

Minutes of a Committee of the Whole Meeting

AMENDED

Meeting #: CoW3/2021
Date: March 29, 2021
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: City Hall, Courtenay, BC, via video/audio conference

Attending:

Mayor: B. Wells, via video/audio conference
Councillors: W. Cole-Hamilton, via video/audio conference
D. Frisch, via video/audio conference
D. Hillian, via video/audio conference
M. McCollum, via video/audio conference
W. Morin, via video/audio conference
M. Theos, via video/audio conference

Staff: T. Kushner, Interim CAO, via video/audio conference
W. Sorichta, Corporate Officer, via video/audio conference
I. Buck, Director of Development Services, via video/audio conference
K. O'Connell, Director of Corporate Support Services, via video/audio conference
R. Matthews, Executive Assistant/Deputy Corporate Officer, via video/audio conference
E. Gavelin, Network Technician, via video/audio conference

Due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 emergency, the City of Courtenay with the authority of Ministerial Order No. M192 Local Government Meetings & Bylaw Process (COVID-19) Order No. 3 implemented changes to its open Council meetings.

In the interest of public health and safety, and in accordance with section 3(1) of Ministerial Order No. 3 M192, in-person attendance by members of the public at Council meetings will not be permitted until further notice. Council meetings are presided over by the Mayor or Acting Mayor with electronic participation by Council and staff via live web streaming.

1. DELEGATIONS

1.1 Tourism Vancouver Island - Guiding Principles and Services that Support Visitors, Businesses and Communities

Tourism Vancouver Island representatives including Anthony Everett, President and CEO; Karen Bannister, Director - Destination Marketing; and, Calum Matthews, Director - Destination Development, presented information to Council and provided an overview of Tourism Vancouver Island and tourism services for the Comox Valley.

2. EXTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

2.1 BC Association of Farmers' Markets - Results of the 2020 BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program - Courtenay

Moved By Cole-Hamilton

Seconded By Frisch

THAT the correspondence received March 11th, 2021 from the BC Association of Farmers' Markets regarding the results of the 2020 BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program in Courtenay, BC; and, request for the City to send a letter of thanks to Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, in support of the provincial BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program, be received for information.

Carried

Moved By McCollum

Seconded By Frisch

THAT in response to the request made by the BC Association of Farmers' Markets in their correspondence received March 11th, 2021 to send a thank you letter to Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, in support of the provincial BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program;

THAT Council direct staff to write a letter thanking Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, for the provincial BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program in an effort to strengthen support for ongoing funding for the program and to continue to build healthier BC communities.

Carried

2.2 Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness (CVCEH) and Comox Valley Transition Society (CVTS) - Request to Expand Temporary Emergency Shelter Operations and Extend Licence to Occupy Agreement - Connect Warming Centre, 685 Cliffe Avenue (0250-20/2380-20)

Moved By Hillian

Seconded By Frisch

THAT Council authorize staff to work with external legal counsel to amend the current Licence to Occupy Agreement between the Comox Valley Transition Society (CVTS) and the City for the property having a legal description of PID: 006-102-930, Lot 3, Section 61 Comox District plan VIP3817 to temporarily permit the operation of an Emergency Shelter at 685 Cliffe Avenue with the following conditions:

- a. Permit the operation of an emergency overnight shelter during which time a Provincial State of Emergency has been declared due to the COVID-19 pandemic, from April 1st, 2021 to April 30th, 2021;
- b. Include all applicable shelter operation terms and conditions originally contained within the February 22nd, 2021 Licence of Occupation Amendment #3, and other amendments deemed necessary by staff or under the advice of legal counsel to facilitate the temporary operation of an emergency shelter; and,

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute all documentation relating to the amended terms of the Licence to Occupy Agreement.

Carried with Councillor Theos opposed

New motion:

Moved By Hillian

Seconded By Frisch

THAT in response to the March 22nd, 2021 letter from the Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness and Comox Valley Transition Society seeking Council's support of a potential new site for the Connect Warming Centre that would both expand daytime operational capacity and afford space for temporary overnight emergency shelter services;

THAT Council direct staff to explore options and implications to allow the relocation of the Connect Warming Centre (anticipated as of May 1st, 2021) from 685 Cliffe Avenue to #2-239 Puntledge Road and permit Connect to continue offering temporary overnight emergency sheltering services at the new location for the duration of the Provincial State of Emergency arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and report back to Council at a future date.

Carried with Councillor Theos opposed

VARY AGENDA

Moved By Hillian

Seconded By Morin

THAT Council vary the order of the March 29th, 2021 Committee of the Whole agenda so that item 3.1 2021-2022 Comox Valley RCMP Annual Performance Plan Consultation (*Under 3. External Reports and Correspondence for Information*) is received before 2.3 City of Prince George - Letter to Minister of Health - Opioid Crisis and Call for Overdose Action Plan (*Under 2. Internal Reports and Correspondence for Information*).

Carried

3.1 2021-2022 Comox Valley RCMP Annual Performance Plan Consultation (7400-01)

Inspector Michael Kurvers, Comox Valley RCMP, presented information related to the "RCMP Annual Performance Plan Acknowledgement of Consultation" for the fiscal year 2021 - 2022.

General discussion followed regarding community policing priorities in Courtenay and areas of concern raised by Council with a focus on traffic road safety, crime reduction strategies, homeless encampments, domestic violence, sexual assault, organized crime linked to drug trade and opioid use; and the implications of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in relation to crime and crime reduction.

Council agreed that the items identified at the March 29th, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting be submitted to Inspector Kurvers for inclusion in the 2021 - 2022 Comox Valley RCMP community priority issues acknowledgment of consultation.

3.1.1 2021-2022 RCMP Annual Performance Plan Priorities (7400-01)

The "2021-2022 RCMP Annual Performance Plan Priorities" was received for information.

3.1.2 2020-2021 Comox Valley RCMP Annual Performance Plan Acknowledgement of Consultation (7400-01)

The "2020-2021 Comox Valley RCMP Annual Performance Plan Acknowledgement of Consultation" was received for information.

2.3 City of Prince George - Letter to Minister of Health - Opioid Crisis and Call for Overdose Action Plan (0470-20/0430-20)

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By Hillian

THAT receipt of the correspondence dated March 17th, 2021 from Mayor Lyn Hall, City of Prince George, to the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, House of Commons, regarding the opioid crisis and calling upon the Government of Canada to implement a National Overdose Action Plan, be postponed to a future Council meeting.

Carried

2.4 City of Prince George - Letter to BC Utilities Commission - BC Hydro Proposed 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application (Increase) (0470-20/0430-20)

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By McCollum

THAT receipt of the correspondence dated March 17th, 2021 from Mayor Lyn Hall, City of Prince George, addressed to the BC Utilities Commission regarding the City of Prince George's opposition to the BC Hydro and Power Authority 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application, seeking approval for an increase in the monthly rate charged per street light, be postponed to a future Council meeting.

Carried

3. INTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

4. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

4.1 In Camera Meeting

Moved By McCollum

Seconded By Frisch

THAT A Special In-Camera meeting closed to the public will be held March 29th, 2021 at the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole Meeting pursuant to the following sub-sections of the *Community Charter*:

- 90 (1) (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- 90 (1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

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- 90 (1) (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

Carried

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Hillian

Seconded By Morin

THAT the meeting now adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Corporate Officer

Adopted this 19th day of April, 2021

Mayor