

Minutes of a Committee of the Whole Meeting

Meeting #: CoW1/2021
Date: January 25, 2021
Time: 4:01 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. STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

1.1 CAO and Legislative Services

1.1.1 Inspector Mike Kurvers, Comox Valley RCMP - 2020 Third Quarter Report Presentation (7580-20)

Moved By Morin

Seconded By McCollum

THAT the presentation "Comox Valley RCMP - 2020 Year End Report to Council", be received for information.

Carried

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

Inspector Kurvers introduced a new member of the Comox Valley RCMP, Staff Sergeant Troy Beauregard, who recently transferred from the Campbell River RCMP detachment.

1.1.1.1 Comox Valley RCMP 2020 Third Quarter Report (7580-20)

The "Comox Valley RCMP 2020 Third Quarter Report" was received for information.

1.1.1.2 Comox Valley RCMP 2020 Second Quarter Report (7580-20)

The "Comox Valley RCMP 2020 Second Quarter Report" was received for information.

1.2 Financial Services

1.2.1 COVID-19 Safe Restart Grants for Local Governments (1970-02)

Moved By Hillian

Seconded By Cole-Hamilton

THAT based on the January 25th, 2021 staff report "COVID-19 Safe Restart Grants for Local Governments" that Council direct staff to incorporate the attached 2020-2022 proposed use of COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments in the 2020 year end and 2021-2025 Financial Plan, and;

THAT staff be directed to pay back the gaming fund \$725,000 for the 2020 fiscal year to recognize the lost revenue in the fund and use the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant to fund Policing and the Infrastructure Reserve contribution in 2020.

Carried

2. EXTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

2.1 Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) - Regional Parks Service Proposal (0470-20)

Moved By McCollum

Seconded By Hillian

THAT the correspondence date January 5th, 2021 from the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) regarding a proposal to establish a regional parks service, be received for information.

Carried

New motion:

Moved By Hillian

Seconded By Cole-Hamilton

THAT Council request staff to explore the implications of a regional parks service as proposed by the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) in their January 5th, 2021 letter; and,

THAT staff provide a report on the implications of a regional parks function.

Carried

2.2 City of North Vancouver - Letter to Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy - Province-wide Ban on Anticoagulant Rodenticides (0410-20/0470-20)

Moved By McCollum

Seconded By Hillian

THAT the correspondence dated January 11th, 2021 from Mayor Linda Buchanan, City of North Vancouver, addressed to Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, regarding a request to implement a province-wide ban on anticoagulant rodenticides, be received for information.

Carried

3. INTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

3.1 Finance Select Committee (Council Select Committee on Alternative Asset Management Funding Sources and Levels of Service Options) - Meeting Minutes - February 10, 2020 (0550-20-03)

Moved By McCollum

Seconded By Morin

THAT the Finance Select Committee (Council Select Committee on Alternative Asset Management Funding Sources and Levels of Service Options) meeting minutes for February 10, 2020, be received for information.

Carried

4. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

4.1 Finance Select Committee (Council Select Committee on Alternative Asset Management Funding Sources and Levels of Service Options) (0550-20)

Moved By Hillian

Seconded By McCollum

THAT Council support the recommendation made by the Finance Select Committee (Council Select Committee on Alternative Asset Management Funding Sources and Levels of Service Options) at its January 15th, 2021 meeting and amend the timeline identified in Section 6 Reporting, of the committee's Terms of Reference to read:

*"...the Committee will submit its findings and recommendations in a written report to Council no later than **January 31st, 2022.**"*

Carried

4.2 In Camera Meeting

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By McCollum

THAT a Special In-Camera meeting closed to the public will be held January 25th, 2021 at the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole 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;
- 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

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By McCollum

That the meeting now adjourn at 5:12 p.m.

Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Corporate Officer

Adopted this 1st day of February, 2021

Mayor