

**The Corporation of the Village of Cumberland**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**



**April 27, 2026, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Cultural Centre**  
**2674 Dunsmuir Avenue**

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

Regrets: Councillor Neil Borecky

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  
Chris Baker, Manager of Bylaw, Permits and Licencing  
Melissa Roeske, Legislative Services Coordinator

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**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, April 27, 2026

Motion 26-099

**Moved by:** Sullivan  
**Seconded by:** Ward

THAT Council approve the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, April 27, 2026.

**Carried Unanimously**

**3. Minutes**

3.1 Adoption of Minutes

Motion 26-100

**Moved by:** Therrien

**Seconded by:** Ward

THAT Council adopt the following minutes:

- Regular Council Meeting, April 13, 2026; and,  
receive the following minutes:
- Heritage Committee, March 19, 2026

**Carried Unanimously**

#### 4. Delegations

- 4.1 Experience Comox Valley, Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) Application update

Motion 26-101

**Moved by:** Ward

**Seconded by:** Therrien

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

**Carried Unanimously**

#### 5. Correspondence

- 5.1 Experience Comox Valley, Request for support for Regional Municipal and Regional Tax (MRDT) application excluding the Town of Comox

Motion 26-102

**Moved by:** Sullivan

**Seconded by:** Therrien

That Council support the Comox Valley Regional District application to the Province of British Columbia for Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) in the following accommodation areas: Comox Valley Regional District Electoral Area A (excluding Denman and Hornby Islands, Electoral Area B, Electoral Area C (excluding Mount Washington), the City of Courtenay, and Village of Cumberland.

**Carried Unanimously**

- 5.2 Town of Comox, Community Labour Market Partnership, Request Letter of Support

Motion 26-103

**Moved by:** Ward

**Seconded by:** Therrien

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Town of Comox regarding Community Labour Market Partnership, Letter of Support Request; and direct staff to draft a letter of support.

Opposed (1): Sullivan

**Carried (3 to 1)**

## 6. Unfinished Business

- 6.1 Municipal Protected Areas Program, BC Nature, Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database

Motion 26-104

**Moved by:** Therrien

**Seconded by:** Sullivan

THAT Council support the addition of Village of Cumberland parks and protected areas into the Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database and direct the Director of Community Services to work with BC Nature to finalize details and related public announcements.

**Carried Unanimously**

## 7. Reports

- 7.1 2025 Audited Financial Statements

Motion 26-105

**Moved by:** Ward

**Seconded by:** Therrien

THAT Council receive Cory Vanderhorst, CPA, CA from MNP to present the auditor's report to Council for the year ended December 31, 2025; and, THAT Council approve the Village of Cumberland Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2025.

**Carried Unanimously**

- 7.2 Cumberland Recreation Center Roof Repair Project

Motion 26-106

**Moved by:** Therrien  
**Seconded by:** Sullivan

THAT Council authorize staff to proceed with the Cumberland Recreation Centre roof full restoration including the heat trace line installation, for a combined estimated cost of \$235,000 plus applicable taxes, to be funded from the 2026 Facility Asset Renewal Reserve, as approved in the 2026 budget.

**Carried Unanimously**

7.3 Solid Waste Collection: Transition from Manual to Automated Waste Collection

Motion 26-107

**Moved by:** Sullivan  
**Seconded by:** Therrien

THAT Council give formal written notice to the City of Courtenay that the Village intends to join their existing contract with Emterra Environmental in the automated collection of garbage, recycling, and organics waste spring 2027; and, THAT Council direct Staff to proceed with the communication as early as summer 2026, aligned with the Comox Valley Regional District for the Royston area; and, THAT Council confirm the cart selection option allowing residents to choose their cart size with possible physical examples prior to the transition to the automated waste collection service; and,

THAT Council confirm the option allowing the Village to provide additional cart when requested by residents in some specific instances, to be identified and approved by the Director of Public Works and Engineering; and,

THAT Council direct staff to maintain the current manual collection service with Emterra Environmental until the transition has been implemented; and,

THAT Council authorize staff to subsequently enter into good faith negotiations on automated waste collection with Emterra Environmental; and,

THAT Council direct staff to bring forward an amendment to the "Solid Waste Bylaw No. 1003, 2014" to include automated collection of solid waste; and,

THAT Council approve the additional expenditures to support transition for an amount of \$35,000 to be funded through the General Financial Stabilization Reserve funds earmarked for solid waste and THAT Council direct staff to bring forward an amendment to the adopted 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw to include those expenditures and funding.

**Carried Unanimously**

7.4 Bridge Agreement for Comox Valley Farmers' Market

Motion 26-108

**Moved by:** Therrien  
**Seconded by:** Sullivan

THAT Council direct staff to draft develop a Bridge Agreement with the Comox Valley Farmers' Market for 2026/27 that includes: annual funding of \$1100, storage of their equipment trailer on site at Village Square, continued provision of electrical and washroom facilities and the use of the parking spaces adjacent to Village Square; and, to authorize the mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute the agreement; and

THAT Council refer this Bridge Agreement to the 2027 strategic planning session to consider a multi year Community Service Partnership agreement.

**Carried Unanimously**

Motion 26-109

**Moved by:** Therrien  
**Seconded by:** Sullivan

THAT Council rescind the motion #25-253 from December 8 regular meeting as follows: "THAT Council provide a one time grant to the Comox Valley Farmers Market Association of \$600 in support of 2026 Cumberland market expenses, to be funded through the Host Community Amenity Reserve, and THAT Council direct staff to bring forward an amendment to the adopted 2026 to 2030 Financial Plan Bylaw to reflect this expenditure."

**Carried Unanimously**

**8. Bylaws**

8.1 2026 Property Tax Rates Bylaw

Motion 26-110

**Moved by:** Ward  
**Seconded by:** Therrien

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to "2026 Property Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1260, 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](http://cumberland.ca/meetings) to confirm meetings.

- Nothing at this time

**11. Question Period**

None

**12. Closed Portion**

Closed Portion Cancelled no longer required.

**13. Adjournment**

Motion 26-111

**Moved by:** Sullivan

**Seconded by:** Ward

THAT Council adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

**Carried Unanimously**

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Mayor

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Certified Correct by Corporate Officer