

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday September 4, 2019

Present: Mayor R. Arnott
Councillors A. Bissinger, K. Grant, S. McGowan,
P. McKenna, N. Minions, M. Swift
Staff R. Kanigan, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Russwurm, Deputy Corporate Administrator
C. Freundlich, Director of Finance
M. Kamenz, Municipal Planner
S. Ashfield, Municipal Engineer

Absent: Nil

Call to Order:

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

The Agenda was Adopted.

There were 26 visitors in attendance.

1. DELEGATIONS:

- a. Robert (Bob) Martin (Concerned Group of 2300 Murrelet Place Property Owners) 695 Aspen Road**

695 Aspen Road

The delegation and accompanying August 23, 2019 letter from the Concerned Murrelet Place Property Owners, regarding the proposed development at 695 Aspen Road, were received for information. Mr. Martin advised that he is speaking on behalf of Murrelet Place property owners to ensure that Council is aware of their serious objections well before an application is submitted to the Town. He advised that the development should not be out of proportion with the neighbourhood; it is simply too big. Mr. Martin also advised that the influx of approximately 900 new residents will present traffic challenges to an already congested area. He also suggested that the proposed development will have a negative impact on existing property values, and asked if there will be a Town Hall meeting once an application is submitted and before a permit granted.

- b. Scott Butler - President (Highstreet Ventures) - 695 Aspen Road Development Introduction**

695 Aspen Road

The delegation and accompanying August 29, 2019 email from Christina Wilson of Highstreet Ventures Ltd., regarding the proposed development at 695 Aspen Road, was received for information. Mr. Butler advised that 80% of the units in the proposed development will be rental units, and that their business objective is to build 1000 net zero homes by the end of 2020. He advised that this development will have dog runs, will have solar panels on the roof, and will be built to Built Green gold or platinum level.

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 August 7, 2019, be Approved as amended to include opposed votes to Item 8.k. (Bruce Gibbons correspondence).

(2019.261) -- CARRIED

b. Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Public Hearing Minutes

That the Minutes of the Public Hearing, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday August 7, 2019, be Approved.

(2019.262) -- CARRIED

c. Special Council Meeting Minutes

Special Council Meeting Minutes

That the Minute of the Special Meeting of Council, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday August 21, 2019, be Approved.

(2019.263) -- CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Management Report - September 4, 2019

Management Report

That the Management Report for September 4, 2019 be received and filed for information.

(2019.264) -- CARRIED

5. SPECIAL REPORTS:

a. Comox Valley Regional District Meeting Minutes

CVRD Meeting Minutes

*That the following Comox Valley Regional District meeting minutes be received for information:
- Comox Valley Regional District Board held on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 and Tuesday, August 27, 2019.*

(2019.265) -- CARRIED

6. BYLAWS: NIL

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Letter to Support Funding Extension - FortisBC

Fortis BC Letter of Support

The August 28, 2019 report from the Acting Chief Administrative Officer, titled "Letter to Support Funding Extension - FortisBC", was received for information.

b. Planning Report PR 19-12: 274 Butchers Road

274 Butchers Road

That Council receive the PR 19-12 September 4, 2019 Planning Report for information.

(2019.266) -- CARRIED

c. Planning Report on REA 19-1 / Komox Grind Parklet Agreement Renewal for 2019

Parklet Beaufort Avenue

That the Road Encroachment Agreement for the existing parklet at Komox Grind be renewed for year 2020, subject to the conditions contained in Schedule 1 of the September 4, 2019 Planning Report on REA 19-1.

(2019.267) -- CARRIED

d. Fibre Optics Request For Quote Award

Fibre Optics Award

The August 30, 2019 report from the Director of Finance, titled "Fibre Optics RFQ Award", was received for information.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Mayor Richard Stewart (City of Coquitlam): Inquiring about Council's interest in signing a joint letter of support for ride-hailing services

Ride Hailing Services

That the August 9, 2019 email from Mayor Richard Stewart of the City of Coquitlam, inquiring about Council's interest in signing a joint letter of support for ride-hailing services, be received and filed for information.

(2019.268) -- CARRIED

b. Tara Faganello and Gary Maclsaac (Green Communities Committee) Congratulations

Green Communities Committee

That the August 15, 2019 letter from Tara Faganeel and Gary Maclsaac of the Green Communities Committee, congratulating Council on successfully achieving carbon neutrality for the year 2018, be received and filed for information.

(2019.269) -- CARRIED

c. Lori Oschefski (British Home Children Advocacy & Research Association) Beacons of Light tribute

Beacons of Light Tribute

That the letter received August 29, 2019 from Lori Oschefski of the British Home Children Advocacy & Research Association, requesting that Council participate in the Beacons of Light Tribute, be received and filed for information.

(2019.270) -- CARRIED

9. LATE ITEMS: NIL

10. DELEGATIONS: NIL

11. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor Bissinger

Councillor Bissinger advised that she attended the Town barbeque at the Fire Hall.

b. Councillor Grant

Councillor Grant advised that he attended the Regional District board meeting and the Town barbeque at the Fire Hall.

c. Councillor Minions

Councillor Minions advised that she attended the Town barbeque at the Fire Hall and a Climate action conference call.

d. Councillor McGowan

Councillor McGowan advised that she attended:

- a Climate caucus meeting,
- the Comox Valley Exhibition, and
- a forum on building partnerships for smaller communities.

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e. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift advised that she attended the Town barbeque at the Fire Hall and the Regional District board meeting.

f. Councillor McKenna

Councillor McKenna advised that he attended a Nautical Days Committee debrief meeting and the opening of the Pickleball facility.

g. Mayor Arnott

Mayor Arnott advised that he attended:

- a Comox Valley Economic Development Society performance review,
- the Town barbeque at the Fire Hall, and
- the grand opening for New Traditions brewery.

Mayor Arnott also advised that he attended a meeting with Lee Everson regarding their Red Dress Campaign.

14. EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC:

a. Exclude the Public

Exclude the Public

That the Public be Excluded from the In-Camera Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4, 2019, pursuant to the following sub-section of the Community Charter:

90(1)(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

(2019.271) -- CARRIED

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT 6:22 P.M.

THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED AT 6:34 P.M.

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:34 P.M.

CARRIED

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

MAYOR

Deputy

CORPORATE OFFICER