

R15/2021 - July 26, 2021

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting

Meeting #: R15/2021
Date: July 26, 2021
Time: 4:02 pm
Location: City Hall Council Chambers and via video/audio conference

Attending:

Mayor: B. Wells
Councillors: W. Cole-Hamilton
D. Frisch
M. McCollum
W. Morin
M. Theos

Staff: G. Garbutt, CAO
D. Bardonnex, Fire Chief, via video/audio conference
I. Buck, Director of Development Services, via video/audio conference
C. Davidson, Director of Engineering Services, via video/audio conference
K. O'Connell, Director of Corporate Support Services, via video/audio conference
S. Saunders, Director of Recreation, Culture, & Community Services, via video/audio conference
R. Matthews, Executive Assistant/Deputy Corporate Officer, via video/audio conference
N. Borecky, Manager of Information Systems, via video/audio conference

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with Ministerial Order No. M192/2020 and the Class Order (mass gatherings), Council meetings are conducted virtually and live-streamed on the City of Courtenay's YouTube channel.

The Mayor respectfully acknowledged the lands on which the meeting was conducted is the unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1.1 Adopt July 19th, 2021 Regular Council meeting minutes (0570-03)

Moved By Morin

Seconded By Cole-Hamilton

THAT the July 19th, 2021 Regular Council meeting minutes be adopted.

Carried

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1 Multicultural and Immigrant Services Association (MISA) of North Vancouver Island RE: Immigrant Welcome Centre's Needs Assessment Research

The presentation by Toyin Karee and Jim Brennan, members of the Multicultural and Immigrant Services Association (MISA) of North Vancouver Island, regarding the Immigrant Welcome Centre's services and needs assessment research was received for information.

3.2 Comox Valley Youth Climate Council RE: Green New Deal

The presentation by Lister de Vitre and Ben Mason, members of the Comox Valley Youth Climate Council, regarding the Green New Deal and proposals for climate change mitigation and societal improvement, was received for information.

4. STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Development Services

4.1.1 Development Variance Permit No. 2102 - 2840 Cliffe Avenue (3090-20-2102)

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By Cole-Hamilton

THAT based on the July 26th, 2021 staff report "Development Variance Permit No. 2102 - 2840 Cliffe Ave", Council approve OPTION 1 and proceed with issuing Development Variance Permit No. 2102.

Carried

5. EXTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

5.1 Letter from LUSH Valley Food Action Society RE: Comox Valley Food Policy Council Requesting the City of Courtenay's Endorsement of a Universal School Food Program (0400-01/1850-01)

The letter dated July 19th, 2021 from LUSH Valley Food Action Society regarding Comox Valley Food Policy Council's request for the City of Courtenay to endorse a Universal School Food Program was received for information.

Moved By Cole-Hamilton

Seconded By Frisch

THAT Council authorize staff to:

1. Endorse the efforts of the BC Chapter of the Coalition for Healthy School Food (BC-CHSF) to advocate for a universal, cost-shared healthy school food program, by means of the endorsement form on the BC-CHSF website (<https://www.healthyschoolfood.ca>);
2. Write to the Prime Minister requesting that the Government of Canada implement a universal, cost-shared, healthy school food program for all K-12 students in the country;
3. Write to the Premier and Minister of Education requesting that the Province of BC commit to increasing investment in a universal, cost-shared, healthy school food program for all K-12 students in the province; and
4. Request a report from staff outlining options to support healthy school pilot projects within the City.

Carried

6. INTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

6.1 Briefing Note - 5th Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project Update (5335-20)

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By Morin

THAT the July 26th, 2021 Briefing Note "5th Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project Update" be received for information.

Carried

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

7.1 Councillor Cole-Hamilton

Councillor Cole-Hamilton participated in the following events:

- Climate Caucus Coordinating Team meeting
- Climate Caucus Elected Officials call
- Help Cities Lead Steering Committee meeting
- Meeting with Chris Gilmore, Executive Director, Climate Action Secretariat
- Meeting with the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy; and Honourable Bruce Ralston, Minister of Energy Mines and Low Carbon Innovation
- CVRD Board meeting
- Comox Valley Sewage Commission meeting
- Comox Valley Water Committee meeting
- Comox Valley Recreation Commission meeting
- Pride Society of the Comox Valley flag raising event for Pride Week (July 19-26, 2021)

7.2 Councillor Morin

Councillor Morin participated in the following events:

- K'ómoks First Nation (KFN) Chief & Council meeting with CVRD
- City of Courtenay Public Hearing
- City of Courtenay Strategic Planning session
- Comox Valley Substance Use Strategy Committee meeting
- CVRD Coastal Flood Mapping Presentation
- CVRD Board meeting (2 total)
- Comox Valley Water Committee Agenda Review meeting
- Comox Valley Sewage Commission meeting
- Comox Valley Water Committee meeting
- Comox Valley Recreation Commission meeting
- Official Community Plan (OCP) Update - Lunch and Learn with staff

Councillor Morin mentioned that she attended the Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic at the Crown Isle Resort & Golf Community in her role as Acting Mayor for the month of July.

8. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

8.1 Rise and Report - Settlement on a Four-Year (2021-2024) Collective Agreement - CUPE Local 556 (2710-20)

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By Morin

THAT per the July 19th, 2021 Closed (In Camera) meeting, Council Rises and Reports as follows:

THAT based on the July 19th, 2021 staff report “Settlement on a Four-Year Collective Agreement”, Council ratifies the attached Memorandum of Agreement resulting in a new 2021-2024 Collective Agreement between the City and CUPE Local 556.

Carried

8.2 In Camera Meeting

Moved By Cole-Hamilton

Seconded By McCollum

That a Special In-Camera meeting closed to the public will be held July 26th, 2021 at the conclusion of the Regular Council Meeting pursuant to the following subsections of the *Community Charter*:

- 90 (1) (c) labour relations or other employee relations

Carried

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 AccessBC Campaign - Advocating for Universal No-Cost Prescription Contraception in BC

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By McCollum

WHEREAS cost is a significant barrier to people accessing contraception, particularly to people with low incomes, youth, and people from marginalized communities;

WHEREAS providing no-cost prescription contraception has been shown to improve health outcomes for parents and infants by reducing the risks associated with unintended pregnancy, and is likely to reduce direct medical costs on the provincial health system;

WHEREAS contraceptive methods targeted at men (such as condoms or vasectomies) are available at low cost or are covered by BC's Medical Services Plan, whereas contraceptive methods for people with uteruses (such as birth control pills, intra-uterine devices, or hormone injections) have high up-front costs, making access to contraception unequal and gendered;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Mayor to write to the Provincial Government to urge them to make all prescription contraception in BC available at no cost under the Medical Services Plan.

Carried

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. BYLAWS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Morin

Seconded By Cole-Hamilton

That the meeting now adjourn at 5:49 p.m.

Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Deputy Corporate Officer

Adopted this 7th day of September, 2021

Mayor