

The Corporation of the Village of Cumberland
Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 27, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 2675 Dunsmuir Avenue



We are honoured to gather on the unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation.
The public may view the meeting live on the [Village of Cumberland YouTube channel](#)

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1. Call to Order

2. Agenda

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

Recommendation:

THAT the Committee approve the Agenda for the March 27, 2023
Committee of the Whole Meeting.

3. Delegations

3.1 RCMP Year End Report and Annual Performance Plan for 2023-2024
Delegation of Inspector Kurvers, OIC, Comox Valley Royal Canadian
Mounted Police (RCMP)

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Recommendation:

THAT the Committee receive the delegation of Inspector Kurvers
regarding the Year End Report and Annual Performance Plan 2023-2024

3.2 United Riders Of Cumberland (UROC) Annual Update
Delegation of Dougal Browne, Executive Director, Nygil Goggins and
Adam Silverstein, Directors at Large from United Riders of Cumberland
(UROC)

Recommendation:

THAT the Committee receive the delegation of Dougal Browne, Nygil
Goggins and Adam Silverstein regarding the UROC Annual Update.

4. Reports

4.1 Tree Protection Bylaw Report
Prepared by Karin Albert, Senior Planner with presentation from Camille
Lefrançois, Diamond Head Consulting

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Recommendation:

THAT the Committee receive the Tree Protection Bylaw report for
information.

5. Question Period

A member of the public may only inquire about items included on the Agenda for that meeting during a question period.

- Please send questions by email to info@cumberland.ca using subject line "Question Period" ; Note: please limit to questions only - comments will not be read.

6. Closed Portion

Recommendation:

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

(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;

7. Adjournment



Acknowledgement of Consultation

Attestation de la consultation

District / Detachment Information - Renseignements sur le district ou le détachement

Fiscal Year - Année financière 2022 - 2023

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Comox Valley Detachment

Community Name(s) - Nom(s) de la(des) collectivité(s)

- 1. Village of Cumberland

This letter acknowledges that the stakeholders of the above-noted detachment / district / unit area or community(ies) and the RCMP have consulted and discussed our progress against last year's priority issues. Further it has been agreed that over the coming year we will collectively focus on the following priority issues.

La présente lettre atteste que les responsables de la région du détachement/district/service ou de la ou des collectivités susmentionnées et de la GRC se sont consultés et ont discuté des progrès accomplis par rapport aux enjeux prioritaires de l'année dernière. Il a aussi été convenu que les enjeux suivants constituent les enjeux prioritaires sur lesquels nous concentrerons conjointement nos efforts au cours de l'année à venir.

Community Priority Issue(s) - Enjeu(x) prioritaire(s) pour la collectivité

- 1. Crime Reduction - Prolific Offenders/strategies
2. Police / Community Relations - Liaison with residents and community
3. Safety - Watercrafts
4. Traffic - Road Safety, including off-road vehicles
5. Parks & Campgrounds - Cumberland Lake Park & Campground

District / Detachment Commander - Chef de district / détachement

Michael Kurvers

District / Detachment Commander

Signature - Signature

Date

Community Representative - Représentant(e) de la collectivité

Mayor Leslie Baird

Name - Nom

Signature - Signature

Date

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Royal Canadian
Mounted Police

Gendarmerie royale
du Canada

Mayor Vicki Brown
2673 Dunsmuir Avenue
Cumberland, B.C. V0R 1S0

OIC RCMP
Comox Valley Detachment
800 Ryan Road
Cumberland, B.C. V9N 7T1

Dear Mayor Brown

Re: Village of Cumberland Quarterly Report

October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

The Comox Valley Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) will be providing quarterly updates on policing in the community. This will include information on Calls for Service, Traffic files, Break and Enter files, Theft from Vehicle files, Canada Shipping Act compliance checks, and files at Comox Lake, Cumberland Lake Park, and Cumberland Campground. Quarterly reports will coincide with the Comox Valley RCMP Annual Performance reporting time lines in conjunction with Community Priorities.

First Quarter: April 1 to June 30

Second Quarter: July 1 to September 30

Third Quarter: October 1 to December 31

Fourth Quarter: January 1 to March 31

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2022-2023 3RD QUARTER COMMUNITY REPORT - CUMBERLAND

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Overall, there was a negligible difference in Calls for Service in Cumberland between 2021 and 2022.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2019	64	47	50	67	85	89	75	83	59	63	37	47	766
2020	47	38	59	58	67	70	90	71	58	66	37	49	710
2021	32	46	59	52	61	88	69	82	59	56	41	48	693
2022	41	39	65	44	83	78	64	62	47	79	48	44	694

TRAFFIC

There was a 31.5% decrease in Traffic files in Cumberland between 2021 and 2022.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2019	0	9	6	5	7	14	7	9	10	7	3	6	83
2020	3	8	9	10	5	3	12	11	11	5	3	6	86
2021	3	4	3	8	4	7	6	13	11	6	3	5	73
2022	1	7	6	3	6	5	4	4	4	3	3	4	50

BREAK AND ENTERS

There were 6 fewer Break and Enter files in Cumberland in 2022 than in 2021.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2019	4	1	0	1	1	1	3	6	1	1	1	0	20
2020	0	1	2	1	0	2	4	1	2	3	0	4	20
2021	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	3	1	0	11
2022	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5

THEFT FROM VEHICLE

There was a 50% increase in Theft from Vehicle files in Cumberland between 2021 and 2022.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2019	4	1	0	1	5	7	1	7	1	1	1	1	30
2020	4	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	13
2021	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	3	1	3	0	1	14
2022	0	1	2	1	3	0	3	2	5	2	0	2	21

CANADA SHIPPING ACT FILES

There were no Canada Shipping Act compliance checks in Cumberland in 2022.


Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2019	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FILES AT COMOX LAKE, CUMBERLAND LAKE PARK, AND CUMBERLAND CAMPGROUND

There were 5 fewer files at Comox Lake, Cumberland Lake Park, and Cumberland Campground in 2022 than in 2021.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2019	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	5	0	0	1	0	9
2020	0	1	0	2	4	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	12
2021	0	2	0	2	2	5	3	0	1	2	0	0	17
2022	1	0	1	1	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	2	12

Yours truly,

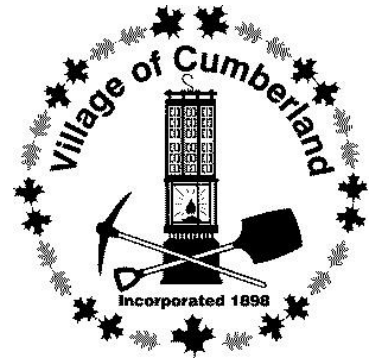

Insp. M.J. Kurvers
OIC Comox Valley Detachment



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COUNCIL REPORT



REPORT DATE: 3/15/2023
MEETING DATE: 3/27/2023

File No. 5280/03 Trees/2023TreeProtectionBylaw

TO: Mayor and Councillors
FROM: Karin Albert, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: Tree Protection Bylaw

RECOMMENDATION

This report is presented for information.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the project to develop a tree protection bylaw for the Village and introduce Camille Lefrançois with Diamond Head Consulting. Mrs. Lefrançois will present on the regulatory tools available to municipalities to protect trees, the key elements of a tree bylaw, activities to engage the public in the discussions and project timelines.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

Date	Resolution
Nov. 22, 2021	THAT Council direct staff to report back to Council on financial and work plan implications to move the Urban Forest Management Plan and tree bylaw into the 2022 financial year.

BACKGROUND

In November 2019, Council adopted the Village of Cumberland [Urban Forest Management Plan 2020-2040](#). The Plan provides guidance and recommendations to enhance the health of Cumberland's urban forest and increase the Village's canopy cover. Key recommendations in the Plan are that Cumberland maintain a 56 percent canopy over its entire administrative boundary and seek to increase the canopy cover in the developed urban areas from 20 percent to 30 percent by 2040.

