

TOWN OF COMOX
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting,
held in Council Chambers on Wednesday February 19, 2020

Present: Mayor R. Arnott
Councillors A. Bissinger, K. Grant, S. McGowan,
P. McKenna, N. Minions
Staff A. Kenning, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Russwurm, Corporate Officer
C. Freundlich, Director of Finance
M. Kamenz, Director of Development Services (in part)
G. Andestad, Planner (in part)

Absent: M. Swift

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

The Agenda was Adopted.

There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

1. EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC:

a. Exclude the Public

Exclude the Public

1. *That the rules of procedure be waived in order to adjourn to an in-camera session as the first item of business.*

(2020.041) -- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. *That the Public be Excluded from the In-Camera session of Council on Wednesday February 19, 2020 pursuant to the following sub-sections of section 90 of the Community Charter:*

(1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality; and

(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations.

(2020.042) -- CARRIED

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT 4:30 P.M.

THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED AT 5:31 P.M.

1.1 LATE ITEMS:

a. LATE ITEM: Adoption of BC Energy Step Code

BC Energy Step Code

That the agenda be amended to include the addition of the February 19, 2020 Planning Report PR 19-17, titled "Adoption of the BC Energy Step Code".

(2020.043) -- CARRIED

1.2 DELEGATIONS:

- a. **Mohammed Janief and John Miller (Applicant) - Planning Report PR 19-16: Non-Medical Cannabis Licence Application Review - Prime Cannabis Corp. (278 Anderton Road)**

278 Anderton Road

Mr. Miller described the proposed development and the benefits that it could bring to the community.

- b. **Hereditary Chief Rob Everson and Lee Everson (Kumugwe Cultural Society): Red Dress Legacy Totem Project Funding Support**

Red Dress Legacy Project

Chief Everson advised of the purpose of the Kumugwe Cultural Society and identified some of their past projects. He advised that currently they are working on a red dress legacy totem project, and have applied to the Canada Council of Arts for funding. Chief Everson asked Council for a \$5,000 donation towards their project.

2. MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

- a. **Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

RCM Meeting Minutes

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held in Council Chambers on Wednesday February 5, 2020, be Approved.

(2020.044) -- CARRIED

- b. **Special Council Meeting Minutes**

Special Council Meeting Minutes

1. *That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, held in Council Chambers on Saturday January 25, 2020, be Approved.*

(2020.045) -- CARRIED

2. *That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, held in Council Chambers on Saturday February 8, 2020, be Approved.*

(2020.046) -- CARRIED

AT 6:25 P.M., MAYOR ARNOTT LEFT THE MEETING DECLARING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA (PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES ON REZONING APPLICATION RZ 19-5) AS HE MANAGES THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES SURROUNDING SOME OF THE AFFECTED LANDS.

ACTING MAYOR MCGOWAN ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

- c. **Public Hearing Meeting Minutes**

Public Hearing Minutes

That the Minutes of the Public Hearing, held at d'Esterre Seniors Centre on Wednesday February 5, 2020, be Approved.

(2020.047) -- CARRIED

AT 5:54 P.M., MAYOR ARNOTT RETURNED TO THE MEETING AND ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: NIL

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Management Report - February 19, 2020

Management Report

That the February 19, 2020 Management Report be received and filed for information.

(2020.048) -- CARRIED

AT 6:03 P.M., MAYOR ARNOTT LEFT THE MEETING AGAIN, DECLARING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA (PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES ON REZONING APPLICATION RZ 19-5) AS HE MANAGES THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES SURROUNDING SOME OF THE AFFECTED LANDS.

ACTING MAYOR MCGOWAN ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

b. Rezoning Application RZ 19-05 Cannabis Production

**RZ 19-05 Cannabis
Production**

1. That Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1926 be defeated.

(2020.049) -- CARRIED

AT 6:08 P.M., MAYOR ARNOTT RETURNED TO THE MEETING AND ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS: NIL

6. BYLAWS:

a. LATE ITEM: Adoption of BC Energy Step Code

BC Energy Step Code

1. That Third Reading of Comox Building Amendment Bylaw 1937 be Rescinded.

(2020.050) -- CARRIED

2. That Comox Building Amendment Bylaw 1937 be amended by inserting the phrase "and letters of assurance" to proposed section 12(5) following the words "compliance reports".

