

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday November 6, 2019

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

Absent: Nil

Call to Order:

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

The Agenda was Adopted.

There were 5 visitors in attendance.

1. DELEGATIONS:

a. Russell Dyson & Marc Rutten (CVRD) Update on Regional Organics Facility

Regional Organics Facility

Mr. Dyson and Mr. Rutten provided an update for Council on the current status of the regional organics treatment facility.

b. Dr. Charmaine Enns (North Island Medical Health Officer) Report on local population health

Local Population Health

Dr. Enns provided Council with a summary of health statistics relating to the Town of Comox population.

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 16, 2019, be Approved.

(2019.316) -- CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Management Report - November 6, 2019

Management Report

That the Management Report for November 6, 2019 be received and filed for information.

(2019.317) -- CARRIED

REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MEETING RECESS AT 6:30 P.M. UNTIL AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING APPLICATION RZ 19-8 (CANNABIS RETAIL STORE REGULATION UPDATE).

CARRIED

THE MEETING WAS CALLED BACK TO ORDER AT 6:34 P.M.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

6. BYLAWS: NIL

7. NEW BUSINESS AND NOTICES OF MOTION:

a. Heritage Alteration Permit HAP 19-1: 2182 Comox Avenue (Little Red Church)

2182 Comox Avenue

That Heritage Alteration Permit HAP 19-1 be issued subject to the Heritage Alteration Permit Conditions listed in Schedule 1 of the November 6, 2019 Planning Report on Heritage Alteration Permit HAP 19-1.

(2019.318) -- CARRIED

b. PR 19-18 Childcare Space Creation Funding Applications

Childcare Space Creation Funding

That the Town of Comox Council endorse the creation of additional childcare spaces in the Town Comox and indicate support for the current proposed activities and willingness to provide overall grant management;

That the Town of Comox Council instruct staff to apply to the Union of BC Municipalities, Community Child Care Space Creation Program and the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Childcare BC New Spaces Fund, for funding to:

- a) Purchase a commercial unit in a proposed mixed-use commercial-residential building at 695 Aspen Road, consisting of approximately 190 m2 of indoor floor area and approximately 200 m2 of outdoor space, and*
- b) Undertake necessary tenant improvements, including design, engineering and equipment purchase for a 28-space childcare facility comprised of 12 spaces for under 36 months, and 16 under 5 years of age, in the event that the proposed development is approved by Council, in its sole and unfettered discretion;*

That the Town of Comox Council authorize the expenditure of Town funds for professional services necessary to complete applications to the Union of BC Municipalities, Community Child Care Space Creation Program and the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Childcare BC New Spaces Fund which include legal and appraisal costs;

That staff, in consultation with the Town's solicitor to ensure the protection of the public interest, be directed to negotiate an option to purchase a commercial unit in a proposed mixed-use commercial-residential building at 695 Aspen Road, consisting of approximately 190 m2 of indoor floor area and approximately 200 m2 of outdoor space, dependent upon the seller securing all necessary permits and approvals including rezoning, development permit and building permit and the Town securing funding from the Union of BC Municipalities, Community Child Care Space Creation Program and/ or the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Childcare BC New Spaces Fund, for the creation of a 28-space childcare facility, subject to the proposed development being approved by Council, in its sole and unfettered discretion; and further,

That staff, in consultation with the Town's solicitor to ensure the protection of the public interest, be directed to negotiate a potential lease agreement with the Comox Valley Children's Day Care Society for the operation of a 28-space childcare facility in accordance with the Community Charter sections 24 and 26, subject to the proposed development being approved by Council, in its sole and unfettered discretion.

(2019.319) -- CARRIED

c. Records Management System Bylaw No. 1932, 2019

**Records Management
System Bylaw**

That the Records Management System Bylaw No. 1932, 2019 be given First, Second and Third Readings.

(2019.320) -- CARRIED

d. Disposal of Comox Fire Rescue Surplus Equipment

**Fire Rescue Surplus
Equipment**

That Council authorizes the disposal of Comox Fire Rescue's surplus self-contained breathing apparatus (SBCA) units to smaller local fire departments.

(2019.321) -- CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Ronna-Rae Leonard (Legislative Assembly of British Columbia) Planning and Space Creation Grants for Child Care.

Childcare Grants

That the October 18, 2019 letter from MLA Ronna-Rae Leonard, regarding planning and space creation grants for childcare, be received and filed for information.

(2019.322) -- CARRIED

9. LATE ITEMS: NIL

10. DELEGATIONS: NIL

11. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor Bissinger

Councillor Bissinger advised that she attended:
- an accessibility framework legislation workshop,
- the Person's Day Lunch, and
- a climate action group event.

Councillor Bissinger also advised that she volunteered at the downtown Hallowe'en event and attended a workshop on urban forestry.

b. Councillor Grant

Councillor Grant advised that he attended:
- the Vancouver Island Economic Summit,
- the regional district strategic planning session, and
- the regional district sewer commission and water committee meetings.

Councillor Grant also advised that he met with the BIA and attended the regional district committee of the whole meeting.

c. Councillor Minions

Councillor Minions advised that she attended:
- the Person's Day Lunch,
- the accessibility framework legislation workshop, and
- the BIA Hallowe'en events and events at the Fire Hall.

Councillor Minions also advised that she met with Barbara Biley regarding lab services at the Courtenay and Campbell River hospitals, and attended the Comox Valley Foundation Gala.

d. Councillor McGowan

- Councillor McGowan advised that she attended:
- the Person's Day Lunch,
 - the accessibility framework legislation workshop,
 - the d'Esterre board meeting,
 - a community carbon tool webinar,
 - the urban forest and sustainably cities conference,
 - a social planning brown bag lunch,
 - a Coalition to End Homelessness Meeting, and
 - the Hallowe'en events on Comox Avenue.

Councillor McGowan also advised that she met with Diabetes Canada regarding textile waste diversion.

e. Councillor Swift

Councillor Swift advised that she attended the regional district strategic planning process and the regional district sewer, water, board and committee of the whole meetings.

f. Councillor McKenna

- Councillor McKenna advised that he:
- attended a Community Justice Centre meeting,
 - met with Maude Barlow regarding community initiatives,
 - participated in a transit tour,
 - attended a cooperative housing meeting,
 - attended a Coalition to End Homelessness meeting, and
 - joined an online eco-challenge.

g. Mayor Arnott

- Mayor Arnott advised that he:
- participated in a discussion with Business View Magazine,
 - attended a Comox Valley Economic Development Society meeting,
 - attended a BIA meeting,
 - attended the Legion's Poppy Day presentation,
 - participated in the Child Development Telethon,
 - attended the regional district sewage commission meeting,
 - attended the North Island College regional community forum, and
 - attended the Comox Valley Community Foundation Gala.

12. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PUBLIC HEARING:

a. Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1929

Cannabis Regulation Update

1. *That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1929 be given Third Reading.*
(2019.323) -- CARRIED
2. *That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1929 be Adopted.*
(2019.324) -- CARRIED

b. Business Regulation Amendment Bylaw 1930

Business Regulation Amendment Bylaw

- That Comox Business Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1930, 2019 be Adopted.*
(2019.325) -- CARRIED

15. EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC: NIL

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 7:14 p.m.
Certified correct pursuant to Section 97(1)(b) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED



MAYOR



CORPORATE OFFICER