

R3/2020 - February 03, 2020

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Courtenay B.C., on Monday, February 03, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

**Attending:**

**Mayor:** B. Wells  
**Councillors:** W. Cole-Hamilton  
D. Frisch  
D. Hillian  
M. McCollum  
W. Morin  
M. Theos

**Staff:**

D. Allen, CAO  
J. Ward, Director of Legislative and Corporate Services/Deputy CAO  
W. Sorichta, Manager of Legislative & Corporate Administrative Services  
I. Buck, Director of Development Services  
T. Kushner, Deputy CAO - Interim  
J. Nelson, Director of Financial Services  
D. Snider, Director of Recreation and Cultural Services  
C. Davidson, Manager of Engineering Projects  
A. Guillo, Manager of Communications  
M. Fitzgerald, Manager of Development Planning  
R. Matthews, Executive Assistant

**1.00 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**.01**  
MINUTES  
0570-03

Moved by McCollum and seconded by Cole-Hamilton that the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Council meeting minutes be adopted.

**Carried**

Discussion arising from the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Council meeting minutes, *Item 6.02 - Snow & Ice Control Update from Recent Snowfall Event January 15 - 17, 2020:*

Councillor Hillian requested clarification from staff regarding snow removal and whether specific neighbourhoods may make special arrangements with the City related to plowing in their area.

Trevor Kushner, Deputy CAO - Interim, explained that staff do not arrange levels of service by neighbourhood, however, Public Works Services staff have committed to speak with the resident who made the request to discuss how City crews perform snow and ice control operations, how staff determine priority clearing response and why staff cannot make provisions for special agreements.

Moved by McCollum and seconded by Cole-Hamilton that the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes be adopted.

**Carried**

**2.00 ADOPTION OF LATE ITEMS**

**3.00 DELEGATIONS**

**4.00 STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**5.00 EXTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

**6.00 INTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

**VARY AGENDA**

**.01**

VARY AGENDA  
SECTION 9.00  
UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS  
0570-02

Moved by Cole-Hamilton and seconded by McCollum that Council vary the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Regular Council agenda and move item 9.00 *Unfinished Business* ahead on the agenda to be addressed before items 7.00 and 8.00.

**Carried**

**9.00 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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5<sup>TH</sup> STREET BRIDGE  
REHABILITATION  
5335-20 / 5400-02

Moved by Hillian and seconded by Theos that Council direct staff not to include cantilevers in the final design of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project; and,

That Council affirm the priority construction of the 6<sup>th</sup> Street multi-use pedestrian-bike bridge project and direct staff to include the 6<sup>th</sup> Street multi-use pedestrian-bike bridge project on the list of Council priorities.

**Carried with Councillors Frisch and McCollum opposed**

Moved by Frisch and seconded by McCollum that based on the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 staff report “5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Rehabilitation” that Council direct staff to obtain elector approval for a loan authorization bylaw for the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project through the Alternate Approval Process.

**Carried**

**.02**

6<sup>TH</sup> STREET BRIDGE  
OPTIONS ANALYSIS  
5335-20 / 5400-02

Moved by Frisch and seconded by Cole-Hamilton that the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 staff report, “6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Options Analysis”, be received for information.

**Carried**

**7.00 REPORTS/UPDATES FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS INCLUDING REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

COUNCILLOR  
COLE-HAMILTON

Councillor Cole-Hamilton reviewed his attendance at the following events:

- Comox Valley Sports Centre Commission meeting
- Comox Valley Sewage Commission meeting
- CVRD Committee of the Whole meetings
- Comox Valley Community Action Team meeting
- Cowichan Watershed Board - “We Need to Talk” presentation on climate change communication
- Comox Valley Co-operative Housing meeting (co-hosted by the City of Courtenay)
- Glacier View Lodge Planning “Charrette”
- Comox Valley Community Action Team Steering Committee meeting
- Comox Valley Community Drug Strategy meeting
- World Community Film Festival - Community Action Hive Official Community Plan (OCP) outreach
- Connect Warming Centre open house

COUNCILLOR  
FRISCH

Councillor Frisch reviewed his attendance at the following events:

- Comox Valley Co-operative housing meeting (co-hosted by the City of Courtenay)
- Comox Valley Sports Centre Commission meetings
- CVRD Board meeting
- CVRD Committee of the Whole meetings
- Glacier View Lodge Planning “Charrette”
- World Community Film Festival - Community Action Hive Official Community Plan (OCP) outreach