(2020.051) -- CARRIED

3. That Comox Building Amendment Bylaw 1937 be given Third Reading as Amended.

(2020.052) -- CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS AND NOTICES OF MOTION:

a. Planning Report PR 19-16: Non-Medical Cannabis Licence Application Review - Prime Cannabis Corp. (278 Anderton Road)

278 Anderton Road

That staff be directed to gather the views of Town residents on Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence Application PR 19-16 as follows:

a. In accordance with Planning Procedures Bylaw 1780:

- i. placement of a notice of request for written public comment in two consecutive issues of a newspaper; and*
- ii. mail-out or hand delivery of a notice of request for written public comment to property owners and tenants within 75 metres of the subject property.*

(2020.053) -- CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Rick Gibson (Comox Valley Snow to Surf Society) Request Permission to use Marina Park

Snow to Surf Event

That the January 22, 2020 letter from Rick Gibson of the Comox Valley Snow to Surf Society, requesting the use of Marina Park and the closure of the boat launch facilities for the finish of the Snow to Surf event on Sunday April 26, 2020, be received and permission granted.

(2020.054) -- CARRIED

b. Jim Lalic (Comox Valley Kin Club) Thank you

Kin Club Flag

That the January 23, 2020 letter from Jim Lalic of the Comox Valley Kin Club, thanking Council for its support over the years and requesting permission to fly the Kin Canada flag on the municipal flagpole, be received and permission granted.

(2020.055) -- CARRIED

c. Jacqueline Zweng (Wounded Warriors Canada) Wounded Warrior Run BC 2020

Wounded Warrior Run

That the February 10, 2020 letter from Jacqueline Zweng, Director of Wounded Warrior Run BC, regarding their annual Wounded Warrior Run, be received and filed for information.

(2020.056) -- CARRIED

d. Steve Cowan (Royal Canadian Naval Association) Battle of the Atlantic

Battle of the Atlantic

That the February 7, 2020 letter from Steve Cowan of the Royal Canadian Naval Association, requesting permission to hold the annual Battle of the Atlantic ceremony at the Naval Memorial Cairn in Marina Park on Sunday May 3, 2020, be received and permission granted; and further

That Council approve of a low level fly past by a CP-140 Aurora Long Range Patrol aircraft, as low as 500 feet, at 1:25 pm during the two minutes of silence.

(2020.057) -- CARRIED

9. LATE ITEMS: NIL

10. DELEGATIONS: NIL

11. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

a. Councillor McKenna

Councillor McKenna advised that he attended two CAO Recruitment meetings and had a preliminary budget discussion with the CAO and the Director of Finance.

b. Councillor McGowan

Councillor McGowan advised that she attended two CAO Recruitment meetings and attended the Local Government Leadership Academy workshops.

c. Councillor Bissinger

Councillor Bissinger advised that she attended the two CAO Recruitment meetings and the open house on the Courtenay OCP.

d. Councillor Grant

Councillor Grant advised that he attended the two CAO Recruitment meetings and the Comox Strathcona hospital and solid waste management board meetings.

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e. Councillor Minions

Councillor Minions advised that she attended the two CAO Recruitment meetings and the Comox Strathcona hospital and solid waste management board meetings.

f. Mayor Arnott

Mayor Arnott advised that he attended:

- a meeting regarding 695 Aspen Road,
- an interview with Raven FM,
- a Comox Valley Economic Development Society meeting,
- a meeting with MLA Ronna-Rae Leonard,
- two CAO Recruitment meetings,
- the Regional District sewage commission meeting,
- a tour of the Fixed Wing Search and Rescue facility, and
- the Economic Development Society's Grand Tasting Dine Around Festival.

14. EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC:

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(2020.058) -- CARRIED

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT 6:28 P.M.

THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED AT 6:40 P.M.

Adjournment:

Regularly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:41 p.m.

CARRIED

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

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER