

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole held on December 10, 2019 in the boardroom of the Comox Valley Regional District offices located at 550B Comox Road, Courtenay, BC commencing at 4:00 pm.

MINUTES

Present:

Chair:	J. Ketler	Village of Cumberland
Vice-Chair:	A. Hamir	Lazo North (Area B)
Directors:	D. Arbour	Baynes Sound-Denman/Hornby Islands (Area A)
	W. Cole-Hamilton	City of Courtenay
	D. Hillian	City of Courtenay
	K. Grant	Town of Comox
	E. Grieve	Puntledge/Black Creek (Area C)
	W. Morin	City of Courtenay
	M. Swift	Town of Comox
	D. Frisch	City of Courtenay
Staff:	R. Dyson	Chief Administrative Officer
	B. Dunlop	Corporate Financial Officer
	M. Rutten	General Manager of Engineering Services
	D. DeMarzo	General Manager of Community Services
	S. Smith	General Manager of Planning and Development
	J. Martens	Manager of Legislative Services
	L. Dennis	Legislative Services Assistant

RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation.

DELEGATIONS:

COMOX VALLEY CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP (CVCP)

D. Arbour/A. Hamir: THAT the presentation from Meaghan Cursons, Comox Valley Conservation Partnership regarding the 3rd annual Vancouver Island Symposium: "Water Stewardship in a Changing Climate", as part of an ongoing series that highlights the power of collaboration between local government, elected leaders and industry professionals be received.

Carried

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

K. Grant/D. Arbour: THAT the Committee of the Whole management report dated December 2019 be received.

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Carried

REPORTS:

COMOX VALLEY REGIONAL TRANSIT FARES

K. Grant/D. Arbour: THAT the report dated December 4, 2019 regarding an overview of the recent transit fare review and associated recommendations be received.

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Carried

Chris Gregory, Senior Revenue Advisor, BC Transit presented the Transit Fair Review.

K. Grant/E. Grieve: THAT option one of the BC Transit Fare Review Report attached as Appendix A of the staff report dated December 4, 2019 be approved for implementation in April 2020;

AND FURTHER THAT the April 2020 transit fare change include replacing transfers with the DayPASS-on-board program;

AND FINALLY THAT the custom transit monthly pass price be increased to \$55.00.

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Carried

COMOX STRATHCONA WASTE MANAGEMENT

D. Arbour/K. Grant: THAT the presentation from Russell Dyson, CAO and Andrew McGifford, Senior Manager of CSWM Services, regarding an update on solid waste management services and initiatives be received.

Carried

FARMERS' MARKET FIELD AND EXHIBITION GROUNDS USE

Prior to consideration of this item, Director Hamir declared a perceived conflict of interest as a member of the Comox Valley Farmers' Market and left the meeting at 4:48 pm.

D. Arbour/D. Frisch: THAT the report dated December 4, 2019 regarding the Farmers' Market field and Exhibition Grounds use, fees and booking processes be received.

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Carried

J. Zbinden, Senior Manager of Recreation Services, presented an overview of the staff report regarding the

Farmers' Market field and Exhibition Grounds use, fees and booking processes.

K. Grant/D. Frisch: THAT Comox Valley Farmers' Market continues to pay fees in accordance with the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) Fees and Charges Bylaw;

AND FURTHER THAT staff continue to encourage collaboration of large event organizers to include some of the pre-existing regular Exhibition Grounds users where possible;

AND FINALLY THAT CVRD staff discuss utility needs with the Comox Valley Farmer's Market to better understand their needs if they continue to use the Sports Centre site in the future.

209 Carried

Director Hamir returned to the meeting at 5:03 pm.

CHAIR / VICE-CHAIR REMUNERATION

K. Grant/D. Frisch: Report dated December 4, 2019 regarding a recommendation for the division of chair's remuneration as proposed by Chair Ketler and Vice-Chair Hamir.

