

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole held on August 13, 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:	B. Wells	City of Courtenay
Vice-Chair:	A. Hamir	Lazo North (Area B)
Directors:	D. Arbour	Baynes Sound-Denman/Hornby Islands (Area A)
	K. Grant	Town of Comox
	W. Morin	City of Courtenay
	M. Swift	Town of Comox
	D. Frisch	City of Courtenay
Alt. Directors:	G. Sproule	Village of Cumberland
	C. Scoville	Puntledge/Black Creek (Area C)
	M. McCollum	City of Courtenay
Staff:	R. Dyson	Chief Administrative Officer
	B. Dunlop	Corporate Financial Officer
	K. La Rose	Acting General Manager of Engineering Services
	D. DeMarzo	Acting 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:

PIONEER FIREPLACE, COMOX FIREPLACE AND PATIO

Chris Bowen with Tomi Wittwer and Aaron Struch, hearth retailers, presented information regarding wood burning appliances and air quality in the Comox Valley.

VALLEY COMFORT SYSTEMS

Alan Murphy, Valley Comfort Systems, and Cory Iverson, Pacific Energy, presented information regarding wood burning appliances and air quality in the Comox Valley.

CERMAQ

Chair Wells noted that representatives of Cermaq sent their regrets due to a scheduling mistake.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

K. Grant/D. Frisch: THAT the Committee of the Whole management report dated August 2019 be received.
208 Carried

REPORTS:

COMOX VALLEY TRANSIT MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

D. Frisch/K. Grant: THAT the minutes of the Comox Valley Transit Management Advisory Committee dated June 20, 2019 be received.
208 Carried

PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION – SUNNYDALE GOLF SOCIETY 2020

K. Grant/D. Frisch: THAT the report dated July 23, 2019 regarding consideration of Sunnydale Golf Society's application for a 2020 permissive tax exemption be received.
208 Carried

K. Grant/D. Frisch: THAT pursuant to section 391(4)(a) of the Local Government Act, a bylaw be forwarded to the board be adopted by October 31, 2019, allowing for a permissive tax exemption for 100 per cent of the taxable land and improvements for the year 2020 for the property known as Parcel A, Plan VIP64403, Land District 15, Folio # 771-000500.000 (Sunnydale Golf Society) with the exception of the portion of Class 06-Business/Other relating to the pro shop operations.
208 Carried

PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION 2020 – UNION BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

D. Frisch/K. Grant: THAT the report dated July 23, 2019 regarding consideration of a permissive tax exemption for the year 2020 pursuant to section 392(1)(c) (eligible heritage property) of the Local Government Act for the Union Bay post office and gaolhouse museum buildings, located in Electoral Area A, and owned by the Union Bay Historical Society be received.

K. Grant/D. Frisch: THAT pursuant to section 392(1)(c) of the Local Government Act, a bylaw be prepared providing for a permissive tax exemption for the taxation year 2020 for an amount equal to 100 per cent of the net taxable land and improvements for Section 32, Land District 34, Township 1, Folio #771 010800.000 (Union Bay Historical Society).

CVRD GRANTS/FUNDING SERVICES – CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES REVIEW

D. Frisch/W. Morin: THAT the report dated August 7, 2019 regarding the process for creating criteria for the various grant and funding services offered and administered by the Comox Valley Regional District be received.

D. DeMarzo, Acting Manager of Community Services, presented an overview of the staff report regarding the process for creating criteria for the various grant and funding services offered and administered by the Comox Valley Regional District.

D. Frisch/A. Hamir: THAT staff review the Recreation Grant Service (function 600) for the purpose of

- a. developing guidelines for applicants;
- b. ensuring a transparent process and equal opportunity to funding;
- c. determining if some initiatives should be funded by contract rather than relying on grant processes;
- d. evaluating the possibility of consolidation of services or grant programs;

AND THAT staff bring back a report reviewing the above and providing recommendations.

2019-2020 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES CHART

K. Grant/D. Frisch: THAT the report dated July 31, 2019 regarding a status update on the 2019-2020 Strategic Priorities Chart and Workplan be received.

NEW BUSINESS:

HERBICIDES - COMOX VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT PROPERTY

D. Frisch/K. Grant: THAT the correspondence dated August 9, 2019 from Director Hamir regarding the use of herbicides on Comox Valley Regional District property, be received.

A. Hamir/M. McCollum: WHEREAS the Comox Valley Regional District passed a cosmetic pesticide use policy

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in 2002;

AND WHEREAS there is concern about the effects of herbicides on the health of our forest ecosystems and wildlife;

AND WHEREAS a number of non-chemical controls for invasive weeds exist, including but not limited to manual removal; use of biological predators; domesticated animals such as goats; and steam sterilization;

AND WHEREAS the use of chemical controls is still permitted for the control of noxious weeds defined in schedule A of the provincial weed control regulation including giant hogweed and Japanese knotweed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CVRD Board direct staff to prepare an amended Pesticide Use on Regional District Property policy prohibiting the use of synthetic herbicides for the control of invasive weeds on CVRD property;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution and the draft policy be referred to the Comox Strathcona Waste Management Board for feedback, prior to consideration of adoption by the CVRD Board.

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Carried

NAY: C. Scoville

TERMINATION:

K. Grant/D. Frisch: THAT the meeting terminate.

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Carried

Time: 5:06 pm.

Confirmed by:

Bob Wells

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____.