

The Corporation of the Village of Cumberland
Regular Council Meeting Minutes



September 11, 2023, 5:30 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
Courtney Simpson, Manager of Development Services
Annie Berard, Chief Financial Officer

1. Call To Order

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 Regular Council Meeting, September 11, 2023

Motion 23-185

Moved by: Borecky

Seconded by: Sullivan

THAT Council approve the agenda for the September 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried Unanimously

3. Minutes

3.1 Adoption of Minutes

Motion 23-186

Moved by: Sullivan

Seconded by: Therrien

THAT Council adopt the following minutes:

- Committee of the Whole Meeting, July 24, 2023
- Regular Council Meeting, July 24, 2023

Carried Unanimously

3.2 Receipt of Committee Minutes

Motion 23-187

Moved by: Therrien

Seconded by: Borecky

THAT Council receive the following minutes:

- Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee, June 28, 2023
- Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee, July 19, 2023
- Heritage Committee, July 20, 2023
- Advisory Planning Commission, August 24, 2023

Carried Unanimously

4. Delegations

None

5. Correspondence

5.1 Black Press Media - Online Media Act

Motion 23-188

Moved by: Therrien

Seconded by: Borecky

THAT Council support local news media and the Online Media Act through a letter to the Prime Minister and to MP Gord Johns; and

THAT Council direct staff to explore a policy to not use paid advertising through online media that has removed accredited news content.

Carried Unanimously

6. Unfinished Business

None

7. Reports

- 7.1 Development Permit and Development Variance Permit – 3345 Second Street
Motion 23-189

Moved by: Sullivan
Seconded by: Therrien

THAT Council approve the Development Permit (2020-11-DP) and Development Variance Permit (2020-08-DV) for the property legally described as Lot A, District Lot 24, Nelson District, Plan EPP103460 (3345 Second Street).

Carried Unanimously

- 7.2 Municipal Finance Authority Financing for 2023 Vehicle/Equipment Purchase
Motion 23-190

Moved by: Borecky
Seconded by: Sullivan

THAT Council approve the short-term borrowing from the Municipal Finance Authority through the Equipment Financing Program for an amount of \$272,500 for the purchase of three vehicles for a five year term that must be repaid in five years.

Carried Unanimously

- 7.3 Council Member Monthly Reports
Motion 23-191

THAT Council receive the member monthly reports for July and August 2023.

8. Bylaws

- 8.1 Affordable Housing Reserve Fund
Motion 23-192

Moved by: Sullivan
Seconded by: Borecky

THAT Council adopt Reserve Funds Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1185, 2023.

THAT Council adopt the amended Reserve and Surplus Policy No. 3.5.

THAT Council direct staff to work with the Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee on eligibility criteria and application guidelines for funding from the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund.

Carried Unanimously

8.2 Growing Communities Funds Reserve Bylaw

Motion 23-193

Moved by: Borecky

Seconded by: Ketler

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to Reserve Funds Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1195, 2023.

THAT Council adopt the amended Reserve and Surplus Policy No. 3.5.

Carried Unanimously

8.3 2023 – 2027 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw

Motion 23-194

Moved by: Ketler

Seconded by: Sullivan

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to the “2023-2027 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1194, 2023”.

Carried Unanimously

8.4 2024 Permissive Tax Exemptions

Motion 23-195

Moved by: Sullivan

Seconded by: Therrien

THAT Council consider first, second, third reading of the “Permissive Tax Exemption 2024 Bylaw No. 1196, 2023”.

Carried Unanimously

9. New Business

None

10. Notices, Motions and Announcements

- Advisory Planning Commission, September 14 at 4:00 p.m.
- Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee, September 20 at 9:30 a.m.
- Heritage Committee, September 21 at 4:00 p.m.

11. Question Period

There were no questions.

12. Closed Portion

Motion 23-196

Moved by: Sullivan

Seconded by: Borecky

THAT Council close the meeting at 6:20 p.m. to the public pursuant to Section 90 of the *Community Charter* to consider:

(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

(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

13. Adjournment

Motion 23-197

Moved by: Ketler

Seconded by: Therrien

THAT Council adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor

Certified Correct by Corporate Officer