

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



**March 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
Courtney Simpson, Manager of Development Services
Annie Berard, Chief Financial Officer
Karin Albert, Senior Planner

1. Call to Order

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and recognized the unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation and offered gratitude for the care and stewardship of this land since time immemorial.

2. Agenda

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

Moved by: Borecky

Seconded by: Therrien

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

Carried Unanimously

3. Delegations

3.1 RCMP Year End Report and Annual Performance Plan for 2023-2024

Inspector Kurvers reviewed 2022 crime statistics.

Discussion took place on community priorities and the use of the community policing office.

Insp. Kurvers recommended retaining the crime reduction goal for with focus on prolific offenders, and noted that community relations is common and includes Council reporting and communication.

Moved by: Therrien

Seconded by: Ketler

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

Carried Unanimously

3.2 United Riders of Cumberland (UROC) Annual Update

Mr. Browne and Mr. Goggins were introduced and Mr. Browne reviewed the history and achievements of the Society in providing recreational trails on privately owned lands, and managing trail building. Mr. Browne reviewed land ownership, who is riding in Cumberland, the UROC Board, membership growth, trail running and biking events, training for volunteers and guides, economic contributions to the community and employment, investment in youth, and national and Olympic athletes living in the community.

Mr. Browne then outlined the Society's strategic priorities for 2023 including financial funding plan, race management plan, stakeholder and member engagement, governance and organizational development, and plan execution. Mr. Brown reviewed goals and objectives of categorizing the trail network into zones in order to manage the network for rider and user experience, which ties into Village watershed lands, entry/exit areas, protective forest and water lands, habitat protection, and cohesion of trails and different users.

Moved by: Ketler

Seconded by: Borecky

THAT the Committee receive the delegation of Dougal Browne and Nygil Goggins, United Riders of Cumberland, regarding the UROC Annual Update.

Carried Unanimously

4. Reports

4.1 Tree Protection Bylaw Report

Ms. Albert reviewed the background of the development of a tree protection bylaw, and introduced Camille Lefrancios of Diamond Head Consulting.

Ms. Lefrancios reviewed the project context based on the official community plan and the urban forest management plan. Options for tree protection tools was reviewed, including higher level tools, zoning bylaws and site coverage, landscaping requirements, subdivision bylaws, utility route locations, drainage requirements and use to irrigate trees, development permit areas to protect stands of trees as a whole, commercial and mixed use screening already in place.

Ms Lefrancios noted the key elements of tree protection bylaws, two types of recommendations to ensure efficient implementation and best practices, and value driven regulation customized to the community: application requirements, exemptions, protection measures during construction, timing of clear clearing in development, technical standards for replacement trees, and enforcement measures.

Noted were value informed elements:

1. What is regulated:

- Types of Properties: developing properties, large or greenfield properties, all properties
- Trees: Size/diameter 60cm and larger, medium at 20-30cm to 60cm, small at 6-10cm
- Trees of higher significance: in sensitive ecosystems, very large diameter, heritage, important species

2. How it is regulated:

- Restrictions on removals: conditions when trees can be removed.
- Replacement requirements: identifying the number of trees.

3. How it is implemented:

- Incentives to protect trees
- permit fees
- enforcement approach

Ms. Lefrancios concluded that community engagement is expected n May 2023, staff will seek Council direction in June 2023, and draft the bylaw in July 2023.

Moved by: Borecky

Seconded by: Therrien

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

Carried Unanimously

5. Question Period

Questions were received on the following matters:

- tree protection bylaw

6. Closed Portion

Moved by: Therrien

Seconded by: Ketler

THAT Council close the meeting at 3:30 p.m. 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;

Carried Unanimously

7. Adjournment

Moved by: Therrien

Seconded by: Borecky

THAT Council adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor

Certified Correct by Corporate Officer