208 Carried

D. Arbour/D. Hillian: THAT \$5,000 of the 2020 chair remuneration be allocated to the vice-chair for the period January to November 2020 in recognition of the vice-chair's role in supporting the chair including acting as co-chair of the Comox Strathcona Waste Management Board.

208 Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

UBCM RESOLUTIONS – SAFER DRUG SUPPLY & INHALATION SITES

D. Frisch/D. Arbour: THAT the correspondence dated November 22, 2019 from Director Morin regarding UBCM resolutions concerning safer drug supply and inhalation sites be received.

208 Carried

W. Morin/D. Frisch: WHEREAS the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities endorsed two resolutions from the City of Victoria for consideration at the Union of BC Municipalities Annual Convention which if implemented by the Province of BC, could start saving lives immediately;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board write a letter to the Provincial Government expressing strong support of the following resolutions:

(B171) Safer Drug Supply to Save Lives

Be it resolved that in an effort to save lives and reduce harm due to an unpredictable and highly-toxic drug

supply, and as part of a holistic response to the public-health emergency, including prevention, treatment, and recovery, that the Province of British Columbia work with local communities, Health Authorities across the Province, the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, and the Ministry of Health ensure that people at risk of toxic supply have access to safer alternatives.

(B172) Observed Inhalation Sites for Risk Mitigation of Overdose and Toxic Drug Supply

Be it resolved that to ensure that people at risk of overdose and toxic supply across BC have access to observed consumption services that provide space for inhalation, that the Province of British Columbia fund and work through local communities, Health Authorities across the Province, the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions and the Ministry of Health to provide these services as part of a holistic response to the public-health emergency, including prevention, treatment, and recovery.

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Carried

FORBIDDEN PLATEAU RECLAMATION SOCIETY – WOOD MOUNTAIN PARK

Director Cole-Hamilton left the meeting at 5:27 pm.

D. Arbour/K. Grant: THAT the correspondence dated November 28, 2019 from Director Hillian regarding a request to the province to provide park signage at Wood Mountain Park be received.

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Carried

Director Cole-Hamilton returned to the meeting at 5:29 pm.

Director Grant and Director Arbour left the meeting at 5:29 pm.

D. Hillian/D. Frisch: THAT the Comox Valley Regional District Board write to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to request:

1. Appropriate signage, in consultation with K'omoks First Nation, for Wood Mountain Park; and,
2. Recognition of the Forbidden Plateau Reclamation Society for their volunteer efforts to clean up the abandoned buildings and structures from the former Forbidden Plateau Ski Hill.

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Carried

Director Grant returned to the boardroom at 5:30 pm.

KUMUGWE CULTURAL SOCIETY LEGACY PROJECT – LETTER OF SUPPORT

E. Grieve/K. Grant: THAT the correspondence dated November 29, 2019 from Director Grieve regarding letter of support to the Kumugwe Cultural Society for their application to the Canada Council of the Arts be

received.

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Carried

Director Arbour returned to the boardroom at 5:31 pm.

E. Grieve/D. Frisch: THAT the Comox Valley Regional District Board provide a letter of support to the Kumugwe Cultural Society for their application to the Canada Council of the Arts for funding for Malkwalatlan's: A Legacy Project Honouring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two Spirited.

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Carried

IN-CAMERA:

K. Grant/D. Hillian: THAT the committee adjourn to an in-camera session pursuant to the following sub-section(s) of section 90 of the Community Charter:

90(1)(a) Personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the regional district or another position appointed by the regional district.

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Carried

Time: 5:31 pm.

RISE AND REPORT:

The committee rose from its in-camera session at 5:48 pm.

TERMINATION:

D. Frisch/A. Hamir: THAT the meeting terminate.

Carried

Time: 5:48 pm.

Confirmed by:

Jesse Ketler
Chair

Certified Correct:

Jake Martens
Manager of Legislative Services

Recorded By:

Lisa Dennis
Legislative Services Assistant

These minutes were received by the Comox Valley Regional District board on the _____ day of _____,
20____.