

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Courtenay B.C., on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Attending:

Acting Mayor: M. Theos
Councillors: E. Eriksson
D. Frisch
D. Hillian
R. Lennox
B. Wells

Staff:

D. Allen, CAO
J. Ward, Director of Legislative and Corporate Services/Deputy CAO
W. Sorichta, Manager of Corporate Administrative Services
I. Buck, Director of Development Services
T. Kushner, Director of Public Works Services
R. O’Grady, Director of Engineering Services
D. Snider, Director of Recreation and Cultural Services
J. Nelson, Manager of Financial Planning
A. Guillo, Manager of Communications

1.00 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

.01 Moved by Wells and seconded by Frisch that the May 22nd, 2018
MINUTES Regular Council meeting minutes be adopted.
Carried

Moved by Wells and seconded by Frisch that the May 28th, 2018
Committee of the Whole meeting minutes be adopted.
Carried

2.00 ADOPTION OF LATE ITEMS

.01 Moved by Frisch and seconded by Hillian that the notice of motion
NOTICE OF MOTION presented by Councillor Frisch regarding a select committee for affordable
housing be added to the June 11, 2018 Regular Council agenda for
consideration.
Carried

Mayor Paul Ives, Town of Comox, presented the 2018 Mayor’s Cup trophy to Acting Mayor Theos in recognition of the City of Courtenay’s victory at the 8th Annual Mayor’s Cup hockey game fundraiser hosted in March between Courtenay and Comox.

3.00 DELEGATIONS

4.00 STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

.01
FINANCIAL
INFORMATION ACT -
2017 STATEMENT OF
FINANCIAL
INFORMATION (SOFI)
1870-06 (2017)

Moved by Frisch and seconded by Lennox that based on the June 11, 2018 staff report “Financial Information Act - 2017 Statement of Financial Information”, Council approve OPTION 1 and approve the City of Courtenay Statement of Financial Information for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Carried

.02
PICKLEBALL COURT
OPTIONS
6120-02

Moved by Hillian and seconded by Frisch that based on the June 11, 2018 staff report “Pickleball Court Options”, the Council adopt OPTION 1 and direct staff to work with regional partners to establish the working group to evaluate regional strategies for outdoor pickleball courts; and,

That based on the outcome of the working group, Council consider allocating \$100,000 in the 2019 capital budget as the City of Courtenay contribution to a regional pickleball facility.

Carried

.03
TERMS OF
REFERENCE -
DEVELOPMENT
INDUSTRY WORKING
GROUP
0360-20

Moved by Frisch and seconded by Wells that based on the June 11, 2018 staff report “Terms of Reference for a Development Industry Working Group” Council approve OPTION 1 and approve the draft terms of reference for the working group and accept the industry representatives outlined in the report; and

That Council appoint two elected officials to the group.

Amending motion:

Moved by Frisch and seconded by Lennox that Council appoint Councillor Frisch and Councillor Wells to participate in the Development Industry Working Group for a 1 year term.

Moved by Frisch and seconded by Wells that the amending motion for Council to appoint Councillor Frisch and Councillor Wells to participate in the Development Industry Working Group for a 1 year term be withdrawn to permit debate on the main motion.

Carried

Returned to main motion discussion.

The main motion was Carried

New motion:

Moved by Frisch and seconded by Lennox that Council appoint Councillor Frisch and Councillor Wells to participate in the Development Industry Working Group for a 1 year term.

Subsidiary motion:

Moved by Eriksson and seconded by Wells that Council postpone the new motion to appoint Councillors Frisch and Wells to participate in the Development Industry Working Group for a term of 1 year until the next Council meeting June 25, 2018.

Defeated

In Favour: Acting Mayor Theos, Councillors Eriksson and Wells

Opposed: Councillors Frisch, Hillian and Lennox

Returned to Councillor Frisch new motion (above)

The main motion was Defeated

In Favour: Councillors Frisch, Hillian and Lennox

Opposed: Acting Mayor Theos, Councillors Eriksson and Wells

Acting Mayor Theos invoked *Reconsideration of Matter by Mayor* per Council procedure Bylaw No. 2730, Section 39 (1), to reconsider the vote for appointment of two Council members to participate in the Development Industry Working Group as identified in the working group Terms of Reference until the June 18th, 2018 Regular Council meeting.

The council meeting recessed at 5:00 p.m. for the Public Hearing regarding Bylaw No.'s 2921, 2923 and 2928.

The meeting reconvened at 5:12 p.m.