COUNCILLOR  
HILLIAN

Councillor Hillian reviewed his attendance at the following events:

- CV Community Foundation Community Enrichment Awards event
- Comox Valley Sports Centre Commission meeting
- CVRD Committee of the Whole meetings
- CVRD Board meeting
- Meeting with the Director of the Comox Valley Art Gallery
- Connect Warming Centre open house
- Provincial Government Caucus visit to K’omoks First Nation and tour of Kus-kus-sum site
- Met with Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation, and walked the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge with Mayor Wells to show the traffic on the bridge and explain cost escalation and regional significance of the infrastructure
- Courtenay Housing Hub event - Premier John Horgan announcement on a new housing project that will provide 56 units of affordable rental housing in Courtenay

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- COUNCILLOR  
MCCOLLUM
- Councillor McCollum reviewed her attendance at the following events:
- Warming Centre Open House
  - Comox Valley Co-operative housing meeting (co-hosted by the City of Courtenay)
  - World Community Film Festival - Community Action Hive Official Community Plan (OCP) outreach

**Councillor Cole-Hamilton left Council Chambers at 5:14 p.m.**

**Councillor Cole-Hamilton returned to Council Chambers and took his seat at 5:16 p.m.**

- COUNCILLOR  
MORIN
- Councillor Morin reviewed her attendance at the following events:
- Comox Valley Sewage Commission meeting
  - Comox Valley Sports Centre Commission meetings
  - CVRD Committee of the Whole meetings
  - CVRD Board meeting
  - Connect Warming Centre open house
  - Comox Valley Co-operative housing meeting (co-hosted by the City of Courtenay)
  - Comox Valley Drug Strategy Committee meeting

- COUNCILLOR  
THEOS
- Councillor Theos reviewed his attendance at the following event:
- Community Health Partners Lunch - meeting with Rural Coordination Centre for BC Health

**Councillor McCollum left Council Chambers at 5:22 p.m.**

**Councillor McCollum returned to Council Chambers and took her seat at 5:24 p.m.**

- MAYOR  
WELLS
- Mayor Wells reviewed his attendance at the following events:
- Attended CES - Consumer Electronics Show hosted in Las Vegas; with a focus on Smart Cities and Autonomous Driving Cars (Canada was given great kudos for our infrastructure projects and structure)
  - Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce and MNP Economic Forecast Breakfast
  - Connect Warming Centre open house
  - La Patchi Premium Cannabis Dispensary opening
  - Comox Valley Co-operative housing meeting (co-hosted by the City of Courtenay)
  - Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce Chamber Gala Awards
  - Glacier View Lodge Planning “Charrette”
  - Community Health Partners Lunch meeting with Rural Coordination Centre for BC Health
  - Met with members of Chances Playtime Casino; discussed community needs and potential sponsorship opportunities i.e. musicfests
  - Comox Valley Leaders Lunch
  - World Community Film Festival - Community Action Hive Official Community Plan (OCP) outreach

- Courtenay Housing Hub event - Premier John Horgan announcement on a new housing project that will provide 56 units of affordable rental housing in Courtenay
- Met with Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation, and walked the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge with Councillor Hillian to show the traffic on the bridge and explain cost escalation and regional significance of the infrastructure
- Mayor Wells mentioned he recently had knee surgery and reported that his recovery is going well.

Mayor Wells provided an update following the December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 delegation presentation from John and Jennifer Hedican conveying concerns about the current illegal toxic drug supply crisis and their request for local government advocacy for change to provincial and federal government policies.

Mayor Wells sent a letter to the Hedican's advising the City is awaiting a response to our letter to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) endorsing Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) resolutions B171 and B172; UBCM's response will help inform the City's letter to the provincial and federal governments on this matter.

