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Homelessness and Affordable Housing Select Committee
May 15, 2019 at 9 am
Council Chambers
Minutes

Members Present:

Kathy Duperron, Vice-Chair
Mark Fortin
Bobby Herron
Councillor Jesse Ketler

Staff:

Rachel Parker, Corporate Officer

Regrets: Ian Cooper, Lindsay Monk

Ms. Duperron called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

Fortin/Ketler: THAT the Committee approve the agenda. **Carried**

2. Adoption of Minutes

Ketler/Fortin: THAT the Committee approve the minutes of February 20, 2019. **Carried**

Monk/Ketler: THAT the Committee adopt the minutes of November 14, 2018 as presented. **Carried**

4. Unfinished Business

4.1 Homeless Response Protocol – update

Discussion took place on prohibiting sheltering on sidewalks in front of businesses, and effects of noise and waste.

Ketler/Herron: THAT the Committee recommend that Council adopt the Policy 10.2 Homeless Response Protocol and Temporary Overnight Shelter provisions in a parks and outdoor spaces bylaw with the inclusion of the following: “1(h) contact the Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness Emergency Response Team when first notified of a homeless person”, a section setting out that a person leaving waste and damage may be evicted”, adding guidelines for behaviour, addressing hazard trees, and changing winter sheltering hours to 6pm to 9am.

Carried

5. New Business

- 5.1 Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness, Homeless Response Team update - Councillor Ketler

Councillor Ketler updated the Committee on the Coalition’s new Homeless Response Team and noted homeless camps are located on private property, there is more need than available housing.

- 5.2 Committee conference, education budget: \$500: no action

- 5.3 Reports from Committee members

Bobby Herron reported that the Cumberland Community Housing Society has held two strategic planning sessions and now has a solid strategic plan. The Society presented to Council requesting a memorandum of understanding with the Village.

Councillor Ketler reported from the Coalition meeting that the Braidwood housing facility is now full; the Coalition did not receive funds for any program, but received \$30,000 from the CVRD. The St. George’s lunch program is closed for kitchen renovations. The CVRD has applied for funding through the UBCM for a new housing needs assessment.

- 5.4 **Fortin/Ketler:** THAT the Committee close the meeting to the public to consider information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party. **Carried**

6. Upcoming meetings: June 19, 2019

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Corporate Officer