

The Corporation of the Village of Cumberland

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Cultural Centre

2674 Dunsmuir Avenue



Council Present: Mayor Vickey Brown
Councillor Neil Borecky
Councillor Sean Sullivan
Councillor Troy Therrien
Councillor Nick Ward

Staff Present: Michelle Mason, Chief Administrative Officer
Courtney Simpson, Director of Development and Bylaw Services
David Dougherty, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Annie Berard, Director of Corporate Services
Kevin McPhedran, Director of Community Services
Rachel Parker, Corporate Officer
Ryan Parton, Manager of Recreation and Culture
Karin Albert, Senior Planner
Jasmeen Kaur Sidhu, Planning Technician

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, February 9, 2026

Motion 26-033

Moved by: Borecky

Seconded by: Ward

THAT Council approve the agenda for the February 9, 2026 Regular Council Meeting with the addition of an extended period of time for the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) delegation; item 4.1.2 MRDT letter with hyperlinks, Report 7.9 Resolution to AVICC Convention for Active Transportation, and to closed matter under s. 90(1) of the Community Charter to consider (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality; and (i) the receipt of advice that

is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried Unanimously

3. Minutes

3.1 Adoption of Minutes

Motion 26-034

Moved by: Ward

Seconded by: Therrien

THAT Council adopt the following minutes:

- Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 26, 2026
- Regular Council Meeting, January 26, 2026

Carried Unanimously

3.2 Receipt of Committee Minutes

Motion 26-035

Moved by: Sullivan

Seconded by: Therrien

THAT Council receive the Heritage Committee minutes:

- December 4, 2025
- January 15, 2026

Carried Unanimously

4. Delegations

4.1 Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT)

Motion 26-036

Moved by: Therrien

Seconded by: Ward

THAT Council receive the delegation from Experience Comox Valley regarding Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT).

Carried Unanimously

5. Correspondence

None

6. Unfinished Business

None

7. Reports

7.1 Heritage Alteration Permit, 2687 Penrith Avenue

Motion 26-037

Moved by: Sullivan

Seconded by: Borecky

THAT Council approve the heritage alteration permit (HAP2502) for the property described as Lot 12, Block 3, District Lot 21, Nelson District, Plan 522 (2687 Penrith Avenue).

Carried Unanimously

7.2 Cumberland Community Heritage Register Additions Project

Motion 26-038

Moved by: Ward

Seconded by: Borecky

THAT Council receive the Cumberland Community Heritage Register Additions Project report for information.

Carried Unanimously

Motion 26-039

Moved by: Therrien

Seconded by: Borecky

THAT Council direct staff to prioritize buildings for the Heritage Register Additions Project for the benefits of protection for buildings at imminent risk of deterioration, to review the inclusion of buildings with heritage plaques and the Cumberland Hotel on the preliminary list of heritage resources for the Heritage Register Additions Project.

Carried Unanimously

7.3 Regional Growth Strategy Minor Amendment - Referral

Motion 26-040

Moved by: Ward

Seconded by: Therrien

THAT Council direct staff to submit a referral response to the Comox Valley Regional District in support of Bylaw No. 810, being the Comox Valley Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 120, Amendment No. 2, and include that for Objective 3-B, Increase regional job base, Supporting Policy 3B-5 to encourage or support the supply of industrial land, and that the Transportation goal reference that active transport encourages the creation of car share network or facility.

Carried Unanimously

7.4 Positive Ticket Program

Motion 26-041

Moved by: Borecky

Seconded by: Therrien

THAT Council approve the Village of Cumberland's participation in the Positive Ticket Program with the Comox Valley RCMP and other regional governments, including the provision of free drop-in recreation admissions to youth 18 and under.

Carried Unanimously

7.5 Amendment to Remembrance Day Flyby Policy

Motion 26-042

Moved by: Ward

Seconded by: Therrien

THAT Council rescind Remembrance Day Flyby Policy 1.11 and approve the Canadian Forces Flyby Policy 1.11 and to have the policy come back to Council for review in one year.

Carried Unanimously

7.6 Equity Support Benefits for Council Members

Motion 26-043

Moved by: Ward

Seconded by: Therrien

THAT Council direct staff to bring forward amendments to the 2026-2030 Financial Plan to allocate \$5,000 from the General Financial Stabilization Reserve

for elected officials require technological supports, and direct staff to propose budget funds in the upcoming 2027-2031 Financial Plan for child and family care expenses directly related to attending meetings and draft a policy for consideration in 2027; and to refer the motion to the Accessibility and Inclusion Committee for feedback.

Opposed: Borecky

Carried

7.7 Amendment to Open Meeting Video Recording Policy

Motion 26-044

Moved by: Therrien

Seconded by: Borecky

THAT Council amend the Open Meeting Video Recording Policy in section 2 to read:

2. Open Council meetings and open Committee of the Whole meetings will be recorded and live streamed through a link on cumberland.ca, the Village of Cumberland website, excluding those meetings where the agenda is entirely in closed meeting; and, to delete section 2.1.

Carried Unanimously

7.8 Council Member Monthly Reports

Motion 26-045

Moved by: Ward

Seconded by: Therrien

THAT Council receive the member monthly reports for January 2026.

Carried Unanimously

7.9 Late Item - Resolution to AVICC Convention

Motion 26-046

Moved by: Ward

Seconded by: Borecky

THAT Council withdraw the Village of Cumberland AVICC resolution *Provincial Funding and Development of Inter-Community Active Transportation Corridors* if

the Comox Valley Regional District submits a resolution to advocate for active transportation.

Carried Unanimously

8. Bylaws

8.1 Zoning Bylaw 1238, 2025

Motion 26-047

Moved by: Borecky

Seconded by: Therrien

THAT Council adopt the Zoning Bylaw 1238, 2025.

Carried Unanimously

8.2 Water Supply Capital Upgrades Parcel Tax Bylaw Amendment

Motion 26-048

Moved by: Therrien

Seconded by: Borecky

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to the “Water Supply Capital Upgrades Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw No. 1253, 2026”; and,

THAT Council appoint Mayor Brown, Councillor Borecky, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Therrien and Councillor Ward as members of the 2026 Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel; and,

THAT Council establish the sitting of the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel at 2:30 pm on March 23, 2026 at the Cultural Centre located at 2674 Dunsmuir Avenue, and direct staff to publish notice of the sitting of the panel.

Carried Unanimously

8.3 2026-2030 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw

Motion 26-049

Moved by: Sullivan

Seconded by: Ward

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to the “2026-2030 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1255, 2026”.

Carried Unanimously

9. New Business

None

10. Notices, Motions and Announcements

Matters considered here may include notices or motions to hold a meeting of the Committee of the Whole, a Village Hall meeting, a Public Hearing, and noticed of motion introduced by a Council Member. Check cumberland.ca/meetings to confirm meetings.

- Heritage Committee on February 19, from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Fire Hall Meeting Room
- Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee on February 19, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Fire Hall Meeting Room

11. Question Period

Questions were received on the heritage register.

12. Closed Portion

Motion 26-250

Moved by: Borecky

Seconded by: Therrien

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

- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

Carried Unanimously

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Motion 26-051

Moved by: Borecky

Seconded by: Ward

THAT Council adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor

Certified Correct by Corporate Officer