## **8.00 RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL**

### **.01**

FINANCE SELECT  
COMMITTEE -  
AMEND TERMS OF  
REFERENCE  
0550-20

Moved by Frisch and seconded by Hillian that Council support an amendment to the Finance Select Committee (Council Select Committee on Alternative Asset Management Funding Sources and Levels of Service Options) Terms of Reference so the timeline identified in *Section 6 Reporting*, of the Committee's Terms of Reference is amended to read: "*...the Committee will submit its findings and recommendations in a written report to Council no later than February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.*"

**Carried**

### **.02**

COUNCILLOR COLE-  
HAMILTON  
5<sup>TH</sup> STREET BRIDGE  
REHABILITATION  
FUNDING  
0470-20 / 1845-01

Moved by Cole-Hamilton and seconded by Frisch that Whereas residents of the entire Comox Valley frequently need to cross the Courtenay River for school, work, medical care or recreation, and a significant number of these crossings occur at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge; and,

Whereas the City of Courtenay will soon undertake vital rehabilitation work to extend the lifespan of this widely used asset, work which will benefit all users but with the full cost borne by taxpayers of Courtenay;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Courtenay work together with the Village of Cumberland, Town of Comox and the Comox Valley Regional District with the goal of obtaining financial contributions from senior levels of government towards the rehabilitation of this crucial regional asset.

**Carried**

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COUNCILLOR HILLIAN  
ASSOCIATION OF  
VANCOUVER ISLAND  
AND COASTAL  
COMMUNITIES  
(AVICC) 2020 AGM &  
CONVENTION  
RESOLUTION -  
PROVINCIAL  
GOVERNMENT  
FUNDING INCREASE  
FOR BC HOUSING  
0390-20 (AVICC)

Moved by Hillian and seconded by Morin that the following resolution be forwarded to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities 2020 AGM and Convention for consideration:

Whereas adult supportive housing funded by B.C. Housing provides accommodation for people with a history of severe trauma, often resulting in difficult behaviours that can have significant impact on surrounding neighbourhoods and requiring skilled caregivers to manage; and

Whereas government funding for BC Housing does not include adequate levels to either provide neighbourhood outreach services or assure skilled staff and minimal turnover;

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be called upon to increase funding levels to B.C. Housing in order to mandate and assure that community outreach services and the stability of an adequately skilled staff are components of supportive housing developments that are viable in local communities.

**Carried**

**.04**

RISE AND REPORT  
CROWN ISLE TREE  
PROSECUTION -  
REMOVAL OF TREES  
0570-03

Moved by Frisch and seconded by Cole-Hamilton that the resolution passed at the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 closed (In Camera) meeting to rise and report on the Crown Isle tree prosecution for removal of trees be received for information as follows:

Crown Isle Tree Prosecution for Removal of Trees:

*“The City of Courtenay and Silver Sand Land Corp (Crown Isle) have agreed to a resolution of the prosecution initiated by the City following the removal of trees on private property east of Silverdale Crescent along Ryan Road in May 2017. The prosecution alleged that the tree cutting took place without a permit, contrary to City bylaws.*

*In order to resolve the prosecution Silver Sand Land Corp made a payment of \$35,000 to the City’s Tree Planting and Replacement Reserve Fund. The City directed a stay of prosecution.*

*Courtenay City Council considers this resolution to be in the best interests of the City, avoiding the expense of additional taxpayer funds towards conducting the prosecution”; and,*

*That Council rise and report on the stay of prosecution at a future open Council meeting.”*

**Carried**

**.05**  
IN CAMERA  
MEETING

Moved by Frisch and seconded by Hillian that notice is hereby given that a Special In-Camera meeting closed to the public will be held February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at the conclusion of the Regular Council Meeting pursuant to the following sub-section of the *Community Charter*:

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 (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

**Carried**

**10.00 NOTICE OF MOTION**

**11.00 NEW BUSINESS**

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2020 COMOX VALLEY  
WATER COMMITTEE  
VOTING STRUCTURE  
(WEIGHTED VOTES)  
0360-20

Moved by Frisch and seconded by Theos that the letter dated January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from the Comox Valley Regional District regarding the 2020 Comox Valley Water Committee voting structure be received for information; and,

That the period for the 2020 Council appointments to the Comox Valley Water Committee identified in the October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Council resolution be extended from November 2020 to December 2020 to align with the 2020 Comox Valley Water Committee meeting schedule and distribution of weighted votes for the year, which remains at 7 votes in total.

**Carried**

**12.00 BYLAWS**

**13.00 ADJOURNMENT**

- .01**                                      Moved by Frisch and seconded by Cole-Hamilton that the meeting now adjourn at 5:43 p.m.  
**Carried**

**CERTIFIED CORRECT**

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**Corporate Officer**

**Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020**

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**Mayor**