

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday January 9, 2019

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

Absent: M. Swift

Call to Order:

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

The Agenda was Adopted.

1. Delegations:

a. Maurita Prato (LUSH Valley Food Action Society) Requesting a representative on a regional Food Policy Council

Ms. Prato advised the Committee of the Whole of the purpose of LUSH Valley and some of the programs that they provide in the community. She advised that the LUSH Valley Food Action Society had a great year in 2018, with 100 volunteers and 45,000 pounds of fruit harvested. She also advised that they are working on starting a regional food policy council, and identified ways in that the community can get involved in their programs.

b. Robert Deane (Brooklyn Creek Watershed Society) Short briefing for the new Council

Mr. Deane updated the Committee of the Whole on the work of the Brooklyn Creek Watershed Society and advised that there are five species of fish in the Brooklyn Creek. He highlighted some of the restoration projects completed over the past few years and advised that, in response, the fish quickly returned to the stream. Mr. Deane advised that approximately 4,000 Coho smolts have been counted each year in the past four years.

c. Helen Boyd (Comox Valley Nurses for Health & the Environment) Banning of single use plastic bags

Ms. Betty Tate and Ms. Boyd advised that they would like Council to initiate a ban on single-use plastic bags at point of sale in Comox. They advised that single use plastic bags make up a significant portion of marine debris and are a threat to the marine environment. They stated that even if they break down, they are still a problem. They also mentioned other municipalities that are spear-heading the movement.

2. Minutes of Meetings: NIL

3. Department Reports: NIL

4. Staff Reports:

a. LGMA Commemorative Tree Planting - 100th Anniversary

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize staff to proceed with selecting a tree to plant in a location recommended by staff and hold a commemorative tree planting ceremony in recognition of the local government profession and ongoing commitment to the community.

CARRIED

b. Dog Park Feasibility Report and Supplemental Information to Dog Park Feasibility Report

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That a public consultation process regarding the feasibility of a dog park be undertaken.

CARRIED

5. Correspondence:

a. Items of correspondence relating to short-term vacation rentals

The following items of correspondence regarding short-term vacation rentals were received and filed for information:

- December 12, 2018 email from Brian Fentiman;
- December 13, 2018 email from Diane and Gord Brownridge;
- December 13, 2018 email from Dawn Lupton and Jay Rozzano;
- December 17, 2018 email from Dave Simmons;
- December 18, 2018 letter from Joan Baudais;
- December 18, 2018 letter from Bruce McPhee; and
- December 18, 2018 email from Ken Simmons.

6. Other Item:

a. Comox Valley Breathe Clean Air - Request for AVICC Resolution

The Committee received a verbal report from Councillor Bissinger and discussed the request for a resolution.

7. Exclude the Public: NIL

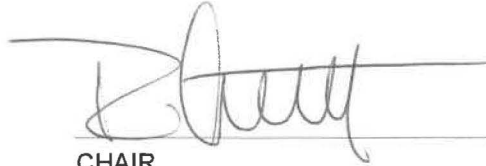
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Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 5:28 p.m.

CARRIED

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



CHAIR