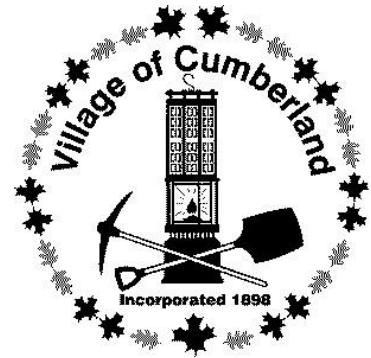


C.O.T.W. MINUTES

02/2021/COTW



The Corporation of the Village of Cumberland

Committee of the Whole Meeting

April 26, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

This meeting held through electronic facilities as authorized under Order M192 of the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General during the declaration of a state of emergency made March 18, 2020 in order to conduct business in accordance to public health advisories related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was live streamed via the [Village of Cumberland YouTube Channel](#).

Council Present:

Mayor Leslie Baird
Councillor Vickey Brown
Councillor Jesse Ketler
Councillor Gwyn Sproule
Councillor Sean Sullivan

Staff Present:

Clayton Postings, Chief Administrative Officer
Michelle Mason, Chief Financial Officer/Deputy CAO
Rob Crisfield, Manager of Operations
Rachel Parker, Corporate Officer
Courtney Simpson, Manager of Development Services
Kevin McPhedran, Parks and Recreation Manager

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

1.1 Agenda for Committee of the Whole meeting, April 26, 2021

Sullivan/Ketler

THAT the Committee approve the agenda for the April 26, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Carried Unanimously

2. Delegation

2.1 Island Health, Mental Health Support Services, Max Jajszczok, Executive Director, Comox Valley, Campbell River & North Island; and Lisa Murphy, Director MHSU Operations North Island

Sproule/Brown

THAT Council receive the delegation from Island Health regarding Mental Health Support Services.

Carried Unanimously

Ms. Murphy introduced Mr. Jajszczok and Ms. Komm. Ms. Murphy presented information on the poison drug crisis and mental health services in the Comox Valley and in Cumberland.

Ms. Murphy reviewed some of the programs being used to prevent deaths from poison drugs supply, including lifeguard app, safe injection sites, and naloxone kits. Ms. Komm reported that operation of the safe injection site use seems to be on the increase. The lifeguard app response is from BC Ambulance. Hours of service have been expanded informally and staffing is being adjusted to meet community need. Discussion took place on the challenges of providing an inhalation services at safe injection site. Discussion also took place on safe supply access and testing of drugs at site. Spot testing not highly requested and it is difficult to test other ingredients.

Ms. Murphy reviewed types of counselling for mental health offered in the Comox Valley, including trauma counselling, longer term support through case managers for mental health challenges and housing, work programs, medication and substance abuse.

The Assertive Community Treatment program (ACT) is now being introduced to the Valley for supporting individuals with significant and persistent mental health challenge. It is a multi-disciplinary outreach team, including a psychiatrist involvement and wrap around service. With COVID-19 support workers are using alternative methods of support including phone and video, keeping options open to clients.

A brief discussion took place on the Island Health lab service in Cumberland.

3. Reports

3.1 Cumberland Lake Park Boat Launch: Future Considerations and Safety Improvement Project

Sullivan/Brown

THAT the Committee receive the *Cumberland Lake Park Boat Launch: Future Considerations and Safety Improvement Project* report for discussion.

Carried Unanimously

Mr. O'Brien presented the *Preliminary Report: Long Range Planning Options – Cumberland Lake Park Boat Launch* to give an opportunity for discussion on long term service options for the boat launch and to get a sense of how Committee members would like to move forward.

Mr. McPhedran advised that staff is now working on upgrades to one dock ramp for safety reasons in 2021, which is now in design stage.

Committee members provided feedback and discussion on the following matters:

- The Lake Park Master Plan focuses on non-motorized use, but the boat launch is utilized by many motorized users
- Need for discussion with other regional stakeholders on alternative boat services in region, including on the north side of the lake
- General support of option to rebuild at least one dock with options for non-motorized trends, and potentially separating motorized from non-motorized boat areas
- Support for launch reservation system to reduce demand and conflict, increase in fees, suggestion of scheduling club use at non-peak times
- Docks and lake levels extra require engineering design for ramps which comes at additional cost
- General support for restricting boat size and challenges of parking large trailers in small area and challenges for Lake Park staff to enforce boat size restrictions
- Discussion on main roadway that is under provincial jurisdiction
- Requirement for reserved parking for emergency services
- Discussion that webcam better option than signage at community entrance to indicate boat launch full

Sullivan/Ketler

THAT the Committee receive the report from Tim O'Brien, Outlook Engineering and Landscape Architecture.

Carried Unanimously

- 3.2 Vancouver Island University (VIU) Student Projects – Statement of Significance for the King George Hotel and Density Bonusing in the VCMU-1 zone

Sullivan/Sproule

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the "VIU Student Projects – Statement of Significance for the King George Hotel and Density Bonusing in the VCMU-1 zone" report and the presentations on their projects by VIU students Neethu Syam and Jacob Burnley for information.

Carried Unanimously

- 3.3 Cumberland 125th Anniversary, Celebration and Funding Opportunities

Brown/Sullivan

THAT the Committee receive the Cumberland 125th Anniversary, Celebration and Funding Opportunities report.

Carried Unanimously

Discussion place on establishing a committee to make recommendations to Council on celebration events with membership of one board member from each community organization.

Sproule/Ketler

The Committee request staff to work with Mayor Baird to draft terms of reference for a Cumberland 125th Anniversary Select Committee and report back to Council and to appoint Councillor Sullivan to the Committee.

Carried Unanimously

3.4 Quarterly Report to Council, January – March 2021

Sullivan/Brown

THAT the Committee receive the Quarterly Report to Council, January – March 2021.

Carried Unanimously

Discussion took place on importance of

- Parking study in the facilities review
- Importance of civic facility review
- Urban forest and tree bylaw
- Climate assessment and mitigation
- Vacation rental study and regulation
- Bring Green New Deal into climate mitigation adaption planning
- Work with the Cumberland Business Association for COVID support
- Include community garden space in facility review
- Opportunity to add new priorities, including below market rental incentives for accessory dwelling units

4. **Question Period**

There were no questions.

5. **Adjournment**

Sullivan /Sproule

That the Committee adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Certified Correct:

Mayor

Corporate Officer