

**CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF COURTENAY
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

Date: June 1, 2020
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall Council Chambers

We respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation

Changes to Council Meetings Due to Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic

Due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 emergency, the City of Courtenay with the authority of Ministerial Order No. M139 *Local Government Meetings & Bylaw Process COVID-19 (Order No. 2)* has implemented changes to its open Council meetings.

In the interest of public health and safety, in-person attendance by members of the public at Council meetings will be prohibited until further notice. Council meetings will be presided over by the Mayor or Acting Mayor with electronic participation by Council and staff. Meetings are available for viewing via live web streaming or video recording on the City of Courtenay website and will start at 4:00 p.m. during this period.

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8. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

8.1 Councillor Morin - Urban Agricultural Opportunities - Food Security

“Whereas the onset of COVID-19 has significantly impacted food security for local residents; and

Whereas there has been an upsurge and interest in urban food production, and efforts to enhance local food security; and

Whereas food security policy aligns with Council’s strategic priorities of climate change mitigation and sustainability goals;

Therefore be it resolved that Council support urban agricultural opportunities and improved food security by directing staff to prepare a draft bylaw for Council’s consideration that considers past research done by LUSH Valley Food Action Society and North Island College, and current input from the Planning department, the Comox Valley Food Policy Council, and residents, to allow small-scale commercial urban food production, including but not limited to chickens (not roosters), bees, and urban farm stands on all residential property within the City of Courtenay; and

Furthermore, that staff consult with the Town of Comox’s planning department in the interest of alignment with their proposed urban agriculture policy.”

8.2 Councillor Hillian - Kus-kus-sum Tax Exemption

“Whereas on June 12th, 2017, Courtenay City Council unanimously approved support in principle for a land partnership with K’omoks First Nations and Project Watershed to facilitate the restoration of the Kus-kus-sum lands, based on indigenous reconciliation and the significant aesthetic, recreational, environmental and economic benefit to the City in the form of flood mitigation, green space and restored fish habitat; and

Whereas Courtenay City Council also agreed to support the fund raising drive towards purchase of the lands by approving grant funding to cover municipal taxation during the period of the Project Watershed lease, starting in fiscal year 2018; and

Whereas Project Watershed's fundraising campaign is nearing completion, with the expectation that the Kus-kus-sum lands will soon be co-owned by K'omoks First Nation and the City of Courtenay, facilitating exemption from municipal taxation effective in 2021;

Therefore be it resolved that Council approve payment of a grant to Project Watershed from current gaming funds in the amount of \$58,580.17, said amount to be applied to the 2020 property taxes on the Kus Kus Sum lands, located at 1901 Comox Road.“

8.3 In Camera Meeting

That a Special In-Camera meeting closed to the public will be held June 1st, 2020 at the conclusion of the Regular Council Meeting pursuant to the following subsections of the *Community Charter*:

- 90 (1) (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- 90 (1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;
- 90 (1) (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal 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 municipality if they were held in public.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11.1 Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) - UBCM Poverty Reduction Assessment & Strategy Funding Grant Resolution (Regional Poverty Action Plan)

Staff Note:

At its May 19th, 2020 regular Council meeting, Council passed the following resolution:

"That the correspondence dated March 6th, 2020 from the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) to create a regional poverty reduction action plan in support of the Province's "TogetherBC" poverty reduction strategy, be received for information; and,

That the City of Courtenay support the CVRD's application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Poverty Reduction Action and Planning Program for grant funding on behalf of Comox Valley local governments to develop a Regional Poverty Action Plan focused on affordable housing, transportation, children and youth, and food security."

UBCM advised that any grant applications submitted in partnership must include the following specific language in each participating local government's resolution in order to receive final approval:

"(Municipality's name) provides its support for the "(applicant)" to apply for, receive, and manage the grant funding on (Municipality's name) behalf"

Suggested motion:

That the May 19th, 2020 Council resolution be amended to the following:

"That the correspondence dated March 6th, 2020 from the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) to create a regional poverty reduction action plan in support of the Province's "TogetherBC" poverty reduction strategy, be received for information; and,

*That the City of Courtenay support the CVRD's application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Poverty Reduction Action and Planning Program for grant funding on behalf of Comox Valley local governments to develop a Regional Poverty Action Plan focused on affordable housing, transportation, children and youth, and food security; **and,***

That the City of Courtenay provides its support for the Comox Valley Regional District to apply for, receive, and manage the grant funding on the City of Courtenay's behalf."

11.2	Correspondence - Millard-Piercy Watershed Stewards (MPWS) - Request for Council Support of Proposed Piercy Creek Assessment Project	99
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Staff Note:

This item was previously scheduled to come forward at the March 16th, 2020 regular Council meeting (meeting CANCELLED to implement control measures for Coronavirus [COVID-19]); an additional (new) letter was received from the MPWS May 22nd, 2020.

11.3	CVRD Regional Active Transportation Plan Grant Funding Application Support Request	107
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12. BYLAWS

13. ADJOURNMENT