

The Corporation of the Village of Cumberland
Regular Council Meeting Minutes



February 23, 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
Seamus McConville, Planner 1
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 23, 2026

Motion 26-052

Moved by: Therrien

Seconded by: Ward

THAT Council approve the agenda for the February 23, 2026 Regular Council Meeting with the addition of Late Item 7.1, Heritage Alteration Permit correction.

Carried Unanimously

3. Minutes

3.1 Adoption of Minutes

Motion 26-053

Moved by: Borecky

Seconded by: Sullivan

THAT Council adopt the following minutes:

- Village Hall February 2, 2026
- Committee of the Whole, February 9, 2026
- Regular Council Meeting, February 9, 2026

Carried Unanimously

4. Delegations

None

5. Correspondence

5.1 K'ómoks First Nation Addition to Reserve Letter of Support

Motion 26-054

Moved by: Sullivan

Seconded by: Ward

THAT Council provide a letter to the K'ómoks First Nation in support of the Addition to Reserve Application to the Government of Canada for one 17.21 hectare parcel of fee-simple land held by the Nation in the Piercy Road area.

Carried Unanimously

5.2 University of Victoria, Accelerating Community Energy Transformation (ACET) - Engineering Scoping Study

Motion 26-055

Moved by: Borecky

Seconded by: Sullivan

THAT Council grant \$10,000 to the University of Victoria – Accelerating Community Energy Transformation (ACET) research group for the purpose of an engineering scoping study on a Bevan Industrial area / No 4 Mine site mine water geothermal district energy system;

AND THAT Council, as a condition of the grant, require that ACET submit a reporting compiling the results of the study to the Village at the completion of

the project;

AND THAT Council delegate to staff the entering of a Letter of Offer and completion of an application form for the purpose of exempting University of Victoria overhead so that the full grant amount can be expended on the engineering scoping study.

Carried Unanimously

6. Unfinished Business

None

7. Reports

7.1 Heritage Alteration Permit, Nikkei No Haka Japanese Cemetery

Motion 26-056

Moved by: Sullivan

Seconded by: Therrien

THAT Council approve the heritage alteration permit (HAP2505) or the property described as Lot E Section 25, Township 10 Comox District Plan VIP65968, Except Part in Plan VIP67631 (Nikkei No Haka Japanese Cemetery).

THAT Council add the Nikkei No Haka Japanese Cemetery, documented with a Statement of Significance and protected by Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 883 to the Community Heritage Register.

Carried Unanimously

7.2 Development Permit, Deferred Services Covenant, and Frontage Waiver for Approval – Bevan Road Industrial Subdivision

Motion 26-057

Moved by: Borecky

Seconded by: Therrien

THAT Council approve the development permit for the purpose of a 3-lot subdivision of the lots legally described as SECTION 34 TOWNSHIP 10 COMOX DISTRICT PLAN 552H EXCEPT THOSE PARTS SHOWN OUTLINED IN RED ON PLAN 21 RW AND IN PLANS VIP55123 VIP69987 EPP93477, EPP111856, EPP127706 AND EPP130046 & THAT PART OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 10, COMOX DISTRICT, PLAN 552H INCLUDED IN PLAN 21 RW EXCEPT PART IN PLAN VIP69987, EPP111856 AND EPP130046; and

THAT Council authorize staff to enter into a covenant with the owner to defer required servicing as per Subdivision and Development Bylaw No. 948, 2012 until development proceeds on the created lots; and

THAT Council exempt proposed Lot 2 the 10% minimum frontage requirement pursuant to Local Government Act Section 512, to allow a frontage of 1%.

Carried Unanimously

7.3 BC Bike Race 2026 Noise Control Bylaw Exemption and Road Closure Requests

Motion 26-058

Moved by: Ward

Seconded by: Borecky

THAT Council approve the following temporary road closures on Saturday, May 23, 2026, subject to submission of an acceptable traffic management plan and all other conditions of the event application process:

- Dunsmuir Avenue between Third Street and First Street from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.;
- Dunsmuir Avenue between First Street and Egremont Road from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.; and
- Sutton Road between Dunsmuir Avenue and the gated access to the trail network (Cumberland Community Forest Park) from 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.; AND,

THAT Council approve the closure of 14 diagonal parking spaces along the south side of Dunsmuir Avenue north of the Village Park sports courts and playground from May 22, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. to May 25, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.; AND,

THAT Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to approve a Noise Control Bylaw exemption request from the organizers of the BC Bike Race to allow amplified music and sound for the following dates, times and locations:

- Saturday, May 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Dunsmuir Avenue and at Village Park;
- Monday, May 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Village Park;
- Friday, May 22 from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Village Park;
- Sunday, May 24 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Village Park; and
- Monday, May 25 from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Village Park.

Carried Unanimously

7.4 Rotary Orchard Park Outdoor Furniture Proposal

Motion 26-059

Moved by: Borecky

Seconded by: Sullivan

THAT Council receive the Rotary Orchard Park Outdoor Furniture Proposal report for information.

Carried Unanimously

7.5 Cumberland Lake Park Swim Raft Replacement: Safety Considerations and Funding

Motion 26-060

Moved by: Therrien

Seconded by: Ward

THAT Council approve the replacement of the Cumberland Lake Park swim raft for safety reasons, as outlined in the staff report dated February 4, 2026; and

THAT Council approve the expenditure of up to \$20,000, to be funded through the Lake Park General Asset Renewal Reserve for the Lake Park swim raft replacement; and THAT Council direct staff to bring forward an amendment to the adopted 2026–2030 Financial Plan Bylaw to reflect this expenditure.

Carried Unanimously

8. Bylaws

8.1 Water Supply Capital Improvements Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw 1253, 2026

Motion 26-061

Moved by: Sullivan

Seconded by: Borecky

THAT Council adopt the Water Supply Capital Upgrades Parcel Tax Amendment Bylaw No. 1253, 2026

Carried Unanimously

8.2 2026-2030 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 1255

Motion 26-063

Moved by: Ward

Seconded by: Therrien

THAT Council adopt the 2026-2030 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1255, 2026.

Carried Unanimously

9. New Business

None

10. Notices, Motions and Announcements

None

11. Question Period

There were no questions.

12. Adjournment

Motion 26-064

Moved by: Sullivan

Seconded by: Borecky

THAT Council adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor

Certified Correct by Corporate Officer