

**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,  
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday October 7, 2015**

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

**Absent:** Nil

**Call to Order:**

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

The Agenda was Adopted.

There were 4 visitors in attendance.

**1. DELEGATIONS:**

**a. Signy Madden (United Way Central & Northern V.I.) Programs funded in the Comox Valley**

**United Way**

Ms. Madden thanked Council for declaring United Way Week. She stated that the United Way has been in the community for decades, and last year raised \$245,000. She identified the 18 programs they run in the Valley and stated that the money raised in community stays in community. Ms. Madden stated that they have a keen interest in the Nanaimo Vital Signs Report and would like to see if there is appetite for partnering on a similar project. She also advised that they want to roll out a BC211 service for Vancouver Island, which is a phone and web based service of all social and health based services. Ms Madden also asked if the Town would be interested in running a workplace campaign.

**2. MINUTES OF MEETINGS:**

**a. Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**RCM Minutes**

*That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, September 16, 2015, be Approved.*

(15.226) -- CARRIED

**3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**a. Management Report - October 7, 2015**

**Management Report**

*That the Management Report for October 7, 2015 be received and filed for information.*

(15.227) -- CARRIED

**5. SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**a. Comox Valley Regional District Board Meeting Minutes**

**CVRD Meeting Minutes**

*That the following Comox Valley Regional District meeting minutes be received for information:*

- Comox Valley Regional District Board held Wednesday, September 2, 2015,
- Comox Valley Regional District (Comox Strathcona Waste Management) Board held on Thursday, September 17, 2015; and
- Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board held on Thursday, September 17, 2015.

(15.228) -- CARRIED

**6. BYLAWS:**

**a. Bylaw 1815: Comox Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2015**

**Permissive Tax Exemption**

*That Bylaw 1815 (Comox Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2015) be Adopted.*

(15.229) -- CARRIED

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Replacement of Town Servers**

**Server Replacement**

*That Council authorize expenditure of \$70,000 to replace the Town's current servers in 2015.*

(15.230) -- CARRIED

**8. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**a. Kate Panayotof (Mack Laing Heritage Society) Mack Laing Trust  
David Stapley (Comox Valley Conservation Strategy Community Partnership) Mack Laing Park  
Dr. Loys Maingon - Legal Opinion (Mack Laing)**

**Mack Laing House**

*That the following letters be received and filed for information:  
- September 3, 2015 letter from Kate Panayotof, President of the Mack Laing Heritage Society, regarding the Mack Laing Trust;  
- August 29, 2015 letter from David Stapley, Project Manager for the Comox Valley Conservation Strategy, urging the Town to reconsider its current approach towards the Shakesides home; and  
- June 25, 2015 letter from Loys Maingon of the Mack Laing Heritage Society, providing a legal opinion on the Mack Laing will; and further,*

*That staff be directed to provide a report with a draft terms of reference for a committee to develop a plan that may meet the wishes of the Mack Laing Will.*

(15.231) -- CARRIED

**b. Dave Knubley & Rick Julyan - Open burning on farmland**

**Open Burning on Farmland**

*That the letter received September 24, 2015 from Dave Knubley and Rick Julyan, requesting that they be granted two burning permits per year, be received and referred to staff for a report.*

(15.232) -- CARRIED

**c. Alice de Wolff (Comox Valley Council of Canadians) Impact of CETA on the Town of Comox**

**Impact of CETA**

*That the September 24, 2015 email from Alice de Wolff of the Comox Valley Council of Canadians, regarding the impact of CETA on the Town of Comox, be received and filed for information.*

(15.233) -- CARRIED

**d. Maj Birch (MARS) MARS Great Blue Heron Project**

**Great Blue Heron Project**

*That the September 28, 2015 email from Maj Birch of the Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society, requesting support and assistance for their Great Blue Heron Project, be received and the request granted.*

(15.234) -- CARRIED

**e. David L. Mellin (Comox Air Force Museum) Vampire Display Case**

**Vampire Display Case**

*That the September 21, 2015 letter from Dave Mellin of the Comox Air Force Museum, requesting that the Town of Comox waive P.I.L.T. on a Vampire display case in perpetuity, be received and referred to staff for followup.*

(15.235) -- CARRIED

**f. Kimberly Strain (Provincial Eating Disorders Awareness Campaign) Lights for Eating Disorder Awareness**

**Purple Light Campaign**

*That the September 30, 2015 email from Kimberly Strain of the Provincial Eating Disorders Awareness Campaign, requesting the participation of the Town of Comox in the National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, be received and participation confirmed.*

(15.236) -- CARRIED

**9. LATE ITEMS: NIL**

**10. DELEGATIONS: NIL**

**11. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:**

**a. Councillor Marg Grant**

Councillor Grant reviewed her attendance at the Regional Solid Waste Management Meeting and advised that she attended the BIA AGM, the d'Esterre Seniors Association meeting and the Hospital Board meeting.

**b. Councillor MacKinnon**

Councillor MacKinnon advised that, as acting Mayor, he attended:

- a United Way kick off breakfast;
- a Cumberland / Royston Lions dinner;
- a library board meeting;
- the Battle of Britain ceremony;
- a Comox Valley Multicultural Society potluck;
- a Dawn to Dawn AGM meeting;
- a CV Homelessness Coalition meeting;
- a BIA meeting, and mentioned that they will be hiring a new Executive Director;
- the Fire truck dedication for Stuart Rennie; and
- the Union of BC Municipalities Convention.

Councillor MacKinnon also provided a report to Council on workshops he attended at the UBCM Convention.

**c. Councillor Price**

Councillor Price mentioned that she attended a Comox Archives and Museum Society meeting.

She also reviewed her attendance at the Union of BC Municipalities Convention and a Comox Valley Water Committee meeting.

Councillor Price mentioned that, as part of her role with UBCM, they have started a Cultural Competency Training Program.

She also advised that she attended the Regional District Board, Sewage Commission and Committee of the Whole meetings.

**d. Councillor Swift**

Councillor Swift reviewed her attendance at a Comox Strathcona Waste Management Meeting. She also advised that she attended a Hospital Board meeting and a Sewage Commission meeting, and that she welcomed the Cops for Cancer on behalf of the Mayor. Mayor Swift also attended the Fire truck dedication ceremony.

**e. Councillor Arnott**

Councillor Arnott mentioned that he welcomed the Cops for Cancer to the Town and volunteered for the Terry Fox event. He also advised that he attended the North Island College scholarship bursary awards and the BIA AGM.

**f. Councillor Ken Grant**

Councillor Grant mentioned that he attended the Regional District Sewer Commission, Water Committee, Committee of the Whole and an In-Camera meetings.

**g. Mayor Ives**

Mayor Ives thanked Councillor MacKinnon for acting as Mayor.

He reviewed his attendance at

- the Union of BC Municipalities Convention,
- the BIA AGM, and
- the Comox Valley Economic Development Society quarterly board meeting.

He also advised that he:

- attended the Fire truck dedication ceremony,
- met with Steven Chambers, and
- presented a thank you gift from Andy Walter to Council and staff from the Comox Valley Sailing Club.

**14. EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC: NIL**

**Adjournment:**

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:26 p.m.

*CARRIED*

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

*"Paul Ives"*

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MAYOR

*"Richard Kanigan"*

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CORPORATE OFFICER