox to the future. You are the leaders in our community and we work for the residents and businesses of Comox. Communication and respect between us at this table and those in our community is key.

Over this 4 year term we will ensure our official community plan keeps us on the path to the future; we will review our transportation plan; we will continue the enhancements and vitalization to our Marina Park and downtown area and we will ensure we stay open for business opportunities that will enhance the charm of Comox.

There is still work to do. With a strong Council and dedicated staff our momentum will not only continue but will get stronger. Thank you all very much and I look forward to working with each of you.

4. APPOINTMENTS:

a. Appointments to Boards and Committees for 2018/2019

**Board / Committee
Appointments**

That the following appointments be made to Boards and Committees for the year 2018/2019:

Comox Archives & Museum Society (CAMS) - Councillor Stephanie McGowan (Councillor Nicole Minions, alternate);

Comox Business in Action (BIA) - Mayor Russ Arnott (Councillor Ken Grant, alternate);

Comox Golf Club - Clive Freundlich, staff;

Comox Nautical Days - Councillor Pat McKenna (Councillor Alex Bissinger, alternate);

Comox/Strathcona Regional Solid Waste Management & Regional Hospital District – Councillor Alex Bissinger and Councillor Nicole Minions (Councillor Kent Grant and Councillor Maureen Swift, alternates);

Comox Valley Community Justice Centre - Councillor Pat McKenna (Councillor Alex Bissinger, alternate);

Comox Valley Economic Development Society (CVEDS) - Mayor Russ Arnott (Councillor Ken Grant, alternate);

Comox Valley Harbour Authority - Allan Fraser, staff;

Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD), including Comox Valley Water Committee and Comox Valley Sports Commission - Councillor Ken Grant and Councillor Maureen Swift (Mayor Russ Arnott, Councillor Alex Bissinger, Councillor Nicole Minions, Councillor Stephanie McGowan and Councillor Pat McKenna, alternates);

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Comox Valley Sewer Commission - Mayor Russ Arnott, Councillor Ken Grant and Councillor Maureen Swift (Councillor Alex Bissinger, Councillor Nicole Minions and Councillor Pat McKenna, alternates);

d'Esterre Seniors Centre - Councillor Stephanie McGowan (Councillor Pat McKenna, alternate);

Filberg Heritage Lodge & Park Association (FHLPA) - Councillor Maureen Swift (Councillor Alex Bissinger, alternate);

Integrated Regional Transportation Select - Councillor Alex Bissinger (Councillor Stephanie McGowan, alternate); and

Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) - Councillor Nicole Minions (Councillor Pat McKenna, alternate).

(2018.263) -- CARRIED

b. Acting Mayor Roster

Acting Mayor Roster

That the following be appointed as Acting Mayor for the year 2018/2019:

*Councillor Alex Bissinger
Councillor Ken Grant
Councillor Stephanie McGowan
Councillor Pat McKenna
Councillor Nicole Minions
Councillor Maureen Swift*

(2018.264) -- CARRIED

c. Signing Authority for 2018/2019

Signing Authority

That the following be appointed as having signing authority for the year 2018/2019:

*Mayor Russ Arnott
Councillor Ken Grant
Councillor Maureen Swift
Richard Kanigan
Clive Freundlich
Shelly Russwurm*

(2018.265) -- CARRIED

5. COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

a. 2018/2019 Council Meeting Schedule

Council Meeting Schedule

That the 2018/2019 Council Meeting Schedule, as included in the November 7, 2018 Special (Inaugural) Council Meeting Agenda, be approved.

(2018.266) -- CARRIED

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6. ELECTION RESULTS:

a. 2018 Report of Election Results

2018 Election Results

That the report titled "2018 Report of Election Results" from the Chief Election Officer, as included in the November 7, 2018 Inaugural Council Meeting Agenda, be received and filed for information.

(2018.267) -- CARRIED

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 5:49 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER