

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday March 20, 2019

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.

There were 0 visitors in attendance.

1. DELEGATIONS: NIL

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 March 6, 2019, be Approved.

(2019.088) -- CARRIED

b. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

COW Minutes

That the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday March 13, 2019, be Received.

(2019.089) -- CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) CVRD Comox Valley Community Justice Contribution Extended Service Bylaw No. 2262, 2000, Amendment No. 2

Comox Valley Community Justice Service

THAT the Town of Comox consent to the adoption of Comox Valley Regional District Bylaw No. 576 being "Comox Valley Community Justice Contribution Extended Service Bylaw No. 2262, 2000, Amendment No. 2".

(2019.090) -- CARRIED

- (2) RCMP Appreciation Day in BC

RCMP Appreciation Day

That a letter of support be provided to the RCMP Day - Vernon Committee, acknowledging February 1 of each year as Royal Canadian Mounted Police Day to honour and recognize members for their dedication and service.

(2019.091) -- CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Management Report - March 20, 2019

Management Report

That the Management Report for March 20, 2019 be received and filed as updated.

(2019.092) -- CARRIED

b. Planning Report PR 19-2: Streamlined Applications for Side-By-Side Secondary Suites and Coach Houses

Side by Side Secondary Suites and Coach Houses

1. *That Council rescind Second Reading of Comox Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1908;*

(2019.093) -- CARRIED

2. *That Comox Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1908 be amended by deleting Schedule "2" and replacing it with Schedule "2" as contained in Attachment 1 to the March 20, 2019 Planning Report PR 19-2;*

(2019.094) -- CARRIED

3. *That, having considered the impact on the Financial Plan and the Comox Strathcona Waste Management 2012 Solid Waste Management Plan, Comox Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1908, as amended, be given Second Reading.*

(2019.095) -- 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, February 26, 2019;*
- *Comox Valley Regional District (Comox Strathcona Waste Management) Board held on Friday, March 1 & Thursday, March 7, 2019; and*
- *Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board held on Thursday, March 7, 2019.*

(2019.096) -- CARRIED

6. BYLAWS:

a. Comox Building Amendment Bylaw 1903

Building Bylaw Amendment

That Comox Building Amendment Bylaw 1903 be Adopted.

(2019.097) -- CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS:

AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING COUNCILLOR ALEX BISSINGER LEFT COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

a. Development Variance Permit Application: DVP 18-15 (1990 Robb Avenue)

1990 Robb Avenue

That Development Variance Permit DVP 18-15 be issued subject to the Development Variance Permit Conditions listed in Schedule 1 to the March 20, 2019 Planning Report on DVP 18-15.

(2019.098) -- CARRIED

AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING, COUNCILLOR ALEX BISSINGER RETURNED TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

b. Planning Report PR 19-4: Affordable Housing, Town Initiatives

Affordable Housing

1. *That the Planning Report PR 19-4, dated March 20, 2019, be received for information.*
(2019.099) -- CARRIED

2. *That staff be instructed to prepare a report on:*
 - a. *Options for local government provision of affordable housing;*
 - b. *Options for the use of rental zoning; and*
 - c. *Feasibility of the following:*
 - i. *Increasing developer affordable housing contributions; and*
 - ii. *Obtaining land within the Town to partner with the provincial government and a non-profit affordable housing agency for the construction and operation of an affordable housing project.*

That the main motion be amended to add the following text at the end:

"d. Impact of short term rentals on the supply of affordable housing, including an allowance for rental of primary units."

(2019.100) -- CARRIED

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 - c. *Feasibility of the following:*
 - i. *Increasing developer affordable housing contributions; and*
 - ii. *Obtaining land within the Town to partner with the provincial government and a non-profit affordable housing agency for the construction and operation of an affordable housing project; and*
 - d. *Impact of short term rentals on the supply of affordable housing, including an allowance for rental of primary units.*
- (2019.101) -- CARRIED

c. Notice of Motion (Councillor McGowan) - Heritage Registry

Heritage Registry

Councillor McGowan provided a notice of motion "That a Heritage Registry be created within the Town of Comox".

