

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting

Meeting #: R26/2020
Date: November 02, 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
M. Fitzgerald, Manager of Development Planning, 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. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1.1 Adopt October 19th, 2020 Regular Council meeting minutes (0570-03)

Moved By McCollum

Seconded By Frisch

That the October 19th, 2020 Regular Council meeting minutes be adopted.

Carried

1.2 Adopt October 26th, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes (0570-03)

Moved By McCollum

Seconded By Frisch

That the October 26th, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes be adopted.

Carried

1.3 Adopt October 28th, 2020 Special Council meeting minutes (0570-03)

Moved By McCollum

Seconded By Frisch

That the October 28th, 2020 Special Council meeting minutes be adopted.

Carried

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. DELEGATIONS

4. STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Development Services

**4.1.1 Updated Proposal - Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment
Bylaw No. 3014 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3005 - 1375 Piercy
Avenue (3360-20-2006/6480-20-2002)**

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By McCollum

That based on the November 2nd, 2020 staff report "Updated Proposal - Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment Bylaw No. 3014 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3005 - 1375 Piercy Avenue" Council approve OPTION 1 and complete the following steps:

1. That Council give First and Second Reading of "Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3014" to designate the subject property as "Multi-Residential";
2. That Council give First and Second Reading of "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3005" to create a new CD-29 Zone and rezone the subject property to CD-29;
3. That Council direct staff to schedule and advertise a statutory Public Hearing with respect to the above referenced bylaws following the resumption of regular Council meetings or upon approval of an alternative process.

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 Frisch

Councillor Frisch reviewed his participation at the following event:

- Public Transit On-Demand Webinar

7.2 Councillor Hillian

Councillor Hillian reviewed his attendance at the following events:

- Watershed Resilience: Climate Change, Collaboration and Landscape Restoration Webinar as part of the Wilderness Committee - Stitching Together Altered Landscapes - Conservation, Community and Resilience webinar series
- 2020 Comox Valley Child Development Association Telethon fundraising event

Councillor Hillian expressed his appreciation of:

- The City's Planning staff for their innovations in engaging the community as part of the City of Courtenay Official Community Plan review and public consultation process
- Tremendous community effort in hosting the 2020 Comox Valley Child Development Association Telethon annual fundraising event
- Councillor Cole-Hamilton's participation as a presenter in the Wilderness Committee - Stitching Together Altered Landscapes - Conservation, Community and Resilience webinar series
- Staff for making on-line service request forms available on the City of Courtenay website to permit reporting of public inquiries and/or concerns electronically; and, acknowledged Public Works and Bylaw staff for their timely and efficient response to on-line request forms received by their departments

7.3 Councillor McCollum

Councillor McCollum reviewed her attendance at the following event:

- City of Courtenay Official Community Plan (OCP) Review Walk-shops (2 Total)
Councillor McCollum commended City staff for doing a great job providing information, engaging walk-shop participants and for making the OCP walk-shops an enjoyable experience

7.4 Councillor Morin

Councillor Morin participated in the following events for the period of October 20th to November 2nd:

- Comox Valley Elected Officials COVID-19 teleconference briefing with Dr. Charmaine Enns, Medical Health Officer
- Wilderness Committee - Stitching Together Altered Landscapes - Conservation, Community and Resilience webinar series (3 Sessions Total)
- CVRD Board meeting
- City of Courtenay Official Community Plan (OCP) Review Walk-shops (2 Total)

7.5 Councillor Theos

Councillor Theos provided comments in response to Councillor Frisch's report on the Public Transit On-Demand webinar and expressed his support of this initiative to meet public demand for transit

7.6 Mayor Wells

Mayor Wells reviewed his attendance at the following events:

- City of Courtenay Official Community Plan (OCP) Review Walk-shops (2 Total)
- Unveiling of new Veteran's Memorial Parkway commemorative signage
- Opening of the 2020 Fall/Winter Comox Valley Farmer's Market
- 2020 Comox Valley Child Development Association Telethon fundraising event; Mayor Wells mentioned that the telethon raised over \$96,000 and praised Councillor Hillian for singing Canada's national anthem, along with Edwin Grieve, signaling the start of the telethon
- Island Coast Economic Trust (ICET) meeting

