

**Minutes of a Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, January 27, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.**

**Attending:**

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

**Staff:**

**D. Allen, CAO**  
**J. Ward, Director of Legislative and Corporate Services/Deputy CAO**  
**W. Sorichta, Manager of Legislative & Corporate Administrative Services**  
**T. Kushner, Deputy CAO - Interim**  
**J. Nelson, Director of Financial Services**  
**D. Snider, Director of Recreation and Cultural Services**  
**C. Davidson, Manager of Engineering Projects**  
**R. Matthews, Executive Assistant**  
**A. Guillo, Manager of Communications**

**1.00 STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**.01**  
FIFTH STREET BRIDGE  
REHABILITATION  
AND PRESENTATION  
5335-20 / 5400-02

Katie Hamilton, Tavola Strategy Group, and Dan Casey, Urban Systems, presented information to Council related to the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project. Ms. Hamilton provided an update on the actions taken since September 2019 including the public engagement process; construction staging and scheduling, final design options (cantilevers or no cantilevers); budget and the borrowing bylaw process and whether to obtain loan authorization approval through Alternative Approval Process or by Referendum.

Mr. Casey presented information related to cycling and pedestrian connectivity options, multi-use pathway amenities and transition options to improve walking and cycling facilities on both sides of the bridge.

A brief next steps discussion followed.

The January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project presentation was received for information.

Council agreed to postpone consideration of the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 staff report “5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Rehabilitation” until the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 regular Council meeting.

**.02**  
SIXTH STREET  
BRIDGE OPTIONS  
ANALYSIS AND  
PRESENTATION  
5335-20 / 5400-02

Dan Casey, Urban Systems, presented information to Council for the design of a 6<sup>th</sup> Street multi-use pedestrian and bike bridge to improve active transportation connections of the Courtenay River adjacent to downtown and expand connectivity of the Transportation Master Plan, Cycling Network Plan and Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Four options were outlined:

1. Pre-Engineered Pedestrian Truss Bridge (Bowstring)
2. Modular Panel Bridge
3. Network Arched Bridge
4. Cable-Stayed Bridge

The presentation provided an evaluation of each bridge option based on criteria such as aesthetics, comfort, environmental impact, construction, cost and lifecycle of the bridge.

**Councillor McCollum left Council Chambers at 5:47 p.m.**

**Councillor McCollum returned to Council Chambers and took her seat at 5:49 p.m.**

The January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Options Analysis presentation was received for information.

Council agreed to postpone consideration of the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 staff report, “6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Options Analysis” until the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 regular Council meeting.

**Councillor Hillian left the meeting at 6:02 p.m.**

## **2.00 RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL**

**.01**  
COUNCILLOR COLE-  
HAMILTON - 5<sup>TH</sup>  
STREET BRIDGE  
REHABILITATION  
FUNDING  
5335-20 / 5400-02

Councillor Cole-Hamilton proposed the following resolution:

Whereas residents of the entire Comox Valley frequently need to cross the Courtenay River for school, work, medical care or recreation, and a significant number of these crossings occur at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge; and,

Whereas the City of Courtenay will soon undertake vital rehabilitation work to extend the lifespan of this widely used asset, work which will benefit all users but with the full cost borne by taxpayers of Courtenay;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Courtenay work together with the Village of Cumberland, Town of Comox and the Comox Valley Regional District with the goal of obtaining financial contributions **from senior levels of government** towards the rehabilitation of this crucial regional asset.

A discussion followed and Council agreed to add the following wording “*from senior levels of government*” to the last paragraph of the draft resolution (noted in bold text above) to provide clarity that delegates from all local area governments will be represented in future (funding) discussions with senior levels of government related to this regional asset.

Moved by Frisch and seconded by Theos that Council postpone the resolution “5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Rehabilitation Funding” until the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 regular Council meeting; and,

That the resolution be considered following Council’s decision on the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 staff reports “5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Rehabilitation” and “6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Options Analysis” coming back to Council on the same date.

**Carried**

**.02**  
2020 - 2024  
FINANCIAL PLAN  
DISCUSSIONS -  
BUDGET MEETING  
SCHEDULE  
0570- 01 / 1700-01

Moved by Frisch and seconded by Morin that Council amend the 2020 - 2024 Financial Plan meeting schedule identified in *Table 1 - Financial Plan Meeting Schedule* on *Page 2* of the December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 Staff Report “*Meeting Schedule - 2020-2024 Financial Plan Discussions and 2020 Property Tax Rates*” and cancel all future proposed budget discussion meetings listed within Table 1 of the report; and,

That the 2020 - 2024 Financial Plan presentations be considered at a future date with staff to provide advance public notice as required by statute, and;

That Council direct staff to post notice on the City of Courtenay website advising of the change to the 2020 - 2024 Financial Plan meeting schedule.

**Carried**

### **3.00 ADJOURNMENT**

**.01**

Moved by Frisch and seconded by Theos that the meeting now adjourn at 6:17 p.m.

**Carried**

**CERTIFIED CORRECT**

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**Corporate Officer**

**Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2020**

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**Mayor**