

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting

Meeting #: R2/2021
Date: January 18, 2021
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: City Hall, Courtenay, BC, via video/audio conference

Attending:

Mayor: B. Wells, via video/audio conference
Council: W. Cole-Hamilton, via video/audio conference
D. Frisch, via video/audio conference at 4:10 p.m.
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
C. Davidson, Director of Engineering 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
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 January 11, 2021 Regular Council meeting minutes (0570-03)

Moved By Morin

Seconded By Cole-Hamilton

THAT the January 11th, 2021 Regular Council meeting minutes be adopted.

Carried

Councillor Frisch was temporarily delayed joining the video conference meeting due to technical complications and was not available to vote.

Councillor Frisch joined the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1 LUSH Valley Food Action Society - Request for Funding to Support the Restart of the "Good Food Box" Program for Vulnerable Citizens (0400-01/1850-01)

Maurita Prato, Executive Director, LUSH Valley Food Action Society, and Kimberley Toonders, Community Dietician, Vancouver Island Health Authority, presented the results of the 2020 “Good Food Box” program and emphasized the continued need to support local food security programs and food producers in the Comox Valley. Ms. Prato thanked the City of Courtenay for the continued support of the Society’s initiatives, in particular the Community Garden, and access to the lower Florence Filberg Centre (as the space is essential to provide their services).

The Society is requesting up to \$100,000 from the Federal and Provincial COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant funding stream to support the purchase of food locally from Comox Valley producers to continue their “Good Food Box” program into 2021, and to introduce the “Farm Bucks” incentive program to the region.

3.1.1 Briefing Note - LUSH Valley - Program Funding Request

The January 11th, 2021 Briefing Note "LUSH Valley Delegation to City of Courtenay January 2021" was received for information.

3.2 Comox Valley Cycling Coalition Re: 6th Street Multi-Use Active Transportation Bridge (0400-01/5335-20/5400-02)

Lawrence Veal, President, Comox Valley Cycling Coalition, and Mike Keohane, Board Member, Comox Valley Cycling Coalition, presented information to Council regarding their concerns on Council's decision December 9th, 2020 to proceed with a 4-metre wide pedestrian bridge in the detailed design stage of the 6th Street Multi-Use Active Transportation Bridge project. The Coalition is concerned that this width will cause safety issues for users as it does not allow for separation between cyclists and pedestrians.

The Coalition proposed that Council revisit their decision; and, that a minimum of 4.8-metre width pedestrian bridge be considered for the detailed design of the 6th Street Multi-Use Active Transportation Bridge project.

4. STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

5. EXTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

5.1 2021 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Virtual AGM & Convention - Call for Resolutions (0250-20)

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By Morin

That the correspondence from the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) regarding the 2021 Virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Convention "Call for Resolutions" and "Call for Nominations for Executive", be received for information.

Carried

6. INTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

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

7.1 Councillor Cole-Hamilton

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

- Inaugural Comox Youth Climate Council Annual General Meeting (AGM)

7.3 Councillor Hillian

Councillor Hillian mentioned the tremendous display of volunteer spirit by the community during the *Sharing the Christmas Spirit Hamper Program* held in December 2020.

The coordinators of the Hamper Program expressed their sincere appreciation to the City for the temporary use of the Florence Filberg Centre facility as it allowed them to brighten the Christmas for over 500 families who received hampers.

7.5 Councillor Morin

Councillor Morin participated in the following events:

- Comox Valley Recreation Commission meeting
- CVRD Board meeting
- Comox Valley Community Health Network's *Building Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Organizations* session
- Comox Strathcona Waste Management Board meeting
- City of Courtenay Finance Select Committee meeting #4 (observed virtually)

7.7 Mayor Wells

Mayor Wells mentioned that the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) is continuing to provide service to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Wells shared that he and Councillor Cole-Hamilton met with the Downtown Courtenay Business Improvement Association (DCBIA) to discuss the recent announcement that the City of Courtenay and Community Land Trust have partnered on applications to BC Housing's Community Housing Fund to secure funding for Co-op Housing.

Mayor Wells thanked Councillors Hillian, Cole-Hamilton and McCollum for their contributions to the Finance Select Committee meeting held January 15th, 2021.

8. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

8.1 In Camera Meeting

Moved By Morin

Seconded By Frisch

THAT a Special In-Camera meeting closed to the public will be held January 18th, 2021 at the conclusion of the Regular Council Meeting pursuant to the following sub-sections of the *Community Charter*:

- 90 (1) (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- 90 (1) (f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment;
- 90 (1) (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. BYLAWS

12.1 For Third Reading

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

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By McCollum

THAT "Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3014, 2020" pass third reading.

Carried

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

Moved By Frisch
Seconded By McCollum

THAT " Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3005, 2020" pass third reading.
Carried

12.1.3 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2998, 2020 (2466 Walbran Place)

Moved By McCollum
Seconded By Cole-Hamilton

THAT "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2998, 2020" pass third reading.
Carried

12.1.4 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3009, 2020 (1550 Willemar Avenue)

Moved By Frisch
Seconded By McCollum

THAT "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3009, 2020" pass third reading.
Carried

12.2 For Final Adoption

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

Moved By Morin
Seconded By Frisch

THAT "Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3014, 2020" be finally adopted.
Carried

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

Moved By Frisch
Seconded By Hillian

THAT "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3005, 2020" be finally adopted.
Carried

12.2.3 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2998, 2020 (2466 Walbran Place)

Moved By Hillian
Seconded By Cole-Hamilton

THAT "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2998, 2020" be finally adopted.
Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Hillian
Seconded By Cole-Hamilton

THAT the meeting now adjourn at 5:57 p.m.
Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Corporate Officer

Adopted this 1st day of February, 2021

Mayor