Mayor Wells mentioned:

- His participation in the Economic Recovery Task Force (ERTF) committee and advised that the ERTF Recommendations Summary Report has been distributed to area local governments for their consideration
- Concerns about the discharge and use of fireworks throughout the Comox Valley over the 2020 Halloween season and the differences in policy or bylaws amongst our regional local governments; Mayor Wells spoke with various local government leaders to discuss future policy around fireworks use in the Comox Valley to make it more consistent throughout our region

8. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

8.1 Mayor Wells - Resolution - Comox Valley RCMP Funding

Moved By Cole-Hamilton

Seconded By Frisch

Whereas the City of Courtenay has for years used annual Gaming Fund revenues to pay for two full-time RCMP officers;

Whereas the COVID-19 Pandemic has reduced the 2020 Gaming Fund revenues by 75% with future years' revenues unknown;

Whereas the City of Courtenay has applied a very conservative method of spending Gaming Funds by waiting at least one year after receiving them;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the City of Courtenay Financial Plan consider the reduction of annual Gaming Funds used to pay for two RCMP Officers by transitioning these costs to the general operating budget where the balance of Courtenay's contribution to annual policing services is funded.

Carried

8.2 Councillor Hillian - Resolution - COVID-19 Voluntary Preventative Measures

Moved By Hillian

Seconded By Cole-Hamilton

Whereas the City of Courtenay has continued to adhere to provincial Ministry of Health and WorksafeBC guidelines to maintain essential services and promote the safety of City staff and citizens during the COVID-19 global pandemic;

Whereas guidance from the World Health Organization, the BC Centre for Disease Control and Island Health identifies the most effective ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as frequent hand washing, maintaining physical distancing and staying home when sick;

Whereas each of these authorities recommends that masks be used as part of a comprehensive strategy to prevent COVID-19 transmission;

Therefore, to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, be it resolved that the City strongly encourages all citizens to follow provincial health guidelines, including the recommendation of wearing face masks when in indoor public spaces and especially if physical distancing is not possible, and that this information be prominently displayed on the City website along with links to relevant provincial sites.

Carried

8.3 Councillor Cole-Hamilton - Resolution - United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) - Indigenous Peoples Reconciliation (AMENDED: remove stricken text and add new text in bold)

Moved By Cole-Hamilton

Seconded By Hillian

That the October 26th, 2020 Council resolution be amended to read as follows:

Whereas, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007;

Whereas, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission listed in 2015 as the first principle for reconciliation that the UNDRIP, "is the framework for reconciliation at all levels and across all sectors of Canadian Society" and ~~UNDRIP was officially adopted by the Government of Canada in 2016~~ **the Government of Canada announced their commitment to adopt and implement UNDRIP in 2016;**

Whereas, the Government of British Columbia passed the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act unanimously in November 2019;

And whereas, the City of Courtenay has identified "Build[ing] on our good relations with K'ómoks First Nation and practic[ing] Reconciliation" as a strategic priority for 2019-2022;

Be it resolved that the City of Courtenay adopt the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as its framework for indigenous reconciliation.

Carried

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Vancouver Island Regional Library Board (VIRL) 2021 Appointments (7960-02)

Moved By Hillian

Seconded By Morin

That Councillor Theos be appointed to the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) Board for a one year term, January 1 to December 31, 2021, with Councillor McCollum appointed as alternate.

Carried

12. BYLAWS

12.1 For First and Second Reading

12.1.1 Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3014, 2020 (1375 Piercy Avenue)

Moved By Cole-Hamilton

Seconded By Morin

That "Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3014, 2020" pass first and second reading.

Carried

12.1.2 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3005, 2020 (1375 Piercy Avenue)

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By Hillian

That "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3005, 2020" pass first and second reading.

Carried

12.2 For Final Adoption

12.2.1 City of Courtenay Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 3022, 2020 (Solid Waste Collection Fees)

Moved By Cole-Hamilton

Seconded By McCollum

That "City of Courtenay Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 3022, 2020" be finally adopted.

Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Cole-Hamilton

Seconded By McCollum

That the meeting now adjourn at 5:20 p.m.

Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Corporate Officer

Adopted this 16th day of November, 2020

Mayor