

**The Corporation of the Village of Cumberland
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**



**January 23, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 2675 Dunsmuir Avenue**

Council Present: Mayor Vickey Brown
Councillor Neil Borecky
Councillor Jesse Ketler
Councillor Troy Therrien

Regrets: Councillor Sean Sullivan (due to illness)

Staff Present: Michelle Mason, Chief Administrative Officer
Rachel Parker, Corporate Officer
Kevin McPhedran, Interim Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Courtney Simpson, Manager of Development Services
Rob Crisfield, Manager of Operations
Paul Nash, Project Coordinator, Liquid Waste Management Planning
Kaelin Chambers, Economic Development Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and offered a territorial acknowledgement.

2. Agenda

2.1 Agenda for Committee of the Whole meeting, January 23, 2023

Moved by: Ketler

Seconded by: Therrien

THAT the Committee approve the agenda for the January 23, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Carried Unanimously

3. Delegations

None

4. Reports

4.1 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Policy

Discussion took place re: funding the service and using provincial climate action funds or corporate sponsorship. Would have to assess annual costs, or have network fees and infrastructure costs, and consumers pay just for electricity. Need app to use and charges through the app and can find charging station locations through a phone. Full charge is a long process for visitors. Fees help limit time vehicles are charging stations. Discussion on experience of vandalism in other communities.

Discussion on \$2.50 per hour would be cost-neutral for operation and maintenance with service agreement. Municipalities are now moving towards cost recovery. Length of charge is variable depending on vehicle. For these stations would take considerable time to fully charge. There is variability between chargers and vehicles. Discussion on benefits of cost-neutral to take care of community assets and would not have to introduce charges in the future.

Give business district the opportunity to sponsor in the future.

Discussion on charger at the fire hall to be limited to emergency personnel use only as well as visitors to the fire hall, which would be addressed in the upcoming policy.

Moved by: Ketler

Seconded by: Therrien

THAT the Committee approve the interim adoption of Electric Vehicle Charging station rates equivalent to the rates set by the British Columbia Utilities Commission for BC Hydro's Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

THAT the Committee direct staff to initiate the bylaw amendment process to amend the existing Village Fees Bylaw to add Electric Vehicle Charging Stations rates, and to set rates based on a revenue neutral basis.

THAT the Committee direct staff to draft a Village Electric Vehicle Charging Station Policy and report back to Council.

Carried Unanimously

4.2 Wastewater Upgrade Project – Project Update

Mr. Nash reviewed the report on the background, costs, and status of the wastewater treatment upgrade project through a construction management contract. It was noted that current senior government funding is fully allocated and no word yet on current applications.

Phase I construction update reviewed the benefits of upsizing for increased volume to account for future growth and future capacity to 7200m³. This would reduce the number of days to use bypass mode for wet weather situations, therefore disposed water will be cleaner on the wetter weather days and would also benefit future industrial development.

Mr. Nash noted use of chlorine dioxide to reduce impact on Baynes Channel. Operational costs will depend on final system.

Discussion on other innovative options for storm sewer systems to achieve storm separation.

Discussion on grant funding sources and stacking limits.

A new committee must be struck for the new Phase 3 liquid waste management plan. A report will come forward.

Moved by: Ketler

Seconded by: Borecky

THAT Council receive the report “Wastewater Upgrade Project – Project Update” for information.

Carried Unanimously

4.3 Strategic Priorities Quarterly Reports: October - December 2022

Discussion took place on:

- Protective services report requested for 4th quarter 2022 and 1st quarter of 2023.
- Safety improvements on Egremont, traffic calming and transportation review
- New childcare centre parking lot
- Recreation, Culture and Arts Master plan restart
- MRDT tax program for vacation rentals
- Tree bylaw
- Business licence review
- Good neighbour bylaw
- No Water bottle policy

Moved by: Therrien

Seconded by: Borecky

THAT Council receive the Strategic Priorities Fourth Quarter 2022 reports for information.

Carried Unanimously

5. Question Period

No questions received.

6. Closed Portion

Moved by: Borecky

Seconded by: Therrien

THAT Council close the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 90 of the *Community Charter* to consider:

(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;

Carried Unanimously

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Mayor

Certified Correct by Corporate Officer