

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



**March 23, 2026, 3:00 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
David Dougherty, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Annie Berard, Director of Corporate Services
Kevin McPhedran, Director of Community Services
Rachel Parker, Corporate Officer
Jason Wallace, Manager of Municipal Projects

1. Call to Order

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 3:00 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 23, 2026

THAT the Committee approve the Agenda for the March 23, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

3. Delegations

3.1 Josie Osborne, MLA, Mid Island-Pacific Rim, Discussions

The Committee met with MLA Osborne and discussed initiatives related to Council's strategic priorities and how the MLA's office could provide support and assistance, including:

- Ministry of Environment approval of the Liquid Waste Management Plan, Stage 3, so that the Village can commence phase 2 of capital upgrades to its wastewater lagoon treatment and disposal facility
- Suspension of the Community Housing Fund and the Village's applications for the K̓wax̓dzi'dzas Project, funding of long term care home in Campbell River and the Comox Valley health hub, and updating needed to provide funding for different models of community health services.
- Additional financial support for capital upgrades to the Village's drinking water reservoir capital upgrades including the No. 2 Dam project
- Provincial support for capital infrastructure works and long term capital replacement for the regional industrial economic development area at Bevan Road and feasibility of geo-exchange energy through minewater through the Ministry of Jobs and Economic Growth
- Consultation from the Ministry of Transportation and Transit on the Comox Valley interchange and parkway project designs, as well as improved parkway maintenance through multiple jurisdictions to support active transportation. Opportunities and invitation to Ministry staff to attend Village meeting each year, hold community open houses and provide other community engagement.
- Policing costs for transitioning municipalities, changes to the BC Police Act, and potential for negotiations, and list of municipalities that have recently transitioned.
- Discussion on difference of provincial and federal programs for affordable housing funding reflecting different priorities. It is important to discuss with BC Housing.

The meeting was recessed at 3:58 p.m. and reconvened at 4:07 p.m.

4. Reports

4.1 United Riders of Cumberland: 2025 Community Services Partnership Agreement Reporting and Presentation

The Committee received the Community Services Partnership Agreement report and the presentation from the United Riders of Cumberland (UROC) 2025 Annual Report and 2026 preview.

Discussion took place on improvements to the trail network to create more flow between trails and reducing conflicts between different users, accommodating more users, limiting expansion through other improvements, wildfire risk and procedures for response, and adaptive trail network to improve grades and

remove barriers to create many adaptive-ready trail loops and routes, and improving public information on adaptive trails on the UROC website.

5. Question Period

There were no questions.

6. Adjournment

Moved by: Borecky

Seconded by: Sullivan

THAT the Committee adjourn the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor

Certified Correct by Corporate Officer