

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting

Meeting #: R15/2020
Date: June 8, 2020
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:

D. Allen, CAO, via video/audio conference
J. Ward, Director of Legislative & Corporate Services/Deputy CAO, via video/audio conference
W. Sorichta, Corporate Officer, via video/audio conference
I. Buck, Director of Development Services, via video/audio conference
T. Kushner, Deputy CAO, via video/audio conference
J. Nelson, Director of Financial Services, via video/audio conference
D. Snider, Director of Recreation and Cultural Services, via video/audio conference
M. Fitzgerald, Manager of Development Planning, via video/audio conference
N. Borecky, Manager of Information Systems, via video/audio conference
E. Gavelin, Network Technician, via video/audio conference
R. Matthews, Executive Assistant/Deputy Corporate Officer, via video/audio conference

Due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 emergency, the City of Courtenay with the authority of Ministerial Order No. M139 *Local Government Meetings & Bylaw Process COVID-19* implemented changes to its open Council meetings.

In the interest of public health and safety, in-person attendance by members of the public at Council meetings is prohibited 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 and start at 4:00 p.m. during this period.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1.1 Adopt June 1st, 2020 Regular Council meeting minutes (0570-03)

Moved By Cole-Hamilton

Seconded By Frisch

That the June 1st, 2020 Regular Council meeting minutes be adopted.

Carried

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1 Pamela Willis, Manager, and Kris Anderson, Program Manager, Comox Valley Better at Home - Comox Valley Kiwanis Village Residents - Neighbourhood Concerns

Pamela Willis, Manager, and Kris Anderson, Program Manager, Comox Valley Better at Home along with Comox Valley Kiwanis Village residents Karen Hope and Sandie Jordan presented information to Council regarding neighbourhood concerns related to noise, public disturbances, garbage accumulation, drug related activities and feeling unsafe in their neighbourhood sourced the “The Junction” supportive housing complex.

Moved By Morin

Seconded By Theos

That the information package and resident statements received from Comox Valley Better at Home and Comox Valley Kiwanis Village residents reporting neighbourhood concerns related to noise, public disturbances, garbage accumulation and drug related activities, be received for information.

Carried

Council affirmed its commitment to continue working with the community, BC Housing and related agencies to find solutions to these shared concerns; and Inspector Michael Kurvers, Comox Valley RCMP, stated he would assign member resources to participate in the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) neighbourhood meetings.

4:07 p.m. - Councillor Morin recused herself from the video/audio conference meeting citing a possible conflict of interest as Councillor Morin is employed by the John Howard Society, an agency, directly involved with the organization related to the Delegations report.

Councillor Morin returned to the video/audio conference meeting at 4:58 p.m.

4. STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

4.1 CAO and Legislative Services

4.1.1 Inspector Michael Kurvers, Comox Valley RCMP - Community Policing - Presentation and Report (7580-20)

Inspector Michael Kurvers, Comox Valley RCMP, presented a community policing overview to Council providing a summary of statistics such as member staffing, calls for service, criminal code offenses, crimes, public disturbances and mischief; with an overall data comparative of calls received community-by-community within the Comox Valley.

Inspector Kurvers updated Council on two high-profile incidents from 2019; Piercy Avenue / Cumberland Road shooting (charges laid) and machete attack on 4th Street (charges pending).

Inspector Kurvers reminded citizens about the importance of sharing information and timely reporting of crimes to assist law enforcement with crime prevention and to make for safer communities. Concerns about criminal or unusual activities may be reported to the local detachment office, calling 9-1-1, Comox Valley Crime Stoppers or through the RCMP's new on-line crime reporting template available on their website.

4.1.1.1 Presentation - Comox Valley RCMP Courtenay Overview 2019-04-01 to 2020-03-31 (7580-20)

Moved By Morin

Seconded By Theos

That the presentation "Comox Valley RCMP Courtenay Overview - April 1st, 2019 - March 31st, 2020", be received for information.

Carried

4.1.1.2 Comox Valley RCMP Detachment 2018/19 - 2019/20 Year Over Year Report (7580-20)

Moved By Morin

Seconded By Theos

That the May 11th, 2020 Comox Valley RCMP Detachment report "2018/19 - 2019/20 Year Over Year Report", be received for information.

Carried

4.1.1.3 Comox Valley RCMP Report on “The Junction” 988 - 8th Street and Comox Valley Kiwanis Village 635 Pidcock Avenue - April 2019 - April 2020 (7580-20)

Moved By Morin

Seconded By Theos

That the June 8th, 2020 Comox Valley RCMP report "The Junction, 988 - 8th Street and Comox Valley Kiwanis Village, 635 Pidcock Avenue - April 2019 - April 2020", be received for information.

