

Municipality of North Cowichan

Special Council

MINUTES

November 26, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Hall - Council Chambers

Members Present Mayor Al Siebring
Councillor Rob Douglas
Councillor Christopher Justice
Councillor Tek Manhas
Councillor Rosalie Sawrie
Councillor Debra Toporowski

Members Absent Councillor Kate Marsh

Staff Present Ted Swabey, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Mark Frame, General Manager, Financial and Protective Services
Ernie Mansueti, General Manager, Community Services
Sarah Nixon, General Manager, Corporate Services
Megan Jordan, Acting, Manager, Communications and Public Engagement
Nelda Richardson, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, Mayor Siebring called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded:

That Council approve the November 26, 2019 Special Council agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Council received brief public input from Ms. Jacquie Taylor, regarding item 4.2 on the agenda.

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Duncan-Cowichan Chamber of Commerce

Council discussed the request from the Duncan-Cowichan Chamber of Commerce to increase their 2020 "line item" grant-in-aid to \$38,000 from the \$30,000 in 2019.

It was moved and seconded:

That Council receive, for information the General Manager of Financial and Protective Services November 25, 2019 report.

CARRIED

4.2 Grant-In-Aid Review and Approval

Council received a brief overview from Mr. Mark Frame, General Manager, Financial and Protective Services, regarding the 2020 grant applications. Mr. Frame advised Council that staff reviewed the applications using Council's evaluation criteria and that he could respond to any questions Council may have during their review of the 2020 grant-in-aid applications.

It was moved and seconded:

That Council direct staff to amend the 2020 recommended "line item" grants-in-aid in the "2020 Grants in Aid List" by decreasing the Chemainus & District Chamber of Commerce grant to \$27,500 and the Duncan-Cowichan Chamber of Commerce grant to \$34,000.

(Opposed: Siebring; Manhas)

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

That Council direct staff to forward the issue of funding the Duncan-Cowichan Chamber / Visitor Centre to the next scheduled joint meeting of the City of Duncan and District of North Cowichan to establish a process to determine annual sustainable joint funding contributions between the City of Duncan, District of North Cowichan and the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

CARRIED

Council commenced in a discussion regarding the 2020 grant amount recommended for the Clements Centre Society.

Councillors Douglas and Manhas declared a conflict of interest on this matter citing their spouses are employed with the Clements Centre Society and left the Council Chambers at 6:47 p.m.

It was moved and seconded:

That Council direct staff to decrease the 2020 grant-in-aid for the Clements Centre Society to \$3,000.

(Opposed: Toporowski)

CARRIED

Councillors Douglas and Manhas returned to the Council Chambers at 6:49 p.m.

It was moved and seconded:

That Council direct staff to increase the 2020 grant-in-aid for Volunteer Cowichan to \$3,000.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

That Council direct staff to increase the 2020 grant-in-aid for the Cowichan Valley Naturalists to \$4,500.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

That Council direct staff to increase the 2020 grant-in-aid for the Cowichan Historical Society to \$4,000.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded:

That Council direct staff to include funding in the draft Financial Plan to provide grants as amended in the "2020 Grants in Aid List" attached to the General Manager of Financial and Protective Services November 26, 2019 report.

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

None.

6. QUESTION PERIOD

Council received no questions from the public regarding business considered at this meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded:

That Council adjourn the November 26, 2019 Special Council meeting at 7:04 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified by Deputy Corporate Officer

Signed by Mayor