

Minutes of a Committee of the Whole Meeting

Meeting #: CoW2/2021
Date: February 22, 2021
Time: 4:02 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
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
K. Shaw, Director of Public Works Services, via video/audio conference
R. Matthews, Executive Assistant/Deputy Corporate Officer, via video/audio conference
E. Gavelin, Network Technician, 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 Licence to Occupy Amendment to Permit the Temporary Operation of an Extreme Weather Shelter - 685 Cliffe Avenue (Connect Warming Centre) (2380-20)

Moved By Cole-Hamilton

Seconded By Hillian

THAT based on the February 22nd, 2021 staff report “Licence to Occupy Amendment to Permit the Temporary Operation of an Extreme Weather Shelter - 685 Cliffe Avenue (Connect Warming Centre)”, Council approve OPTION 1 and the attached Licence to Occupy - Amendment #3 between the Comox Valley Transition Society and the City of Courtenay for the north side of the property having a legal description of PID: 006-102-930, Lot 3, Section 61 Comox District plan VIP3817; and,

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute all documentation relating to the amended terms of the Licence to Occupy Agreement.

Carried

1.2 Public Works Services

1.2.1 17th Street Cycling Facilities - Cross Section Options (5400-15)

Moved By McCollum

Seconded By Cole-Hamilton

THAT based on the February 22nd, 2021 staff report, “17th Street Cycling Facilities - Cross Section Options” Council approve OPTION 1 and direct staff to complete the design of 17th Street using the new option of Parking Protected Bike Lanes with Curb Extensions cross-section depicted in Option 4 as the short-medium term cycling facility;

THAT that Curb Protected Cycle Tracks with Parking cross-section Option 5 be depicted as the long-term cycling facility; and,

THAT Council direct Staff to amend the Cycling Network Plan to incorporate Parking Protected Bike Lanes with Curb Extensions and Curb Protected Cycle Tracks with Parking on 17th Street between Comox Road and Willemar Avenue.

Carried

1.2.2 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Grant Application - 17th Street Bike Lanes Project (5400-15)

Moved By Cole-Hamilton

Seconded By Frisch

THAT based on the February 22nd, 2021 staff report, “Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Grant Application - 17th Street Bike Lanes Project” Council approves OPTION 1 and directs staff to submit an application for grant funding for the 17th Street Bike Lanes Project through the *Canada Infrastructure Program - COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream*; and,

THAT Council supports the project and commits to any associated ineligible costs or potential cost overruns.

Carried

2. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

2.1 In Camera Meeting

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By Morin

THAT a Special In-Camera meeting closed to the public be held February 22nd, 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) (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

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1 2021 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Virtual AGM & Convention - Call for Resolutions (0390-20)

3.1.1 Mayor Wells - Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Resolution - Provincial Tax Sharing with BC Municipalities (0390-20)

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By Morin

THAT Council forward the following resolution to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) for consideration at the 2021 AVICC AGM & Convention:

WHEREAS costs, regulations, and responsibilities for municipalities are increasing at an unsustainable rate;

WHEREAS some traditionally provincial or federal funded responsibilities have shifted to local government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province work with Municipalities towards sharing:

- Sales Tax
- Liquor Tax
- Property Transfer Tax

AND FURTHER THAT the Province support and simplify the creation of local fuel taxes for Municipalities as an additional revenue stream.

Carried

3.1.2 Councillor Cole-Hamilton - Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Resolution - Help Cities Lead (0390-20)

Moved By Cole-Hamilton

Seconded By McCollum

THAT Council forward the following resolution to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) for consideration at the 2021 AVICC AGM & Convention:

WHEREAS building retrofits help drive deep building-sector emissions reductions, respiratory illness reductions, building operating cost

reductions, and job creation, yet local governments are currently constrained with existing legislation; and,

WHEREAS Integral Group modelling has shown that when implemented together, these five actions complement each other;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) prevail upon the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Energy Mines and Low Carbon Innovation (EMLCI), and Attorney-General and Ministry responsible for Housing to move as quickly as possible and in close consultation with local governments to develop and implement the first three measures:

- Regulating GHG emissions for new buildings;
- Home energy labelling; and
- Property assessed clean energy (PACE) enabling legislation;

And also enable local governments to choose, when ready, to opt into the remaining two measures:

- Regulating GHG emissions for existing buildings;
- Building energy benchmarking and reporting.

Carried

3.1.2.1 Background Document - AVICC Resolution - Help Cities Lead Briefing Note: Reducing Building Sector GHG Emissions (0390-20)

Moved By Cole-Hamilton

Seconded By Hillian

THAT the correspondence dated December 2020 provided as background information for the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) Resolution "Help Cities Lead Briefing Note: Reducing Building Sector GHG Emissions", be received _____ for _____ information.

Carried

3.2 Delegation - Comox Valley Cycling Coalition (CVCC) Re: 6th Street Multi-Use Active Transportation Bridge (5335-20)

Moved By Hillian

Seconded By Frisch

THAT the proposal made by the Comox Valley Cycling Coalition (CVCC) during their delegation to Council on January 18th, 2021 to consider a minimum width of 4.8-metres during the detailed design stage of the 6th Street Multi-Use Active Transportation Bridge be reconsidered at a future Council meeting.

Defeated

Opposed: Mayor Wells and Councillors Cole-Hamilton, Frisch, McCollum, and Theos

In Favour: Councillors Hillian and Morin

New motion:

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By Cole-Hamilton

THAT Council direct staff to write to the Comox Valley Cycling Coalition (CVCC) and Comox Valley Accessibility Committee (CVAC) reaffirming Council's December 9th, 2020 decision to proceed with a bridge deck width of 4-metres in the detailed design stage for the 6th Street Multi-Use Active Transportation Bridge.

Carried

4. NOTICE OF MOTION

4.1 Councillor Morin - Notice of Motion - Speed Limits & Safety Signage on Multi-use Paths

Councillor Morin presented a notice of motion with a resolution anticipated to come forward at the March 1st, 2021 Council meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Cole-Hamilton

Seconded By Hillian

That the meeting now adjourn at 6:01 p.m.

Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Corporate Officer

Adopted this 1st day of March, 2021

Mayor