

Minutes of a Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: September 28, 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: T. Kushner, Interim CAO, via video/audio conference
W. Sorichta, Corporate Officer, via video/audio conference
I. Buck, Director of Development Services, via video/audio conference
J. Nelson, Director of Financial Services, via video/audio conference
K. O'Connell, Director of Corporate Support Services, 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. M192 Local Government Meetings & Bylaw Process (COVID-19) Order No. 3 implemented changes to its open Council meetings.

In the interest of public health and safety, and in accordance with section 3(1) of Ministerial Order No. 3 M192, in-person attendance by members of the public at Council meetings will not be permitted 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.

1. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

1.1 In Camera Meeting

Moved By Hillian

Seconded By Morin

That a Special In-Camera meeting closed to the public be held September 28th, 2020 at the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole meeting pursuant to the following sub-section(s) 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.

Carried

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Vancouver Island - Request for Temporary Rent Forgiveness - City Owned Building - 243 - 4th Street (0250-20)

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By Cole-Hamilton

That the correspondence dated September 16th, 2020 from the Boys & Girls Club of Central Vancouver Island requesting temporary waiving of rent for their tenancy at the City owned building located at 243 - 4th Street, be received for information.

Carried

New motion:

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By Cole-Hamilton

That in response to the correspondence dated September 16th, 2020 from the Boys & Girls Club of Central Vancouver Island, requesting temporary waiving of rental fees for their tenancy at the City owned building located at 243 - 4th Street;

That Council direct staff to provide a report exploring options and implications of waiving the 2020 rental fees payable to the City of Courtenay for the period when the club's programming ceased as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic (April, May, June and July 2020) with, consideration to include August and September 2020.

Carried

2.2 Courtenay Recreational Association - Request to Resume Services - The Evergreen Club Recreational and Social Programs - Florence Filberg Centre (0250-20)

Moved By McCollum

Seconded By Cole-Hamilton

That the correspondence dated September 14th, 2020 from the Courtenay Recreational Association (CRA), requesting Council's support to resume partial services of The Evergreen Club programs under Phase 1 of their COVID-19 reopening plan, be received for information.

Carried

New motion:

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By Cole-Hamilton

That in response to the correspondence dated September 14th, 2020 from the Courtenay Recreational Association (CRA) requesting Council's support to resume partial services of The Evergreen Club programs;

That Council direct staff to explore options and implications of permitting The Evergreen Club to resume partial services of their senior club programs in the Filberg Centre facility under Phase 1 of their COVID-19 reopening plan.

Carried

2.3 LUSH Valley Food Action Society - Request to Use Lawn Bowling Facility for "Hot Meal" and "Good Food Boxes" Emergency Programs in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic (0250-20)

Moved By McCollum

Seconded By Morin

That the correspondence dated September 21st, 2020 from LUSH Valley Food Action Society requesting use of the Lawn Bowling facility located at Bill Moore Park to continue providing their "Hot Meal" and Good Food Boxes" emergency food programs in response to COVID-19 pandemic, be received for information; and,

That in response to LUSH Valley's request to use the Lawn Bowling facility starting mid-October 2020 for their programs;

That Council direct staff to provide a report exploring options and implications of permitting LUSH Valley Food Action Society to use the Lawn Bowling facility for their "Hot Meal" and "Good Food Boxes" emergency food programs.

Carried

2.4 BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association, Alliance of Beverage Licensees, and BC Craft Brewers Guild - Request for Expanded Patio Permissions for Outdoor Dining (0400-01)

Moved By Cole-Hamilton

Seconded By Frisch

That the correspondence dated August 26th, 2020 from the BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association, the Alliance of Beverage Licensees, and the BC Craft Brewers Guild requesting the City's support to expand permissive licensing and patio permissions for restaurant, pub, bar, and brewery businesses for winter 2020 and summer 2021 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, be received for information; and,

That in response to the request for expanded permissions that Council direct staff to provide a report exploring options and implications of extending permissive licensing and patio permissions for Courtenay restaurants, pubs, bars, and brewery businesses for the winter of 2020; and, approve temporary patios for summer 2021.

Carried

3. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Hillian

Seconded By McCollum

That the meeting now adjourn at 4:24 p.m.

Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Corporate Officer

Adopted this 5th day of October, 2020

Mayor