

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday May 1, 2019

Present: Mayor R. Arnott
Councillors A. Bissinger, K. Grant, S. McGowan,
N. Minions, M. Swift
Staff R. Kanigan, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Russwurm, Deputy Corporate Administrator
C. Freundlich, Finance Director
M. Kamenz, Planner
G. Schreiner, Fire Chief

Absent: Councillor P. McKenna

Call to Order:

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

The Agenda was Amended to replace Schedule "A" of the proposed Comox Tax Rates Bylaw, and Adopted as Amended.

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 April 17, 2019, be Approved.

(2019.138) -- 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 April 24, 2019, be Received.

(2019.139) -- CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) Andy Merrick - Request to name a park or street after Comox's third Mayor

Merrick Request - Street or Name after 3rd Mayor

That the request from Andy Merrick, asking that a park or a street be named after Comox's third Mayor (Dick Merrick), be referred to staff for followup.

(2019.140) -- CARRIED

- (2) Adrien de Rodez (Francophone Youth Council of BC) Financial support

Francophone Youth Council Request

That the Town waive the Park Use Fee for the Francophone Youth Council of BC event, for Marina Park on May 18, 2019,

(2019.141) -- CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Management Report - May 1, 2019

Management Report

That the Management Report for May 1, 2019 be received and filed for information.

(2019.142) -- 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, April 9, 2019; and*
- *Comox Strathcona Waste Management Board held on Thursday, April 11, 2019.*

(2019.143) -- CARRIED

6. BYLAWS:

a. Comox Planning Procedures Amendment Bylaw 1910 (PR 19-2 Streamlined Applications for Side-By-Side Secondary Suites and Coach Houses)

Side by Side Secondary Suites and Coach Houses

That Comox Planning Procedures Amendment Bylaw 1910 be Adopted.

(2019.144) -- CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Rezoning Application RZ 19-2: Accessible Parking Standards

Accessible Parking Standards

That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1913 be given First, Second, and Third Readings.

(2019.145) -- CARRIED

b. 2019 Financial Plan and Tax Rates Bylaws

Financial Plan and Tax Rates Bylaws

1. *That the Comox Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1916, 2019 be given First, Second and Third Readings.*

(2019.146) -- CARRIED

2. *That the Comox Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1917, 2019 be given First, Second and Third Readings.*

(2019.147) -- CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Wendy Laing - Speed, sidewalks and bikelanes on Comox Avenue

Comox Avenue Concerns

That the April 12, 2019 email from Wendy Laing, regarding concerns and suggestions related to speed, sidewalks and bikelanes on Comox Avenue, be received and referred to staff for followup.

(2019.148) -- CARRIED

- b. Sharon Gregson (Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC) Suggestions for affordable child care expansion**

Affordable Child Care Expansion

That the April 15, 2019 letter from Sharon Gregson of the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC, offering suggestions for the expansion of affordable child care, be received and referred to staff for followup.

(2019.149) -- CARRIED

- c. Marilyn Armstrong - Thank you for the new wood burning regulations**

Wood Stove Regulation

That the April 24, 2019 email from Marilyn Armstrong, thanking Council for the prohibition of new wood-burning stoves and suggesting that Council establish a strongly enforced bylaw to regulate the use of wood stoves, be received and filed for information.

(2019.150) -- CARRIED

- d. Scott Park (Highland Senior Secondary) Highland Grad Cruise - 2019**

Highland Secondary Grad Cruise

That the April 26, 2019 letter from Scott Park, Highland Secondary Grad Cruise Coordinator, requesting permission to hold the Annual Highland Grad Cruise on Saturday June 1, 2019, be received and permission granted.

(2019.151) -- CARRIED

- e. Walter Carroll - Parking on Murrelet from Land and Sea Brewery**

Land and Sea Brewing

That the April 22, 2019 letter from Walter Carroll, regarding parking on Murrelet from the Land and Sea Brewery, be received and referred to staff for followup.

(2019.152) -- CARRIED

- f. Requests for Grants**

Requests for Grants

1. *That the April 22, 2019 email from Andrea Cupelli of the Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness, requesting that the Town increase its annual \$30,000 homelessness support contribution, be received and filed for information.*

(2019.153) -- CARRIED

2. *That the April 14, 2019 request from the St. George's United Church of Canada (Courtenay), requesting financial assistance for the renovation of their kitchen and two washrooms, be received and filed for information.*

(2019.154) -- CARRIED

9. LATE ITEMS: NIL

10. DELEGATIONS: NIL

11. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

- a. Councillor McGowan**

Councillor McGowan advised that she attended:

- a Comox Archives and Museum Society board meeting,
- the Kus-Kus-Sum announcement,
- a housing research workshop, and
- spoke to various residents around Town.

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b. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift advised that she attended:

- the Kus-Kus-Sum announcement,
- the Regional District board meeting,
- a Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association meeting, and
- a Filberg coffee with volunteers event.

c. Councillor Bissinger

Councillor Bissinger advised that she attended an Integrated Regional Transportation Select Committee meeting.

d. Councillor Grant

Councillor Grant advised that he:

- went bowling for the Boys and Girls Club,
- attended the Regional District board meeting,
- met with small home builder Andy Thomas, and
- attended the Rotary Book Sale.

e. Councillor Minions

Councillor Minions advised that she:

- attended the Kus-Kus-Sum event,
- attended the Filberg Park Easter event,
- met with the Director of Finance regarding the budget, and
- met with members of the community.

f. Mayor Arnott

Mayor Arnott advised that he attended:

- the YANA Easter Egg Hunt,
- the Kus-Kus-Sum announcement,
- a Comox Valley Economic Development Society meeting,
- a lunch meeting with the Pickleball Association president, and
- a meeting with someone interested in establishing a K-12 school on Mount Washington.

14. EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC: NIL

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

CARRIED

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

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER