
Thursday, March 21, 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Comox Valley Regional District Board of Directors held on Thursday, March 21, 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')
	W. Morin	City of Courtenay
	E. Grieve	Puntledge/Black Creek (Area 'C')
	D. Hillian	City of Courtenay
	D. Frisch	City of Courtenay
	M. Swift	Town of Comox
	J. Ketler	Village of Cumberland
	K. Grant	Town of Comox
Staff:	R. Dyson	Chief Administrative Officer
	B. Dunlop	Corporate Financial Officer
	S. Smith	General Manager of Planning and Development Services
	M. Rutten	General Manager of Engineering Services
	J. Warren	General Manager of Corporate Services

ATTENDANCE:

Director Morin was not in attendance when the meeting was called to order.

RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:

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

REPORTS:

2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

E. Grieve/K. Grant: THAT the following items be received:

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- Report dated March 14, 2019 regarding the 2018 financial statements and providing the auditor's report to the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) Board of Directors.
 - Financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018.
 - Supplementary financial information for the year ended December 31, 2018 (unaudited).
- Carried

B. Dunlop, Corporate Financial Officer, presented information regarding the 2018 financial statements and audit findings report.

Director Morin entered the meeting at 4:07 pm.

Cory Vanderhorst, MNP LLP, provided information on the 2018 financial statements and audit findings report.

D. Arbour/K. Grant: THAT the financial statements of the Comox Valley Regional District for the year ended December 31, 2018 be approved.

208 Carried

BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

D. Arbour/K. Grant: THAT Bylaw No. 577 being “Comox Valley Regional District 2019 to 2023 Financial Plan and Capital Expenditure Program Bylaw No. 577” be adopted.

210 Carried

ADDENDUM - UPON APPROVAL OF THE BOARD:

D. Arbour/E. Grieve: THAT the addendum be considered.

208 Carried

LETTER OF SUPPORT - MOUNT WASHINGTON RESORT ASSOCIATION

J. Ketler/D. Frisch: THAT the correspondence from Mount Washington Resort Association dated March 16, 2019 regarding a request for support for renewing the municipal and regional district hotel tax be received.

208 Carried

K. Grant/D. Frisch: THAT the Comox Valley Regional District board send a letter of support to the Mount Washington Resort Association to continue to implement the tax at the 3% level on all commercial resort properties at Mount Washington, and to support the renewal of Mount Washington Resort Assn dba Tourism Mount Washington’s ‘Eligible Entity Status’ as originally granted.

A. Hamir/D. Frisch: THAT staff develop a report on a strategy for employee housing on Mount Washington.

ASSOCIATION FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES RESOLUTION RE: HERRING FISHERIES

D. Arbour/J. Ketler: THAT the correspondence dated March 21, 2019 from Director Arbour regarding a late resolution for the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, regarding herring fisheries adjacent to Denman and Hornby Islands be received.

D. Arbour/D. Frisch: Whereas coastal communities rely on the sustainable management of our oceans and the Salish Sea in particular, as well as the protection of species at risk;

And whereas 4/5 of the herring fisheries have already been closed due to poor returns, with the last remaining fishery being located around Hornby and Denman Islands;

And whereas over 70,000 signatures have been gathered against this particular fishery;

And whereas the K'ómoks First Nation, whose unceded territory this fishery occurs on, has expressed concerns about current harvest levels;

Be it resolved that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) request that the Department of Fisheries consider a moratorium of the Hornby and Denman Islands fishery, or a substantial reduction in the allowable catch volume effective in 2020.

TERMINATION:

E. Grieve/D. Frisch: THAT the meeting terminate.

Time: 4:47 pm.

Confirmed this _____ day of _____ 20____:

Chair

Certified Correct and Recorded By:

James Warren
General Manager of Corporate Services