

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Comox Valley Regional District Board of Directors held on May 11, 2021 in the Civic Room of the Comox Valley Regional District offices located at 770 Harmston Avenue, 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
	K. Grant	Town of Comox
	E. Grieve	Puntledge/Black Creek (Area C)
	D. Hillian	City of Courtenay
	M. McCollum	City of Courtenay
	W. Morin	City of Courtenay
	M. Swift	Town of Comox
	B. Leigh	Oyster Bay – Buttle Lake (Area D)
Staff:	R. Dyson	Chief Administrative Officer
	J. Warren	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
	M. Foort	Chief Financial Officer
	D. DeMarzo	General Manager of Community Services
	J. Martens	General Manager of Corporate Services
	K. La Rose	Acting General Manager of W
	A. Mullaly	General Manager of Planning and Development
	L. Dennis	Manager of Legislative Services

ATTENDANCE:

Directors Cole-Hamilton, Grant, McCollum, Morin, and Swift were in attendance via electronic means.

D. DeMarzo and K. LaRose, CVRD. attended via electronic means.

RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES:

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation and read the following article from the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of

Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) available online at: www.un.org/ :

Article 32: Indigenous peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for the development or use of their lands or territories and other resources;

States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free and informed consent prior to the approval of any project affecting their lands or territories and other resources, particularly in connection with the development, utilization or exploitation of mineral, water or other resources;

States shall provide effective mechanisms for just and fair redress for any such activities, and appropriate measures shall be taken to mitigate adverse environmental, economic, social, cultural or spiritual impact.

VARY THE AGENDA:

M. McCollum/W. Morin: THAT the agenda be varied to bring forward agenda item F.1.1 - Recommendation from Black Creek - Oyster Bay Services Committee - May 10, 2021; and to move the delegation from the Chamber of Commerce ahead of the delegation from Cathy Peters.

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Carried

BLACK CREEK - OYSTER BAY SERVICES COMMITTEE - MAY 10, 2021

B. Leigh/E. Grieve: THAT the Comox Valley Regional District Board support the latecomers agreement between the Comox Valley Regional District and the property owner, Pam Pajak, attached as Appendix A to the staff report dated May 7, 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement.

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Carried

Director Leigh left the meeting at 4:03 pm.

IN-CAMERA MEETING:

D. Hillian/A. Hamir: THAT the board adjourn to an in-camera session pursuant to the following sub-section of section 90 of the Community Charter:

90(1)(k) Negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a regional district service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district if they were held in public.

AND FINALLY THAT the in-camera portion convene immediately following the open portion of the meeting.

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Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

E. Grieve/D. Hillian: THAT the Comox Valley Regional District Board minutes dated April 27, 2021 be adopted.
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PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

COMOX VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - ECONOMIC COLLABORATION

D. Hillian/A. Hamir: THAT the presentation from Dianne Hawkins, CEO, Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce, introducing the concept of the Chamber's Comox Valley economic collaboration project be received.
208 Carried

HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING, SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING IN BC

D. Arbour/E. Grieve: THAT the presentation from Cathy Peters, BC anti-human-trafficking educator, speaker and advocate, regarding sex trafficking, sexual exploitation and child sex trafficking in British Columbia be received.
208 Carried

REPORTS:

REGIONAL POVERTY ASSESSMENT AND REDUCTION PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

D. Hillian/D. Arbour: THAT the report dated May 6, 2021 regarding an update on the Poverty Assessment and Reduction project; present public engagement findings and next steps be received.
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Erin Welk and Daylin Mantyka, Urban Matters, presented the Draft Poverty Reduction Assessment and Strategy Engagement Summary Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

DELEGATION FROM CATHY PETERS - HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING, SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING IN BC

D. Arbour/E. Grieve: THAT staff bring a report back to the board regarding the requests from the delegation by Cathy Peters in regards to advocating for actions to address sex trafficking, sexual exploitation and child sex trafficking in British Columbia.
208 Carried

DELEGATION FROM DIANNE HAWKINS, COMOX VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - ECONOMIC COLLABORATION

D. Hillian/W. Cole-Hamilton: THAT staff follow up with the Chamber of Commerce in regards to the
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delegation from Dianne Hawkins, CEO, Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce and the proposed economic collaboration project.

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Carried

ADJOURN TO IN-CAMERA:

The board adjourned to its in-camera session at 5:41 pm.

RISE AND REPORT:

The board rose from its in-camera session at 6:45 pm.

TERMINATION:

D. Arbour/D. Hillian: THAT the meeting terminate.

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Carried

Time: 6:45 pm.

Confirmed this _____ day of _____ 20__:

Jesse Ketler
Chair

Certified Correct and Recorded By:

Lisa Dennis
Manager of Legislative Services