

# Municipality of North Cowichan First Nations Relations Committee AGENDA

Monday, December 16, 2019, 2:00 p.m.  
Municipal Hall - Maple Bay Meeting Room

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation:

That the Committee approve the December 16, 2019 agenda, as circulated [or as amended].

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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Recommendation:

That the Committee adopt the minutes of the meeting held July 5, 2019.

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Committee Terms of Reference and Mandate

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Purpose: To determine the scope of the Committee's work, along with the responsibility of each member and create a clear goal statement of what the Committee is aiming to achieve by working together.

4.2 First Nations Protocols and Communications

Purpose: To define the official procedure or system of rules governing the First Nations Relations Committee.

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. CLOSED SESSION

Recommendation:

That the Committee close the meeting at \_\_\_\_ p.m. to the public on the basis of section 90(2)(b) of the *Community Charter* [information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party].

7. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation:

That the First Nations Relations Committee meeting be adjourned at \_\_\_\_ p.m.

**Municipality of North Cowichan  
First Nations Relations Committee  
MINUTES**

**July 5, 2019, 3:30 p.m.  
Municipal Hall - Maple Bay Meeting Room**

Members Present           Councillor Debra Toporowski, Chair  
                                  Mayor Al Siebring  
                                  Councillor Kate Marsh

Staff Present               Ted Swabey, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)  
                                  Matt O'Halloran, Deputy Corporate Officer

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded:

**That the Committee approve the agenda as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

**3. BUSINESS**

**3.1 Council to Council Meeting with Neighbouring First Nations**

It was moved and seconded:

**That the Committee recommend to Council that a letter of invitation be sent to the Lyackson, Halalt, Stz'uminus, Cowichan Tribes, Snuneymuxw, and Penelakut Chief and Councils to see if there is interest in having joint Council to Council meetings to discuss matters of mutual interest.**

**CARRIED**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded:

**That the First Nations Relations Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:45 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

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Signed by Chair

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Certified by Recording Secretary



## **FIRST NATIONS RELATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE**

### **MANDATE**

The purpose of the First Nations Relations Committee is to build on and further enhance Council's commitment to building relationships with neighbouring First Nations. These relationships must be based on trust, honour, and goodwill. Establishment of this committee will send a clear signal to neighbouring First Nations governments that the District of North Cowichan is making a serious commitment to working together and that government-to-government relationship building is a priority focus for Council.

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

1. Listening and learning: understanding that there is much we do not know about the connections our local First Nations have to the area.
2. Being Authentic: expressing a sincere desire to have real relationships with our local First Nations.

### **MEETINGS**

Meetings will be held on an as needed basis and led by three (3) Council representatives. The goal of the meetings is to move beyond formality and have interactions rooted in a sincere and genuine relationship of mutual respect.