.04

STRUCTURAL
CHANGE TO LIQUOR
LICENCE (MATCH
EATERY & PUBLIC
HOUSE)
361 HUNT ROAD
4320-20

Moved by Lennox and seconded by Frisch that based on the June 11, 2018 staff report "Structural Change to Liquor Licence (Match Eatery and Public House) - 361 Hunt Road" Council approve OPTION 1 and direct staff to post notice on the City's website requesting public input on the proposed change to the liquor licence for Council consideration at the regular meeting scheduled for July 3, 2018.

Amending motion

Moved by Lennox and seconded by Frisch that Council direct staff to provide direct notification of the proposed change to the liquor licence at 361 Hunt Road area residents and tenants of the Washington Inn prior to the proposed change to the liquor licence for Council consideration at the Regular Council meeting scheduled July 3, 2018.

Carried

The main motion was Carried as amended

5.00 EXTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

.01 Moved by Frisch and seconded by Wells that the correspondence from the City of Langley dated May 17, 2018 regarding the Province’s announcement that it will be eliminating Medical Services Plan (MSP) premiums that individuals currently pay and funding this change through the implementation of an employer health tax (EHT) effective January 1, 2019, be received for information.

CITY OF LANGLEY
RESOLUTION -
PROVINCIAL
EMPLOYER HEALTH
TAX IMPACT ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
0400-20

Amending motion:

Moved by Wells and seconded by Lennox that Council direct staff to write a letter to the provincial government expressing the City of Courtenay’s concern regarding the impact of transferring the burden of the employer health tax (EHT) to Courtenay taxpayers as a result of the province’s elimination of the Medical Services Plan (MSP).

Carried

The main motion was Carried as amended

6.00 INTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

.01 Moved by Wells and seconded by Frisch that the Heritage Advisory Commission meeting minutes for March 28, 2018, be received for information.

HERITAGE ADVISORY
COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
0360-20

Carried

.02 Moved by Wells and seconded by Lennox that the June 11, 2018 Briefing Note, “Downtown Courtenay Transit Exchange Expansion”, be received for information.

DOWNTOWN
COURTENAY TRANSIT
EXCHANGE
EXPANSION
8500-04

Carried

.03 Moved by Lennox and seconded by Frisch that the June 7, 2018 Briefing Note, “Urban Forest Strategy Update”, be received for information.

URBAN FOREST
STRATEGY UPDATE
1845-20

Carried

Councillor Lennox left Council Chambers at 5:51 p.m.

Councillor Lennox returned to Council Chambers and took her seat at 5:52 p.m.

7.00 REPORTS/UPDATES FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS INCLUDING REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

ACTING MAYOR THEOS Acting Mayor Theos reviewed his attendance at the following events:

- 2018 FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show
- K’omoks First Nations Intergovernmental Engagement Meeting

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COUNCILLOR
ERIKSSON

Councillor Eriksson reviewed his attendance at the following events:

- Comox Valley Economic Development AGM
- Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital Board meeting
- Comox Strathcona Waste Management meeting
- K’omoks First Nations Intergovernmental Engagement Meeting

COUNCILLOR
FRISCH

Councillor Frisch reviewed his attendance at the following events:

- Comox Valley Economic Development AGM
- Potlach 67-67 “The Blanket Exercise” history of Indigenous Peoples
- The Council of Canadians Comox Valley Sustainability Forum
- Comox Valley MS Walk fundraiser event for Multiple Sclerosis
- 2018 FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show
- K’omoks First Nations Intergovernmental Engagement Meeting

Councillor Frisch thanked Public Works Services, Kyle Shaw, Manager of Transportation and Utilities Maintenance and Mike Kearns, Manager of Parks Maintenance on behalf of the DCBIA for their efforts to implement improvements to the intersection at 5th Street and Cliffe Avenue

COUNCILLOR
HILLIAN

Councillor Hillian reviewed his attendance at the following events:

- Annual Mile of Flowers planting
- Comox Valley Bike to Work Week
- Access Awareness Day
- Wachiay Friendship Centre Society celebration and blessing of their new building
- Comox Valley Social Planning Society meeting
- Comox Valley Coalition to End Homeless meeting
- Comox Valley Pride “Elevate the Intersection” celebration
- July 1st Committee Meeting
- K’omoks First Nations Intergovernmental Engagement Meeting

Councillor Hillian invited members of Council, staff and the public to participate as a volunteer for the dunk tank fund raising event at the July 1st Canada Day celebration in support of the Comox Valley Child Development Centre

COUNCILLOR
LENNOX

Councillor Lennox reviewed her attendance at the following events:

