

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Courtenay B.C., on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Attending:

Mayor: L.V. Jangula

Councillors: E. Eriksson

D. Frisch

D.A. Hillian

R. Lennox

M. Theos

B. Wells

Staff:

D. Allen, CAO

S. Karvalics, Executive Assistant

T. Manthey, Director of Financial Services/Deputy CAO

L. Hatch, Director of Engineering and Public Works

I. Buck, Manager of Planning

A. Clark, Development Engineer

1.00 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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MINUTES

Moved by Hillian and seconded by Wells that the January 19, 2015 Regular Council minutes, January 21, 2015 Special Council minutes and January 26, 2015 Committee of the Whole minutes be adopted.

Carried

Mayor Jangula acknowledged the tragic event that happened in our City's river on Friday, and the valiant rescue efforts of our first responders.

3.00 DELEGATIONS

1. C. V. Project Watershed Society re: restoration initiative for Fields Sawmill Site

Jennifer Sutherst and Don Castledon representing the Comox Valley Project Watershed Society gave a short video clip and a PowerPoint presentation on how they would restore the Fields Sawmill site, located at 1901 Comox Road, if they are successful in purchasing the site with the support from other agencies. Their goal is to merge the sawmill site with the Hollyhock Marsh to restore the area to its natural state for long term conservation, restoration and for the public to enjoy. They are requesting Council's official support in principal for this initiative and the appointment of a Councillor to liaise with a community committee.

Moved by Frisch and seconded by Wells that staff prepare a report to Council on the information they already have with regards to the Fields Sawmill Site for the February 16, 2015 Council meeting.

Carried

2. Wendy Lewis, MNP e: C.V. Business Leaders survey results

Wendy Lewis, representing MNP gave a PowerPoint presentation on the results of a Business Leader Survey conducted between November 14, 2014 and January 15, 2015. Two hundred businesses participated in the survey.

Mayor Jangula called a recess at 5:00 p.m. in order to conduct a Public Hearing.

The meeting reconvened at 5:07 p.m.

4.00 STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

.01 Moved by Hillian and seconded by Lennox that Council rescind
ZONING AMEND third reading of Bylaw No. 2659, 2011; and
RIVERFRONT DEV
3360-20-1101

That Council direct staff to schedule and advertise a statutory public hearing with respect to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2659, 2011 on February 16, 2015 at 5:00 in City Hall Council Chambers.

Carried

.02 Moved by Wells and seconded by Lennox that based on the
HOSPITAL February 2, 2015 staff report ‘Comox Valley Regional Hospital –
CONSTRUCTION Extension of Hours of Construction’, Council approve Option 1, that
HOURS Council approve Graham Design Builders Ltd. to perform concrete work
4020-20 beyond the hours of construction which would normally be prohibited
under Section 5(b) of the Prevention of “Public Nuisance Bylaw No.
2804, 2014” for the Comox Valley Regional Hospital at 101 Lerwick
Road for the period of February 2015 to April 2015 subject to Graham
Design Builders Ltd. providing the City a monthly report on the dates the
concrete works occurred outside the bylaw requirements.

Carried

.03 Moved by Theos and seconded by Wells that based on the
2015-2019 SEWER February 2, 2015 staff report “2015-2019 Sewer Fund Financial Plan and
FUND FIN. PLAN/USER 2015 User Fee Revenue” Council approve Option 1, and proceed with the
FEE recommended 2015-2019 Sewer Fund Financial Plan, and that sewer user
1705-20/1830-05 fee revenue be increased by 11.75% for 2015; and

That Council direct staff to amend the “City of Courtenay Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1673, 1992” to reflect the proposed increase.

Carried

Mayor Jangula left the Council Chambers at 5:42 p.m. Councillor Hillian assumed the Chair. Mayor Jangula returned at 5:44 and assumed the Chair.

6.00 INTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

.01 Moved by Theos and seconded by Lennox that the staff
STF MEMO memorandum giving a summary of development activity for 2014 be
DEV ACTIVITY received for information.
3800-01 **Carried**

7.00 REPORTS/UPDATES FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS INCLUDING REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILLOR LENNOX Councillor Lennox reviewed her attendance at Vancouver Island Library Board meeting

COUNCILLOR HILLIAN Councillor Hillian reviewed his meeting with Vancouver’s Public Art Planner

COUNCILLOR WELLS Councillor Wells reviewed his attendance at the following:
➤ CVRD Meetings
➤ Elected Officials Seminar
➤ Art Gallery Awards Ceremony
➤ Chamber Awards Dinner

COUNCILLOR THEOS Councillor Theos reviewed his attendance at CVRD meetings

MAYOR JANGULA Mayor Jangula reviewed his attendance at the following events:
➤ CVRD meetings
➤ Celebration of Life for Don Gordon
➤ Chamber Awards Dinner
➤ Annual Walk for Memories

8.00 RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

.01 Moved by Frisch and seconded by Wells that notice is hereby
IN CAMERA MTG given that a Special In-Camera meeting closed to the public will be held February 2, 2015 at the conclusion of the Regular Council meeting pursuant to the following sub-sections of the Community Charter:

- 90(1)(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
and
- 90(1)(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

10.00 NOTICE OF MOTION

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COUNCILLOR
HILLIAN

Councillor Hillian provided notice of a resolution to be included on the February 16, 2015 Council meeting agenda regarding the former Field's Sawmill Site.

Whereas the former Field's sawmill site on the banks of the Courtenay River forms a portion of the Komok's estuary lands and is a natural extension of the Hollyhock marsh area, including highly productive salmon habitat;

And whereas the land sits on the flood plain with significant setbacks and does not appear to be suitable for industrial, commercial or residential development;

And whereas a naturally sloped and vegetated shoreline could mitigate the negative effects of storm surge and flooding;

And whereas a restored site would provide significant environmental conservation, aesthetic, tourism and recreational values to the Comox Valley;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Courtenay support in principle the initiative of the Comox Valley Project Watershed Society and the Nature Conservancy of Canada to restore this site to a natural state, and that a Council representative be appointed to a liaison role with the restoration initiative.

11.00 NEW BUSINESS

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POSTAL WORKERS
UNION REQUEST FOR
SUPPORT
430-01

Moved by Lennox and seconded by Wells that the letter from Canadian Union of Postal Workers asking Council to support a resolution entitled 'Save Canada Post – Stop the Cuts' be received for information.
Carried

Moved by Hillian and seconded by Lennox that the City write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post expressing concern about announced changes to postal services, and that the City ask the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to seek consultation with the federal government regarding postal services.
Carried

