

Municipality of North Cowichan First Nations Relations Committee MINUTES

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

Members Present Councillor Debra Toporowski, Chair
 Mayor Al Siebring

Members Absent Councillor Kate Marsh

Staff Present Ted Swabey, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
 Terri Brennan, Recorder
 Shaun Mason, Municipal Forester
 Megan Jordan, Manager, Communications and Public Engagement
 Morgan McLeod, Development Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded:

That the Committee approve the December 16, 2019 agenda, as amended to consider the following items in closed meeting under the authority of section 90(2)(b) of the *Community Charter*:

- **Item 4.3 Halalt Memorandum of Understanding;**
- **Item 4.4 Stoney Hill Road Naming;**
- **Item 4.5 First Nations Firewood Donation;**
- **Item 4.6 Naming of Parks;**
- **Item 4.7 Boys Road Improvements.**

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded:

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

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Committee Terms of Reference and Mandate

The Committee Chair distributed the draft Terms of Reference and the following amendments were made:

1. On the title page: add 'Terms of Reference';
2. In section 2.0 b): Change 'The Committee will appoint a Chair.' to 'The Mayor will annually appoint a Chair.';
3. In section 3.0: remove the extra words 'will be'; and
4. The Corporate Officer to confirm if the statement in section 4.0 e) is applicable, if not, it will be removed.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Committee recommend that Council adopt the Draft Terms of Reference as amended, as outlined at the December 16, 2019 Committee meeting.

CARRIED

4.2 First Nations Protocols and Communications

The Committee Chair expressed interest in arranging a luncheon session between the School District, the Cowichan Valley Regional District, the Municipality of North Cowichan, Cowichan Tribes and other Tribe community members to meet as a local government in an informal setting. The Chair to have further detailed discussion with the Chief Administrative Officer.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None.

6. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved and seconded:

That the Committee close the meeting at 2:18 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].

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee rose without report and ended the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Signed by Chair

Certified by Acting Corporate Officer