The Village is actively increasing the canopy cover on public lands through its street tree planting and maintenance program. To retain or increase the tree canopy on private land, the Urban Forest Management Plan recommends a tree protection bylaw.

A tree protection bylaw does not prevent landowners from developing their land as permitted under land use planning and development bylaws. The intent of a tree protection bylaw is to

ensure trees are not needlessly removed and the maximum number of trees practical are retained during land clearing and development.

As part of the development of the Urban Forest Management Plan in 2019, the Village conducted a survey to learn about public support for enhancing the Village's urban forest. Among the 258 survey respondents, there was considerable support for increasing the canopy cover and for providing some protection for trees on private land:

- 76 percent felt that the urban forest canopy cover target should be set above where it currently stands for the *total* Cumberland area
- 89 percent felt it should be set above where it currently stands for the *developed* areas of Cumberland
- 77 percent strongly agreed or agreed with the statement that "the Village of Cumberland should take measures to protect trees on private land"
- 68 percent supported the idea that "private landowners should be allowed to remove healthy trees but there should be some restrictions," and
- 62 percent agreed that "new developments should be allowed to remove healthy trees but there should be some restrictions."

The current project to develop a tree protection bylaw will build on the recommendations in the Urban Forest Management Plan and the 2019 survey results. At the Committee of the Whole meeting, Diamond Head Consulting will review the range of regulatory options available to municipalities to protect trees on private land, what other local municipalities are doing, and best practices. The consultants will also provide an overview of upcoming activities to further engage the public and learn what level of support exists for the different regulatory options. The following provides a brief summary of the key items to be presented for discussion at the meeting:

1. Possible application of a tree protection bylaw:
 - Trees on properties under development
 - Trees on large or greenfield properties
 - Trees on all properties
 - Trees of a certain size or diameter
 - Trees of high significance
 - Heritage trees or important species
2. Conditions when a tree can be removed and replacement requirements
3. Implementation considerations
 - Incentives
 - Permit fees
 - Enforcement
4. Bylaws in neighbouring municipalities
 - Courtenay
 - Comox
5. Public engagement
 - Online meeting
 - Survey
6. Project steps and timeline

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND CONSULTATION

Public engagement on a tree protection bylaw is planned for May of this year and will include an online public meeting and a survey.

The key questions to be explored with the public will also be discussed with the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) at an upcoming APC meeting.

The results from the public engagement and discussion with the APC will be shared with Council in late spring.

ALTERNATIVES

1. THAT Council provide specific direction to staff for the tree protection bylaw and direct staff to consult with the public on a draft bylaw.

This would mean public input is deferred to later in the process and would not inform the drafting of the bylaw.

2. Not proceed with any action at this time.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

- Healthy Community
- Quality Infrastructure Planning and Development
- Comprehensive Community Planning
- Economic Development

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The development of a tree protection bylaw is funded in the 2023-2027 financial plan. Implications of a tree protection bylaw on financial and staff resources will be discussed when the components of the bylaw have been developed and a draft bylaw is introduced to Council for consideration.

OPERATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

The development of the tree protection bylaw is supported by Development Services staff. Once adopted, depending on the type of regulations, a tree protection bylaw may require staff resources to implement and enforce a tree cutting permit system.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

A tree protection bylaw will support the goal of the Urban Forest Management Plan to increase the urban forest canopy cover in the Village. An increased canopy cover moderates the micro-climate in and around treed areas, mitigating against the severity of summer heat waves and their health impact on residents. Tree retention and planting also reduces the severity of erosion and flooding during severe rainfalls and increases the uptake of greenhouse gases emission.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

CONCURRENCE

Courtney Simpson, Manager of Development Services **CS**

Respectfully submitted,

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