

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

**February 27, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 2675 Dunsmuir Avenue**



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

Staff Present: Michelle Mason, Chief Administrative Officer
Rachel Parker, Corporate Officer
Kevin McPhedran, Interim Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

1. Call to Order

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and offered a territorial acknowledgement.

2. Agenda

2.1 Agenda for Committee of the Whole meeting, February 27, 2023

Moved by: Borecky
Seconded by: Sullivan

THAT the Committee approve the Agenda for the February 27, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting with the removal of item 3.1 K'omoks First Nation Guardian Watchmen Program.

Carried Unanimously

3. Delegations

3.1 Comox Valley Regional District, Emergency Management Program Regional Service Delivery

Mr. Dyson gave an overview of the presentation Emergency Services and this is one of a number of presentation to member municipalities and the K'omoks First Nation.

Mr. Siemens noted that the Provincial Emergency Act is currently under review. The CVRD Program covers administration, planning training, and EOC support and is currently provided to member municipalities through service agreements. Mr. Siemens reviewed the guiding framework for the program through the disaster risk reduction framework, mitigation and prevention, and BC Emergency Management System and the role of volunteers through the Emergency Support Service for the community, Emergency Radio Communications, and Ground Search and Rescue.

Mr. Siemens noted that the program also focuses on emergency readiness especially for extreme weather events, neighbourhood emergency preparedness, and FireSmart preparedness. Work to build regional emergency management capacity took place in 2022 and is continuing with focus on more training opportunities at all levels through a three to five year training calendar.

Mr. Dyson continued with reporting on modifications to the service structure as a regional service, which is supported by current collaboration. Costs under agreements are based on current model. Reforms to provincial requirements may affect requirements and costs. Regional service ensures certainty and supports collaboration as partners, and would ensure that decisions are made by the full Board. The process development of bylaw, CVRD would send formal request to consider being participants in the service and provide feedback, which will help shape service. Goal is to present bylaw for adoption by October 2023 with service costs being funded through requisition rather than an invoice through contract.

Discussion took place on expected costs that would not change much from current at approximately \$30,000 for the Village, collaboration with 19 Wing, Federal Minister of Rural Development review of Emergency Management and extent of collaboration to support preparedness, Neighbourhood Emergency Program in the Village and plans for some community pop ups in the summer of 2023, Hamm radio operator program for the Valley and that radio communication has been established at the new Cumberland Fire Hall.

Discussion took place on where an Emergency Operations Centre would be established locally and when the regional Emergency Operations Centre would be established.

Discussion further took place on the Policy Group during an emergency event and how the participants can bring policy requests into the Program and the development of that through the establishment of the service establishment bylaw. It was clarified that the Policy group focus is significant decision-making rather than operational.

Moved by: Ketler

Seconded by: Sullivan

That the Committee of the Whole receive the presentation from Comox Valley Regional District on the proposed regional emergency management service.

Carried Unanimously

4. Reports

None

5. Question Period

There were no questions received.

6. Adjournment

Moved by: Therrien

Seconded by: Sullivan

That Council adjourn the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor

Certified Correct by Corporate Officer