- K’omoks First Nations Intergovernmental Engagement Meeting
- Comox Valley Relay for Life

Councillor Lennox complimented the recent improvements to the track at Georges P. Vanier Secondary School

COUNCILLOR
WELLS

Councillor Wells reviewed his attendance at the following events:

- CVRD Solar Panel and Energy Efficiency open house
- 2018 FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show
- Comox Valley Economic Development AGM
- K’omoks First Nations Intergovernmental Engagement Meeting

Councillor Wells Mentioned the North Island 9-1-1 abandoned calls education campaign

8.00 RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

.01
IN CAMERA
MEETING

Moved by Hillian and seconded by Lennox that a Special In-Camera meeting closed to the public will be held June 11th, 2018 at the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole Meeting pursuant to the following sub-sections of the *Community Charter*:

- 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

Councillor Hillian left Council Chambers at 6:19 p.m.

Councillor Hillian returned to Council Chambers and took his seat at 6:21 p.m.

9.00 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

.01
MAY 22ND
DELEGATION
YOUTH &
ECOLOGICAL
RESTORATION (YER)
REQUEST FOR
FUNDING

Moved by Hillian and seconded by Wells that the request received from Wendy Kotilla, Program Coordinator, Youth & Ecological Restoration (YER) Watershed Restoration Program for funding support to assist with costs for the production of a promotional video in support of the YER program be postponed and considered in the 2019 Grants-in-Aid application process.

Defeated

In Favour: Councillors Eriksson, Hillian and Wells

Opposed: Councillors Frisch, Lennox and Acting Mayor Theos

Moved by Hillian and seconded by Wells that the request received from Wendy Kotilla, Program Coordinator, Youth & Ecological Restoration (YER) Watershed Restoration Program for funding support to assist with costs for the production of a promotional video in support of the YER program be considered in the 2019 Grants-in-Aid application process; and,

That staff draft a response to the Youth & Ecological Restoration (YER) Program Coordinator advising the applicant to utilize the Grant-In Aid process as outlined in City Policy #1850.00.04 - Provision of Grant-in-Aid and other Forms of Financial Support and submit their application for funding before the grant application deadline of August 01, 2018.

Carried

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.02
FEDERATION OF
CANADIAN
MUNICIPALITIES
(FCM) REQUEST FOR
CONTRIBUTION TO
2-YEAR SPECIAL
ADVOCACY FUND

Moved by Wells and seconded by Frisch that the correspondence dated May 16, 2018 from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) request for a voluntary financial contribution to the 2-Year Special Advocacy Fund to promote municipal priorities and strategies for the 2019 Federal election, be received for information.

Carried with Councillor Theos opposed

Moved by Wells and seconded by Frisch that Council support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) request for a contribution to the 2-Year Special Advocacy Fund to promote municipal priorities and strategies for the 2019 Federal election; and,

That the contribution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) 2-Year Special Advocacy Fund to be funded from gaming funds; and,

That Council direct staff write a letter to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to incorporate funding requests for campaigns and special advocacy funds into the annual request for membership dues as part of the City of Courtenay’s regular contribution to FCM.

Carried with Councillor Theos opposed

10.00 NOTICE OF MOTION

.01
FRISCH NOTICE OF
MOTION
SELECT COMMITTEE
FOR AFFORDABLE
HOUSING

Councillor Frisch provided the following notice of motion:

WHEREAS vacancy rates in the Comox Valley are extremely low and monthly rental rates are rising significantly faster than wages;

WHEREAS the number of people who are homeless and at risk of being homeless has reached unprecedented levels;

WHEREAS the lack of affordable rental housing affects the health and wellness of our community, our families, as well as the economic viability of our businesses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Courtenay Council create a select committee to identify and recommend policy and procedural changes that will increase the availability and retention of rental housing in our community; and, furthermore

THAT staff prepare a recommended committee structure for Council's consideration for the July 3rd, 2018 Council meeting.

11.00 NEW BUSINESS

12.00 BYLAWS

.01
BYLAW NO. 2932,
2018
A BYLAW TO REZONE
PROPERTY (988 – 8TH
STREET)

Moved by Wells and seconded by Lennox that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2932, 2018” pass third reading.

Carried

Moved by Wells and seconded by Hillian that “Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2932, 2018” be finally adopted.

Carried

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13.00 ADJOURNMENT

.01

Moved by Frisch and seconded by Hillian that the meeting now adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

Carried

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Director of Legislative and Corporate Services

Adopted this 3rd day of July, 2018

Mayor