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Colin Charles - Support for DVP 18-15

1990 Robb Avenue

That the March 11, 2019 email from Colin Charles of 1999 Robb Avenue, expressing full support for Development Variance Permit application DVP 18-15, be received and filed for information.

(2019.102) -- CARRIED

b. Stephanie Cadieux & Michelle Stilwell (BC Liberal Caucus) Wheelchair Accessible Parking

Wheelchair Accessible Parking

That the February 26, 2019 letter from Stephanie Cadieux and Michelle Stilwell, inquiring about accessible parking requirements, be received and filed for information.

(2019.103) -- CARRIED

c. Deborah Hall (Immigrant Welcome Centre) Requesting a letter of support

Immigrant Welcome Centre

That the March 15, 2019 email from Deborah Hall of the Immigrant Welcome Centre Campbell River Office, asking for a letter of support for a Call for Proposal for Settlement Program Core Services, be received and a letter of support provided.

(2019.104) -- CARRIED

**d. Elana Zysblat and John Atkin (ANCE Building Services Co. Inc.) Letter of support to retain Shakesides as a community resource/nature museum
Lawrence Buser - Support for Mack Laing's Trust and gift**

Support for Shakesides

That the following items of correspondence regarding Shakesides and the Mack Laing Trust be received and filed for information:

- the March 15, 2019 letter from Elana Zysblat and John Atkin of Ance Building Services Co. Inc., and

- the March 14, 2019 email from Lawrence Buser.

(2019.105) -- CARRIED

e. Notice of Motion (Councillor McKenna) - Accessibility

Wheelchair Accessibility

Councillor McKenna provided a Notice of Motion "That the issue of accessibility and accessible parking be discussed at a future meeting."

9. LATE ITEMS: NIL

10. DELEGATIONS: NIL

11. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor Bissinger

Councillor Bissinger advised that she attended:

- a CVRD sewage commission meeting,
- the CVRD elected officials forum,
- the Comox-Strathcona solid waste management meeting, and
- the Comox-Strathcona hospital board meeting.

b. Councillor Grant

Councillor Grant advised that he attended:

- a CVRD sewage commission meeting,
- the CVRD elected officials forum,
- the Comox-Strathcona solid waste management meeting,
- the Comox-Strathcona hospital board meeting, and
- the CVRD board meeting.

c. Councillor Minions

Councillor Minions advised that she attended:

- the Comox-Strathcona solid waste management meeting,
- the Comox-Strathcona hospital board meeting,
- an open house at the Comox Community Centre,
- a Highland Secondary eco team meeting, and
- the CVRD elected officials forum.

d. Councillor McGowan

councillor McGowan advised that she attended:

- the CVRD elected officials forum; and
- the Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology announcement on a new BC Provincial Nominee Program.

e. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift advised that she attended:

- the CVRD sewer commission meeting,
- the CVRD water committee meeting,
- the CVRD elected officials forum,
- a Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association meeting,
- a Filberg volunteer orientation meeting,
- the CVRD board meeting, and
- a North Island 911 Corporation meeting.

f. Councillor McKenna

Councillor McKenna advised that he:

- attended the Highland School of Rock musical,
- met with Kris Neilson of the Mack Laing Heritage Society,
- had a conversation with former Councillor Tom Grant,
- toured around Comox as a pedestrian, and
- attended the CVRD elected officials forum.

g. Mayor Arnott

Mayor Arnott advised that he:

- attended a Comox Valley Economic Development Society meeting,
- attended an Island Coastal Economic Trust meeting,
- met with Lee Everson and Kathy Jerritt, and
- met with Inspector Mike Kervers along with the CAO.

14. EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC: NIL

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

CARRIED

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



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER