

R8/2019 - April 15, 2019

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Courtenay B.C., on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Attending:

Mayor: B. Wells
Councillors: W. Cole-Hamilton
D. Frisch
D. Hillian
M. McCollum
W. Morin
M. Theos

Staff:

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

1.00 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

.01 Moved by Cole-Hamilton and seconded by McCollum that the
MINUTES April 1st, 2019 Regular Council meeting minutes be adopted.
Carried

Moved by Cole-Hamilton and seconded by McCollum that the
April 3rd, 2019 Special Council meeting minutes be adopted.
Carried

Moved by Cole-Hamilton and seconded by McCollum that the
April 10th, 2019 Special Council meeting minutes be adopted.
Carried

2.00 ADOPTION OF LATE ITEMS

Council unanimously agreed that the resolution “Terms of Reference for a Select Committee - Alternative Funding Sources and Level of Service and Policy Options” proposed by Councillor Hillian, be added to the April 15, 2019 Council agenda under section 8.00 *Resolutions of Council*.

3.00 DELEGATIONS

4.00 STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

.01
SINGLE USE PLASTIC
REGULATION BYLAW
NO. 2970, 2019
4320-20

Moved by Hillian and seconded by McCollum that based on the April 15th, 2019 staff report “City of Courtenay Single Use Plastic Regulation Bylaw No. 2970, 2019”, Council approve OPTION 1 and proceed to first, second and third readings of City of Courtenay Single Use Plastic Regulation Bylaw No. 2970, 2019; and

That Council direct staff to proceed with the local stakeholder engagement process outlined in the report; and

That Council direct staff to arrange for the required statutory advertising regarding the City of Courtenay Single Use Plastic Regulation Bylaw No. 2970, 2019 prior to final reading of the bylaw.

Carried

.02
2019-2023
CONSOLIDATED
FINANCIAL PLAN
1705-20

Moved by Frisch and seconded by McCollum that based on the April 15th, 2019 staff report “2019-2023 Consolidated Financial Plan” Council endorse OPTION 1 and approve the 2019-2023 Consolidated Financial Plan; and

That Council proceed to first reading of the Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2967, 2019; and

That Council direct staff to post the 2019-2023 Consolidated Financial Plan to the City’s website to allow for public input.

Carried with Councillor Theos opposed

The council meeting recessed at 4:33 p.m. to mitigate technical difficulties with the audio/video system.

The meeting reconvened at 4:37 p.m.

.03
2019 TAX RATES
REPORT
1970-02

Moved by McCollum and seconded by Morin that based on the April 15th, 2019 staff report “2019 Tax Rates Report”, Council approve a Residential Tax Class rate of 3.0332 and a Commercial tax rate multiplier of 3.40 in order to generate property tax revenues to cover the budgeted expenditures identified in the 2019 - 2023 Consolidated Financial Plan.

Defeated

In Favour: Councillor McCollum

Opposed: Mayor Wells and Councillors Cole-Hamilton, Hillian, Frisch, Morin and Theos

New Motion:

Moved by Hillian and seconded by Frisch that based on the April 15th, 2019 staff report “2019 Tax Rates Report”, Council approve a Residential Tax Class rate of 3.0332 and a Commercial tax rate multiplier of 3.35 in order to generate property tax revenues to cover the budgeted expenditures identified in the 2019 - 2023 Consolidated Financial Plan.

Carried with Councillor Theos opposed

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The council meeting recessed at 4:59 p.m. for the Public Hearing regarding Bylaw No.'s 2950 & 2953.

The meeting reconvened at 5:17 p.m.

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2019-2020 RCMP
MUNICIPAL POLICING
CONTRACT
EXPENDITURES CAP:
FINAL APPROVAL
1660-20

Moved by Frisch and seconded by Morin that based on the April 15th, 2019 staff report "2019/20 RCMP Municipal Contract Expenditure Cap: Final Approval" Council approve OPTION 1, with an established strength at 31.4 members and provides for an expenditure cap of \$6,315,290, of which Courtenay is responsible for 90% or \$5,683,761.

Carried

.05

DOWNTOWN
COURTENAY
BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION - 2019
BUDGET AND TAX
LEVY REQUEST
1971-20

Moved by McCollum and seconded by Frisch that based on the April 15th, 2019 staff report "Downtown Courtenay Business Improvement Association - 2019 Budget and Tax Levy Request" Council approve OPTION 1 to approve the DCBIA 2019 Budget and Tax Levy request in the amount of \$60,000.

Carried

VARY AGENDA

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VARY AGENDA
SECTION 8.00
RESOLUTIONS OF
COUNCIL

Moved by Hillian and seconded by Cole-Hamilton that Council vary the April 15th, 2019 Regular Council agenda and proceed with section 8.00 *Resolutions of Council* Item 1 "Councillor Hillian - Land and Water Stewardship - Development Policy" before Sections 5.00, 6.00 and 7.00 of the agenda.

Carried

5.00 EXTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

6.00 INTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

.01

PARKS AND
RECREATION
ADVISORY
COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7TH, 2019

Moved by Frisch and seconded by Hillian that the February 7th, 2019 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting minutes be received for information.

Carried

7.00 REPORTS/UPDATES FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS INCLUDING REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILLOR
COLE-HAMILTON

Councillor Cole-Hamilton reviewed his attendance at the following events:

- Courtenay Development Process Workshop and Presentation
- Attended “12 Angry Men staged reading by 12 Impassioned Women” production, hosted at the Stan Hagen Theatre
- 2019 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual General Meeting and Convention
- Comox Valley Economic Development Society (CVEDS) Innovate 2030 Economic Development Strategy Open House
- Comox Strathcona Waste Management Board meeting
- Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board meeting
- Comox Valley Drug Strategy Committee meeting
- Cumberland Community Forest Trivia fundraiser event

COUNCILLOR
FRISCH

Councillor Frisch reviewed his attendance at the following events:

- CVRD Water Committee meeting
- Comox Valley Economic Development Society (CVEDS) Innovate 2030 Economic Development Strategy Open House
- CVRD Board meeting
- Comox Strathcona Waste Management Board meeting
- 2019 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual General Meeting and Convention
- Youth Environment Action meeting

Councillor Frisch mentioned the adoption of clean technology by BC Ferries in the form of battery-hybrid electric ferry vessels and BC Transit by the addition of electric buses to their fleet

COUNCILLOR
HILLIAN

Councillor Hillian reviewed his attendance at the following events:

- CVRD Water Committee meeting
- Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness monthly meeting
- Courtenay Development Process Workshop and Presentation
- Meeting with staff re: Accessibility Committee structure
- Meeting with Tenant's Association representative to discuss lack of housing and rental accommodations
- Comox Strathcona Waste Management Board meeting
- Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board meeting
- 2019 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual General Meeting and Convention
- Youth Environmental Action group meeting hosted at Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School
- Stakeholder engagement meeting with staff, RCMP and community agencies re: neighbourhood safety

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COUNCILLOR
MCCOLLUM

Councillor McCollum reviewed her attendance at the following events:

- Courtenay Development Process Workshop and Presentation
- Comox Valley Economic Development Society (CVEDS) Innovate 2030 and Economic Development Elected Officials Workshop
- 6th Annual Comox Valley Community Bike Swap hosted at Ecole Puntledge Elementary School
- Cumberland Community Forest Trivia fundraiser event

COUNCILLOR
MORIN

Councillor Morin reviewed her attendance at the following events:

- CVRD Water Committee meeting
- Cumberland Community Forest Society Trivia fundraiser event
- 2019 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual General Meeting and Convention
- Participated in “12 Angry Men staged reading by 12 Impassioned Women” fundraiser production for the Comox Valley Arts and Comox Valley Transition Society’s Girls Group

COUNCILLOR
THEOS

Councillor Theos reviewed his attendance at the following events:

- Comox Valley Economic Development Society (CVEDS) Innovate 2030 and Economic Development Elected Officials Workshop
- Comox Valley Economic Development Society (CVEDS) Innovate 2030 Economic Development Strategy Open House
Councillor Theos complimented David Allen, CAO, for inviting John Watson, Executive Director, CVEDS to speak with staff to discuss economic development strategies in partnership with the City

MAYOR
WELLS

Mayor Wells reviewed his attendance at the following events:

- 95th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force
- CVRD Special Water Committee re: Stage 4 water restrictions due to water main repair
- April 3rd and April 10th Special Council meetings 2019 - 2023 Financial Plan
- Vancouver Island Real Estate Board Commercial Building Awards; 2019 Award of Merit - Institutional recipient Comox Valley Child Development Association, Autism Centre and 2019 Award of Excellence - Multi Family Townhome recipient Glacier View Townhomes
- Comox Valley Glacier Grannies 7th African Dinner Fundraiser event to support grandmothers in Africa raising orphaned grandchildren (lunch with the Mayor auctioned twice)
- Meeting with Dianne Hawkins, CEO, Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Comox Valley Economic Development Society (CVEDS) Innovate 2030 Economic Development Strategy Open House
- Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board meeting
- Comox Strathcona Waste Management Board meeting

- Grand Opening for “The Junction” supportive housing, 988 - 8th Street; *one small step for housing in our community, one giant leap for those that have the opportunity to live there.*
- 2019 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual General Meeting and Convention
- Meeting with Inspector Mike Kurvers and staff to discuss options to deal with nuisance houses
- Stakeholder engagement meeting with staff, RCMP and community agencies re: neighbourhood safety and problem areas

8.00 RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

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COUNCILLOR HILLIAN
- LAND AND WATER
STEWARDSHIP -
DEVELOPMENT
POLICY

Moved by Hillian and seconded by Frisch that whereas the City has a legitimate interest in sound environmental practices in relation to water and land stewardship as evidenced, for example, by work being conducted on natural asset management, the urban forest strategy, watershed protection and rainwater management; and

Whereas the City and Comox Valley contains many waterways and wetlands that are impacted by private and public interests across multiple jurisdictions, and

The Comox Valley benefits from the expertise and volunteer efforts of a variety of local streamkeeper organizations that steward these aquatic features; and

Whereas early dialogue between such diverse interests could result in more effective environmental stewardship and better outcomes for public and private projects;

Therefore, be it resolved that Council direct staff to explore and report on policy and practice options for collaboration between development interests, community stewardship organizations and relevant levels of government in the effective stewardship of land and water impacted by private and public development, such options to potentially include collaborative structures such as an advisory planning commission.

Carried

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COUNCILLOR HILLIAN
RESOLUTION
TERMS OF
REFERENCE FOR A
SELECT COMMITTEE -
ALTERNATIVE
FUNDING SOURCES
AND LEVEL OF
SERVICE AND POLICY
OPTIONS

Moved by Hillian and seconded by Cole-Hamilton that whereas Courtenay will require significant capital expenditures in the next five years to maintain essential municipal infrastructure; and

Whereas, those expenditures will necessitate borrowing; and

Whereas these requirements along with ongoing operating costs may unduly increase the tax burden on Courtenay taxpayers;

Therefore, be it resolved that Council direct staff to prepare a staff report by June 24, 2019 recommending Terms of Reference for a Select Committee to investigate and recommend to Council potential alternative funding sources and Level of Service and Policy options that would meet these forthcoming obligations and align with Courtenay taxpayers' willingness to pay.

Carried

.03

IN-CAMERA
MEETING

Moved by Frisch and seconded by Morin that notice is hereby given that a Special In-Camera meeting closed to the public will be held April 15th, 2019 at the conclusion of the Regular Council Meeting pursuant to the following sub-sections of the *Community Charter*:

-90(1) (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

9.00 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

.01

ST. GEORGE'S UNITED
CHURCH - LETTERS
OF SUPPORT
SONSHINE LUNCH
PROGRAM

The letter from the Comox Valley Salvation Army and Dawn to Dawn Action on Homelessness Society supporting St. George's United Church's Sonshine Lunch Program was received for information.

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ST. GEORGE'S UNITED
CHURCH - REQUEST
FOR FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE

Moved by Cole-Hamilton and seconded by Frisch that Council approve a contribution to St. George's United Church Property Committee in the amount of \$25,000 to facilitate renovations of the Church facility kitchen and washrooms; and,

That the \$25,000 contribution to St. George's United Church be funded from gaming funds.

Carried

10.00 NOTICE OF MOTION

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COUNCILLOR FRISCH
NOTICE OF MOTION
HOUSEHOLD WASTE
AND RECYCLING
SCHEDULE

Councillor Frisch notice of motion to be brought back for consideration May 6th, 2019.

WHEREAS Courtenay Council has committed to support social, economic, and environmental sustainability solutions, and

WHEREAS the of use of a landfill for all our household waste has proven to be unsustainable, and

WHEREAS offering more opportunity to recycle will encourage more recycling,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff provide Council with a report on options and implications of changing the City of Courtenay's garbage pickup to a biweekly schedule and the recycling pickup to a weekly schedule.

11.00 NEW BUSINESS

12.00 BYLAWS

.01
BYLAW NO. 2967,
2019,
2019 - 2023
CONSOLIDATED
FINANCIAL PLAN

Moved by Frisch and seconded by McCollum that “2019 - 2023 Consolidated Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2967, 2019” pass first reading.
Carried with Councillor Theos opposed

.02
BYLAW NO. 2970,
2019,
CITY OF COURTENAY
SINGLE USE PLASTICS
REGULATION

Moved by Hillian and seconded by McCollum that “City of Courtenay Single Use Plastics Regulation Bylaw No. 2970, 2019” pass first, second and third reading.
Carried

.03
BYLAW NO. 2966,
2019,
ROAD CLOSURE
(356-14TH STREET)

Moved by Cole-Hamilton and seconded by Frisch that “Road Closure Bylaw No. 2966, 2019” be finally adopted.
Carried

13.00 ADJOURNMENT

.01

Moved by Cole-Hamilton and seconded by Frisch that the meeting now adjourn at 6:52 p.m.
Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Corporate Officer

Adopted this 6th day of May, 2019

Mayor