

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday November 21, 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 as Amended to include recent items of correspondence regarding Mack Laing Park.

There were 22 visitors in attendance.

1. DELEGATIONS:

- a. **Charlene Gray (C.V. Early Years Collaborative) & Natalie Robinson (Child Care Planning Committee) Creating a Valley wide child care plan**

Valley Wide Child Care

Ms. Gray advised of the current crisis in high quality, affordable and accessible child care. She advised of the Community Child Care Planning Funding, available to municipalities through the Union of BC Municipalities, in order to collect information on child care needs, inventory and targets in communities. Ms. Gray stated she would like to see the Town of Comox take the lead, in a collaborative effort with other local governments, to apply for funding for the Comox Valley area.

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 October 3, 2018, be Approved as amended to change the words "Acting Mayor" to "Mayor" on the first page.

(2018.268) -- CARRIED

- b. **Special (Inaugural) Council Meeting Minutes**

Special Council Meeting Minutes

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday November 7, 2018, be Approved.

(2018.269) -- CARRIED

- c. **Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

COW Minutes

That the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Tuesday November 13, 2018, be Received.

(2018.270) -- CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Management Report - November 21, 2018

Management Report

That the Management Report for November 21, 2018 be received and filed for information.

(2018.271) -- CARRIED

b. Council Remuneration - Loss of Municipal Officers' Expense Allowance

Council Remuneration

- 1. That the Comox Council Remuneration and Expense Bylaw, 2006 be updated in order to increase the Mayor's annual remuneration by 14% to \$38,384 and each Councillors' annual remuneration by 14% to \$20,230.*

(2018.272) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillor PMcKenna]

- 2. That Comox Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 1905, 2018 be given First, Second and Third Readings.*

(2018.273) -- CARRIED

[Opposed: Councillor PMcKenna]

c. Modification of Mack Laing Trust

Mack Laing Turst

That any decision regarding the modification of the Mack Laing Trust be deferred until Council's Regular Meeting on February 6, 2019, in order to allow time for all members of Council to fully consider all of the the previous background information related to the application to modify the Mack Laing Trust, as well as the "Realistic Business Plan for Shakesides Nature House".

(2018.274) -- TABLED UNTIL AFTER CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

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, October 2, 2018.*
- Comox Valley Regional District (Comox Strathcona Waste Management) Board held on Thursday, October 11, 2018.*
- Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board held on Thursday, October 11, 2018.*

(2018.275) -- CARRIED

6. BYLAWS: NIL

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Development Variance Permit Application: DVP 18-9 (355 Victoria Court) Secondary Suite

355 Victoria Court

That Development Variance Permit DVP 18-9 be issued, subject to the Development Variance Permit Conditions listed in Schedule 1 of the November 21, 2018 Planning Report on DVP 18-9.

(2018.276) -- CARRIED

- b. Development Variance Permit Application: DVP 18-11 (1954 Marten Avenue) Secondary Suite**

1954 Marten Ave

That Development Variance Permit DVP 18-11 be issued, subject to the Development Variance Permit Conditions listed in Schedule 1 of the November 21, 2018 Planning Report on DVP 18-11.

(2018.277) -- CARRIED

- c. Development Variance Permit Application: DVP 18-13 (1824 Robb Avenue) Secondary Suite**

1824 Robb Ave

That Development Variance Permit DVP 18-13 be issued, subject to the Development Variance Permit Conditions listed in Schedule 1 of the November 21, 2018 Planning Report on DVP 18-13.

(2018.278) -- CARRIED

- d. Proposed 2019 Annual Flat Rate for Water Increase**

Water Rate Increase 2019

1. *That the annual flat rate for water be increased by \$12 to \$387 per year (\$32.25 per month) for each residential and commercial customer for the 2019 calendar year.*

(2018.279) -- CARRIED

2. *That Bylaw No. 1904, Comox Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw Amendment No. 25, 2018, be given First, Second and Third Readings.*

(2018.280) -- CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Mike Corkish (d'Esterre Seniors' Centre Association) Safety concerns around d'Esterre Seniors' Centre, Reduce Speed on Wilcox to 30 Km/h.**

d'Esterre Safety Concerns

That the September 17, 2018 letter from Mike Corkish, President of the d'Esterre Seniors' Centre Association, urging the Town to take steps to improve the safety of pedestrians using the approaches to the d'Esterre Centre and Marina Park, be received and referred to staff for followup.

(2018.281) -- CARRIED

- b. J-Kris Nielsen (Mack Laing Heritage Society) Tarp roof and create time for negotiations**

Shakesides

That the October 28, 2018 letter from J-Kris Nielsen, President of the Mack Laing Heritage Society, asking Council for permission to tarp the roof on the Shakesides home, as well as to allow an opportunity for negotiations between the Town and the Mack Laing Heritage Society regarding the Shakesides home, be received and referred to staff for followup.