Carried

4.1.2 Summer Meeting Schedule - 2020 (0570-01)

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By Cole-Hamilton

That based on the June 8th, 2020 staff report “Summer Meeting Schedule - 2020”, Council approve OPTION 1 and cancel the following scheduled meetings: July 27th, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting; and August 31st, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting; and,

That the March 30th, 2020 resolution to modify the Council meeting schedule in response to the global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic be rescinded; with the exception of:

- That based on the recommendations made by provincial and federal health authorities to maintain physical distancing and restrict public gatherings as prevention measures related to the spread of the Coronavirus COVID-19; and, as administered by extraordinary powers declared under the provincial state of emergency through the Emergency Program Act Council conducts electronic meetings as provided by the conditions set out in subsection 128 (2) of the Community Charter and Section 9 (a) of Council Procedure Bylaw No. 2730, which states:
“A special meeting may be conducted by means of electronic or other communication facilities”
- That Council meetings be posted and made available to the public via live web streaming on the City of Courtenay’s website at www.courtenay.ca
- That in recognition of limited staff capacity and available internal and external resources during the COVID-19 pandemic, Council meeting

agendas may be adjusted but not limited to priority, statutory, essential or critical functions and services; and,

That a Regular Council meeting be scheduled on June 29th, 2020 in place of the June 29th, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Carried

4.2 Development Services

4.2.1 Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) Housing Needs Assessment Presentation and Report (0470-20/5040-20)

4.2.1.1 Presentation:

Alana Mullaly, Senior Manager of Sustainability and RGS, CVRD provided an overview of the draft Regional Housing Needs Assessment report.

Sarah Ravlic, Gather Planning and Engagement, and Neil Lovitt, Turner Drake & Partners Ltd, presented an overview of the draft Comox Valley Regional District Housing Needs Assessment.

Moved By McCollum

Seconded By Frisch

That the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) Housing Needs Assessment presentation, be received for information.

Carried

4.2.1.2 CVRD Housing Needs Assessment Report - Regional Profile

4.2.1.3 Courtenay Housing Needs Data Report

4.2.1.4 Courtenay Housing Needs Report - Summary Form

Moved By McCollum

Seconded By Frisch

That the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) May 2020 staff reports "Housing Needs Assessment Report - Regional Profile", "Courtenay Housing Needs Data Report" and "Courtenay Housing Needs Report Summary Form" be received for information.

Carried

5. EXTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

6. INTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

7. REPORTS/UPDATES FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS INCLUDING REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

7.1 Councillor Hillian

Councillor Hillian participated in the following events:

- Comox Valley Water Committee - Water Treatment Plant and Raw Water Pump Station tour
- Comox Valley Elected Officials weekly teleconference briefing with Dr. Charmaine Enns, Medical Health Officer
- CVRD Board meeting
- Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital Board leadership meeting
- CVRD Director briefing; COVID-19/Regional EOC information update
- Meeting with Deana Simkin, President of Comox Valley Economic Development Society (CVEDS), regarding K'ómoks First Nation (KFN) treaty negotiations
- Island Health and Vancouver Island Regional Hospital Districts Semi-Annual Joint Planning meeting
- K'ómoks First Nation (KFN) Treaty Main Table Working Group meeting

7.2 Mayor Wells

Mayor Wells reviewed his attendance at the following events:

- We are One: A Peaceful Protest in Solidarity with Black Lives Matter and Justice for Indigenous Peoples of Canada at Simms Millennium Park

8. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

8.1 In Camera Meeting

Moved By Theos

Seconded By Morin

That a Special In-Camera meeting closed to the public will be held June 8th, 2020 at the conclusion of the Regular Council Meeting pursuant to the following subsections of the *Community Charter*:

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

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Anglican Diocese of BC - Request for Annual Sewer & Water Frontage Charge Exemption - St. Andrew Cemetery

Moved By Cole-Hamilton

Seconded By Frisch

That the correspondence dated March 3rd, 2020 from the Anglican Diocese of BC requesting an exemption from the annual Sewer and Water Frontage charge for St. Andrew Cemetery, be received for information.

Carried

Moved By Hillian

Seconded By Frisch

That Council mandate staff to respond to the Anglican Diocese of BC advising that the City of Courtenay is not willing to accede to their request for an exemption from the 2020 annual Sewer and Water Frontage utility fees for St. Andrew Cemetery; and,

That staff includes the City of Courtenay's rationale for this decision.

Carried

12. BYLAWS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Frisch
Seconded By Hillian

That the meeting now adjourn at 6:43 p.m.

Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Corporate Officer

Adopted this 15th day of June, 2020

Mayor