

**The Corporation of the Village of Cumberland**

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**May 11, 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  
Chris Baker, Manager of Bylaw, Permits and Licencing

**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, May 11, 2026

Motion 26-112

**Moved by:** Borecky

**Seconded by:** Sullivan

THAT Council approve the agenda for the May 11, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

**Carried Unanimously**

**3. Minutes**

3.1 Adoption of Minutes

Motion 26-113

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

THAT Council adopt the following minutes:

- Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 27, 2026
- Regular Council Meeting, April 27, 2026

**Carried Unanimously**

**4. Delegations**

None

**5. Correspondence**

5.1 Comox Strathcona Waste Management, Endorsement of 2026 Solid Waste Management Plan

Motion 26-114

**Moved by:** Therrien  
**Seconded by:** Borecky

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee regarding endorsement of the Comox Strathcona Waste Management 2026 Solid Waste Management Plan and submit a letter of support.

For: Brown, Borecky, Therrien, and Ward

Opposed: Sullivan

**Carried (4 to 1)**

5.2 Community Energy Association, Local Government Climate Action Program

Motion 26-115

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

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Community Energy Association, seeking your voice on No Renewal of the Local Government Climate Action Program and direct the Mayor to write a letter of support.

**Carried Unanimously**

5.3 Village Input to School District 71 Long Range Facilities Plan

Motion 26-116

**Moved by:** Borecky

**Seconded by:** Ward

THAT Council receive the correspondence from K. Snaden regarding Village Input to School District 71 Long Range Facility Plan.

**Carried Unanimously**

**6. Unfinished Business**

None

**7. Reports**

7.1 Building Bylaw Amendment for Energy Step Code, Zero Carbon Step Code and Housekeeping

Motion 26-117

**Moved by:** Sullivan

**Seconded by:** Ward

THAT Council endorse Building Amendment Bylaw No. 1254, 2026, for engagement with the local development community; and,

THAT Council direct staff to seek feedback from the local development community regarding the proposed approaches for implementing the Energy Step Code and Zero Carbon Step Code.

**Carried Unanimously**

7.2 January 30 2026 Perseverance Creek Flood Response and Recovery

Motion 26-118

**Moved by:** Therrien

**Seconded by:** Ward

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with constructing a temporary “ford” trail crossing of a channel of Perseverance Creek in the Cumberland Community Forest Park;

AND THAT Council approve the expenditure of up to \$6000 to be funded through the General Financial Stabilization Reserve, for constructing a temporary trail “ford” crossing of Perseverance Creek in the Cumberland Community Forest Park and THAT Council direct staff to bring forward an amendment to the adopted 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw to reflect this expenditure.

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with immediate risk mitigation works for the protection of critical infrastructure as identified by the upcoming Perseverance Creek Risk Assessment subject to securing funding from the Province.

**Carried Unanimously**

7.3 Community Policing Priorities for 2026 RCMP Annual Performance Plan

Motion 26-119

**Moved by:** Therrien

**Seconded by:** Ward

THAT Council direct that the mayor write to the RCMP on Village of Cumberland policing priorities for the 2026-2027 RCMP Annual Performance Plan as listed:

- Traffic safety, including unlicensed vehicles, 30 km/h zone enforcement in school zones and park, and education on new reduced Village speed areas and electric bicycles
- Late night patrols, including the boat launch, campground, and Comox Lake Road area
- Community policing relationship building
- Problem houses
- Collaborate with mental health and other social service providers

**Carried Unanimously**

7.4 Disclosure of Contract

Councillor Ward declared a conflict on this item as he holds a contract with Boleyn Media and left the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Motion 26-120

**Moved by:** Borecky

**Seconded by:** Sullivan

THAT Council receive the Disclosure of Contract report.

For: Brown, Borecky, Sullivan, and Therrien

Recusal: Ward

**Carried (4 to 0)**

Councillor Ward returned to the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

7.5 Appointment of the Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Officer

Motion 26-121

**Moved by:** Sullivan

**Seconded by:** Ward

THAT Council appoint Rachel Parker as chief election officer and Andrea Samsom as deputy chief election officer for the 2026 general local election.

**Carried Unanimously**

7.6 Temporary Project Manager Support

Motion 26-122

**Moved by:** Ward

**Seconded by:** Therrien

THAT Council approve the expenditure of up to \$145,000 for all costs associated with a temporary one-year Project Manager position to be funded from the General Stabilization Reserve funds and THAT Council direct staff to bring forward an amendment to the adopted 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw to reflect this expenditure.

**Carried Unanimously**

7.7 Council Monthly Reports

Motion 26-123

**Moved by:** Therrien

**Seconded by:** Sullivan

THAT Council receive the monthly member reports for April 2026.

**Carried Unanimously**

**8. Bylaws**

8.1 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1260

Motion 26-124

**Moved by:** Sullivan

**Seconded by:** Ward

THAT Council adopt the 2026 Property Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1260, 2026.

**Carried Unanimously**

8.2 Business Licence Renewal Extension

Motion 26-125

**Moved by:** Borecky

**Seconded by:** Therrien

THAT Council give first, second, and third readings to Business Licensing Amendment Bylaw No. 1262, 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.

- Advisory Planning Commission, May 14, 4 p.m. Firehall Meeting room

11. **Question Period**

None received

12. **Closed Portion**

Motion 26-126

**Moved by:** Sullivan

**Seconded by:** Borecky

THAT Council close the meeting to the public at 6:47 p.m. pursuant to Section 90 (1) of the *Community Charter* to consider:

(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

**Carried Unanimously**

13. **Adjournment**

Motion 26-127

**Moved by:** Borecky

**Seconded by:** Therrien

THAT Council adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

**Carried Unanimously**

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Mayor

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Certified Correct by Corporate Officer