

# Municipality of North Cowichan

## Regular Council

### MINUTES

May 20, 2020, 1:30 p.m.  
Electronically

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 David Conway, Director of Engineering Rob Conway, Director of Planning and Building Megan Jordan, Acting, Manager, Communications and Public Engagement Jason Birch, Chief Information Officer Michelle Martineau, Corporate Officer Tricia Mayea, Deputy Corporate Officer

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, Mayor Siebring called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council added a late item (Item 11.5) to the in-camera meeting under Section 90(1)(a) - personal information of the *Community Charter*.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Council adopt the agenda, as amended.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Douglas joined the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

#### 3. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Siebring provided a verbal update on meetings and activities he recently attended.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Regular Council meeting held May 6, 2020**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held May 6, 2020.

**CARRIED**

**5. PUBLIC INPUT**

Council received 1 submission via email prior to the meeting regarding item 8.1. A summary of that submission was read out in the meeting.

**6. REPORTS**

**6.1 Resumption of Committee meetings through electronic means**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Council remove their moratorium on committee and other advisory body meetings so that they may resume their meetings electronically;

And that staff be directed to livestream the meetings to provide open meeting transparency until such time as Ministerial Order No. M139, made on May 1, 2020, by the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General is lifted;

And further that the scheduling for reactivation of these electronic meetings shall be necessitated and prioritized by the need to execute decisions and/or direction by Council.

**CARRIED**

**7. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

None.

**8. UNFINISHED AND POSTPONED BUSINESS**

**8.1 Request for Reconsideration of BC Energy Step Code Decision**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Council reconsider their March 4, 2020 decision to endorse the BC Energy Step Code implementation strategy, the \$30,000 annual allocation for rebates, and amendments to the Building Bylaw.

(Opposed: Siebring, Sawrie, Toporowski, Manhas)

**DEFEATED**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9.1 Request from the BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Council support the economic recovery of the hospitality sector by directing staff to process, as a priority, any requests for outdoor patio space for food and beverage establishments, which includes expedited and flexible permitting and licensing processes

for all new applications and renewals to help address their seating capacities, until such time as the declaration of a state of emergency made March 18, 2020 under section 9 (1) of the *Emergency Program Act* expires or is cancelled or if there is an extension under section 9 (4) of the Act, the date on which the last extension of that declaration expires or is cancelled. **CARRIED**

**10. QUESTION PERIOD**

Mayor Siebring called for a recess at 2:06 p.m. to allow viewers to submit questions via email on the matters discussed during the meeting. One question had been submitted when the meeting reconvened at 2:15 p.m. and was read out in the meeting.

**11. MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Council close the May 20, 2020 Regular Council meeting at 2:23 p.m. to the public on the basis of the following sections of the *Community Charter*:

- 90(1)(a) - personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
- 90(1)(e) - the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, which the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality; and
- 90(2)(b) - the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government. **CARRIED**

**12. RISE AND REPORT**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Council rise without report and adjourn the Council Closed meeting at 4:00 p.m. **CARRIED**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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Certified by Corporate Officer

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Signed by Mayor