



Council Minutes

Meeting #: R11/2024
Date: June 26, 2024
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: CVRD Civic Room, 770 Harmston Ave, Courtenay

Council Present: B. Wells (Mayor)
W. Cole-Hamilton
D. Frisch
E. Jolicoeur
W. Morin

Regrets: D. Hillian
M. McCollum

Staff Present: G. Garbutt, City Manager (CAO)
A. Langenmaier, Director of Financial Services
K. O'Connell, Director of Corporate Services
M. Wade, Director of Development Services
E. Chow, Manager of Legislative Services
A. Guillo, Manager of Communications
P. Preston, Manager of Building and Administrative Services
L. Bourgeois, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and respectfully acknowledged that the meeting was conducted on the Unceded territory of the K'ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land.

Councillor Jolicoeur provided a statement, on behalf of Courtenay Council, to acknowledge the deaths of 14 Comox Valley community members in the period of January to April 2024 due to the unregulated toxic drug supply crisis, for a total of 191 deaths of Comox Valley Community members since the public health emergency was first declared.

Councillor Morin joined the meeting at 4:01 pm.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Without any late items or objections, Council proceeded with the agenda as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Regular Council Minutes - June 12, 2024

Moved By Cole-Hamilton

Seconded By Frisch

THAT Council adopt the June 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting minutes, the June 19, 2024 Public Hearing minutes, and the June 19, 2024 Special Council minutes.

CARRIED

3.2 Public Hearing Minutes - June 19, 2024

The June 19, 2024 Public Hearing minutes were adopted during Item 3.1.

3.3 Special Council Minutes - June 19, 2024

The June 19, 2024 Special Council Meeting minutes were adopted during Item 3.1.

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Request to amend Building Bylaw No. 3114, 2023

Jessica Evans and Paul Myers, residents of Courtenay, are seeking a bylaw amendment to allow the relocation of homes older than 15 years. Cassidy Vander Ros, from Nickel Bros, representing the residents, provided a presentation on the benefits of relocating homes.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 City Manager (CAO)

5.1.1 City of Courtenay 2023 Annual Report

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By Cole-Hamilton

THAT Council approve the City of Courtenay 2023 Annual Report.

CARRIED

5.2 Development Services

5.2.1 Development Variance Permit No. 2405 – 2599 Copperfield Road

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By Morin

THAT Council vary Section 8.1.15 (3) of Zoning Bylaw No. 2500, 2007 “*The side yard setbacks shall be 3.5m to 2.5 m*”; and

THAT Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 2405 (2599 Copperfield Road); and

THAT Council direct the Director of Development Services to issue Development Variance Permit No. 2405 (2599 Copperfield Road).

CARRIED

5.3 Financial Services

5.3.1 Financial Information Act – 2023 Statement of Financial Information

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By Cole-Hamilton

THAT Council approves the City of Courtenay Statement of Financial Information for the year ended December 31, 2023.

CARRIED

5.3.2 2025-2026 RCMP Municipal Policing Contract: Approval in Principle

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By Morin

THAT Council provide “approval in principle” for an expenditure cap of \$9,015,110 for the 2025/2026 Municipal Policing Contract.

CARRIED

6. EXTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Letter from Millard Piercy Watershed Stewards

Moved By Morin

Seconded By Frisch

THAT Council permit the Millard Piercy Watershed Stewards to erect 10 tents on City property located on the green space between the parking lot on Mansfield Drive and the Courtenay Riverway Heritage Walk on September 22, 2024, Family Watershed Day, to present information on topics related to the health of watersheds and their inhabitants.

CARRIED

7. BYLAWS

7.1 For Third Reading:

7.1.1 City of Courtenay Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3141, 2024

Moved By Frisch

Seconded By Jolicoeur

THAT Council give third reading to “City of Courtenay Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3141, 2024”.

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

8.1 Councillor Cole-Hamilton

No report provided.

8.2 Councillor Frisch

No report provided.

8.3 Councillor Hillian

Councillor Hillian was absent from the meeting but submitted a report of activities, see agenda.

8.4 Councillor Jolicoeur

Councillor Jolicoeur reviewed his attendance at the K'ómoks First Nation community celebration for National Indigenous Day on June 21, 2024.

8.5 Councillor McCollum

Councillor McCollum was absent from the meeting. No report provided.

8.6 Councillor Morin

Councillor Morin reviewed her attendance at the following events:

- National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations on June 21, 2024; and
- The regular weekly meeting of the Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness, held with residents who are currently unhoused.

8.7 Mayor Wells

Mayor Wells reviewed his attendance at the following events:

- National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations on June 21, 2024; and
- The "Give Hope Wings" Expedition at the Courtenay Marina on June 15, 2024.

9. IN CAMERA RESOLUTION

Moved By Cole-Hamilton

Seconded By Morin

THAT Council close the meeting to the public pursuant to the following subsections of the *Community Charter*:

90 (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

(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;

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

(j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act; and

(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.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wells terminated the open portion of the meeting at 5:12 pm. Following the conclusion of the in camera portion of the meeting, Mayor Wells terminated the meeting at 5:20 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Adopted by Council [Month] [Date], 2024

Mayor

Corporate Officer