(2018.282) -- CARRIED

- b.1. Modification of Mack Laing Trust**

Mack Laing Trust

1. *That the motion from Item 4c, regarding the modification of the Mack Laing Trust, be removed from the table.*

(2018.283) -- CARRIED

b.1. Modification of Mack Laing Trust

Mack Laing Trust

2. *That any decision regarding the modification of the Mack Laing Trust be deferred until Council's Regular Meeting on February 6, 2019, in order to allow time for all members of Council to fully consider all of the the previous background information related to the application to modify the Mack Laing Trust, as well as the "Realistic Business Plan for Shakesides Nature House".*

(2018.284) -- CARRIED

- c. Angela Peterson - Support for DVP 18-11 (1954 Marten Ave)
Brad Mielke & Delphine Guerineau - Support for DVP 18-11 (1954 Marten Avenue)
Christopher & Patti Burton - Support for DVP 18-9 (355 Victoria Court)
Gaetane Palardy - Support for DVP 18-13 (1824**

1954 Marten Ave

That the following be received and filed for information:

- *November 9, 2018 email from Angela Peterson regarding DVP application 18-11 (1954 Marten Avenue);*
- *November 9, 2018 email from Brad Mielke and Delphine Guerineau regarding DVP application 18-11 (1954 Marten Avenue);*
- *November 6, 2018 email from Christopher R. Burton regarding DVP application 18-9 (355 Victoria Court); and*
- *November 15, 2018 email from Gaetane Palardy regarding DVP application 18-13 (1824 Robb Avenue).*

(2018.285) -- CARRIED

- g. Susan Toresdahl (Comox Valley Airport Commission): Director Re-Appointment - Martin Crilly**

CVAC Director Reappointment

That the November 7, 2018 letter from Susan Toresdahl of the Comox Valley Airport Commission, advising that Director Martin Crilly's term is up for re-appointment on the board, be received and that Council concur with the re-appointment.

(2018.286) -- CARRIED

- h. Local Government Leadership Academy - Elected Officials Seminar**

LGLA Sessions

That the October 31, 2018 email from the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, advising of the Local Government Leadership Academy sessions in Parksville, be received and filed for information.

(2018.287) -- CARRIED

9. LATE ITEMS:

a. Correspondence regarding Mack Laing Park

Mack Laing

That the following be received and filed for information:

- November 19, 2018 email from Andrea W. Rowe, requesting that Council defer its decision on Shakesides;
- November 20 2018 email from Heather Crandall and Gordon White, asking that Council take time before making any decision to change the plan for Mack Laing Park;
- November 21, 2018 email from Cathy Cook, asking that Council find a way to wisely preserve both heritage and nature;
- November 21, 2018 email from Blythe Reimer, asking Council to consider postponing a decision until all sides are considered; and
- November 21, 2018 email from David and Ann Johnston, asking for a reasonable amount of time to review history and feasibility studies related to Mack Laing Park.

(2018.288) -- CARRIED

10. NOTICE OF MOTION:

a. Notice of Motion (Councillor Swift) - Dog Park

Notice of Motion

Councillor Swift provided a Notice of Motion "That staff be directed to prepare a report outlining possible locations and costs for creating a dog park and/or a leash optional park."

11. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor Bissinger

Councillor Bissinger advised that she had nothing to report.

b. Councillor Ken Grant

Councillor Grant advised that he attended the Inaugural Meeting of the Regional District, the two day Council Orientation Session and the Fire Department Christmas banquet. He also advised that he had two discussions with developers.

c. Councillor Minions

Councillor Minions advised that she had nothing to report.

d. Councillor McGowan

Councillor McGowan advised that she attended the Fire Department banquet and the Strategic Planning session.

e. Councillor Swift

- Councillor Swift advised that she attended
- the Council Orientation session,
 - the sewer open house,
 - a Filberg board meeting, and
 - the first liquid waste management planning meeting.

She also advised that she met with individuals regarding a dog park, and that she was nominated for the 911 board at the Inaugural regional district meeting.

f. Councillor McKenna

Councillor McKenna advised that he was at a national Habitat for Humanity meeting.

g. Mayor Arnott

Mayor Arnott advised that he:

- met with Premier Horgan,
- attended the sewage open house,
- attended a craft beer and restaurant industry meeting,
- attended the Child Development Association Telethon,
- attended the Fire Department banquet,
- met with the new RCMP Inspector along with the CAO, and
- attended the Remembrance Day ceremony.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Side by Side Secondary Suites and Coach Houses - Streamlined Approach

**Side by Side Secondary
Suites and Coach Houses**

That staff be directed to bring forward a report to address a more streamlined approach for side by side secondary suite and coach house applications.

(2018.289) -- CARRIED

14. EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC: NIL

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER