

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday February 27, 2019

Present: Acting Mayor A. Bissinger
Councillors K. Grant, S. McGowan,
N. Minions, M. Swift

Absent: R. Arnott, P. McKenna

Acting Mayor Bissinger acknowledged that the Committee is meeting on the traditional lands of the K'ómoks First Nation. She also acknowledged Pink Shirt Day, a day to send the message that bullying in all forms should not be tolerated, and asked all to think before they post as the theme this year is cyber-bullying.

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

The Agenda was Adopted.

1. Delegations:

a. David Stevenson (Comox Nautical Days Society): Progress Report

Mr. Stevenson advised that everything is going according to plan and that approximately 90% of the entertainment has been booked. He also advised that Elvis is coming back, that the fireworks have been booked and that he is, as always, looking for volunteers to help out.

b. Scott MacKenzie (Provincial Water Licence) To discourage the ban on water bottling by bylaw or by way of resolution

Mr. MacKenzie provided information on Aquifer #408, which is the source of water for his water extraction licence and well. He advised that Aquifer #408 contains 34 trillion litres of water and recharges fully each year. He also advised that current demand on the Aquifer by agriculture, domestic and industry is 18% of the total available. Mr. MacKenzie stated that his licence allows a maximum of 10,000 litres per day and that he expects to only use 15,000 litres per month.

2. Minutes of Meetings: NIL

3. Department Reports: NIL

4. Staff Reports:

a. Originals Only Art Show

The February 20, 2019 report from the Recreation Director to the Committee of the Whole, titled "Originals Only Art Show" was received for information.

b. McLeod Street and Douglas Street Infrastructure Improvement Project

The February 20, 2019 report from the Municipal Engineer to the Committee of the Whole, titled "McLeod Street and Douglas Street Infrastructure Improvement Project" was received for information.

5. Correspondence: NIL

6. Other:

a. Mack Laing Trust Modification - Public Meeting

Councillor Grant advised that he preferred the option of inviting the two groups to present their views and having a discussion based on those. He also advised that he liked the idea that other interested parties could provide their views to Council if they wished either before or after the public meeting.

Councillor Minions advised that she preferred that a facilitator be provided, and agreed that the option of inviting the two groups to present is preferable.

Acting Mayor Bissinger advised that she is concerned that both groups will present the same information without suggesting compromises or alternate solutions, and asked if the invitation can be targeted to ensure that the groups consider different approaches.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That a facilitated Public Meeting be held during Council's March 27, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting in order to hear presentations from the Mack Laing Heritage Society and the Friends of Mack Laing Nature Park, as well as engage in a discussion of issues and compromises related to the matter; and further,

That the meeting be held at the Comox Community Centre, between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED

7. Exclude the Public:

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That, pursuant to section 127 of the Community Charter, notice is hereby given that the Public be Excluded from the Special In-Camera Meeting on Wednesday February 27, 2019, pursuant to the following sub-section of the Community Charter:

90(1)(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED

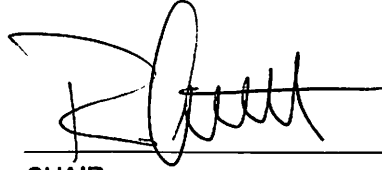
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Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

CARRIED

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



CHAIR