

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Comox Valley Regional District Board of Directors held on April 13, 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:**

<b>Chair:</b>	J. Ketler	Village of Cumberland
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	A. Hamir	Lazo North (Area B)
<b>Directors:</b>	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>Staff:</b>	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
	M. Rutten	General Manager of Engineering Services
	A. Mullaly	General Manager of Planning and Development
	L. Dennis	Manager of Legislative Services

### **ATTENDANCE:**

With the exception of Chair Ketler and Director Morin, all directors attended via electronic means.

Also in attendance was K. Douville, CVRD.

### **IN-CAMERA MEETING:**

W. Cole-Hamilton/D. Hillian: 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 council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district if they were held in public;

90(2)(b) The consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the regional district and the provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

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Carried

Time: 4:00 pm.

### **RISE AND REPORT:**

The board rose from its in-camera session at 4:49 pm.

The open meeting resumed at 5:00 pm.

### **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/](http://www.un.org/)

Article 30: Military activities shall not take place in the lands or territories of indigenous peoples, unless justified by a relevant public interest or otherwise freely agreed with or requested by the indigenous peoples concerned;

States shall undertake effective consultations with the indigenous peoples concerned, through appropriate procedures and in particular through their representative institutions, prior to using their lands or territories for military activities.

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

M. McCollum/W. Morin: THAT the Comox Valley Regional District Board minutes dated March 30, 2021 be adopted.

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Carried

### **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

#### **COMOX VALLEY EARLY YEARS COLLABORATIVE - BUILDING CONNECTIONS PROJECT**

D. Hillian/W. Cole-Hamilton: THAT the presentation from Joanne Schroeder and Kris Johnson, Comox Valley Early Years Collaborative - Building Connections Project, regarding an overview of the community-based project and request that the CVRD consider the potential for a formal agreement for access to space and, potentially facilities managed by the CVRD be received.

**SEWER SYSTEM CONVEYANCE PROJECT**

W. Morin/A. Hamir: THAT the presentation from Eduardo Uranga regarding concerns respecting the Sewage Commission's decision on the Sewer System Conveyance Project be received.

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Carried

**REPORTS:****REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY AMENDMENT FOR NANAIMO AIRPORT LANDS**

E. Grieve/M. McCollum: THAT the report dated March 31, 2021 regarding a resolution of acceptance to the proposed amendment to the RDN Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) for the Nanaimo Airport Lands be received.

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Carried

R. Holme, Long-Range Planner, provided an overview of the staff report regarding the proposed amendment to the RDN Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) for the Nanaimo Airport Lands.

W. Morin/M. Swift: THAT the Comox Valley Regional District Board accept the Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1615.04, 2020, forwarded by the Regional District of Nanaimo on March 24, 2021;

AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Chair of the Regional District of Nanaimo.

208 and 212

Carried

**STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT OPPORTUNITY**

D. Hillian/A. Hamir: THAT the report dated April 9, 2021 regarding approval to submit a regional application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) – Strengthening Community Services (SCS) Program under the umbrella of the Homelessness Supports Service (function 451) be received.

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Carried

R. Holme, Long-Range Planner, and Andrea Cupelli, Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness, provided an overview of the proposed application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) – Strengthening Community Services (SCS) Program under the umbrella of the Homelessness Supports Service (function 451).

D. Hillian/E. Grieve: THAT staff be authorized to make an application to the Union of BC Municipalities for grant funding, in an amount up to \$1,250,000, through the Strengthening Communities Service to provide urgent and temporary support to unsheltered homeless populations and address related community impacts;

AND FURTHER THAT the Comox Valley Regional District send a request to each partnering municipality to provide a Council resolution that clearly states approval for the Comox Valley Regional District, as primary applicant, to apply for, receive, and manage the grant funding on their behalf.

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Carried

**BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

E. Grieve/M. Swift: THAT Bylaw No. 651 being "Comox Valley Emergency Program Extended Service Establishment Bylaw 1991, Amendment No. 3" be adopted.

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Carried

A. Hamir/E. Grieve: THAT Bylaw No. 652 being "Comox Valley Regional District Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 104, 2010, Amendment No. 20" be adopted.

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Carried

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION AT UBCM**

E. Grieve/M. McCollum: THAT the correspondence dated April 8, 2021 from Director Hamir regarding support for a resolution calling for protection of at-risk old-growth forests in British Columbia, that will be presented at the 2021 UBCM Convention be received.

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Carried

A. Hamir/E. Grieve: THAT the board write a letter to Premier Horgan outlining concerns for the protection of old-growth forests, as outlined in the correspondence dated April 8, 2021 from Director Hamir.

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Carried

**FOLLOW UP TO THE FRIENDS OF RAILS TO TRAILS DELEGATION OF MARCH 30, 2021**

D. Hillian/W. Morin: THAT the correspondence dated April 9, 2021 from Chair Ketler regarding a follow up to the Friends of Rails to Trails – Vancouver Island delegation that was received at the March 30, 2021 board meeting be received.

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Carried

E. Grieve/M. McCollum: THAT the Island Corridor Foundation be invited to appear as a delegation before the Comox Valley Regional District Board in June 2021 to provide an update on their work, the proposed improvements to the corridor and other related matters.

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Carried

**ADJOURN TO IN-CAMERA:**

The board adjourned to an in-camera session at 6:28 pm.

**RISE AND REPORT:**

The board rose from its in-camera session at 7:30 pm.

**TERMINATION:**

W. Cole-Hamilton/M. McCollum: THAT the meeting terminate.

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Carried

Time: 7:30 pm.

Confirmed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_:

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Jesse Ketler  
Chair

Certified Correct and Recorded By:

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Lisa Dennis  
Manager of Legislative Services