

Municipality of North Cowichan Committee of the Whole MINUTES

August 11, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Electronically

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

Members Absent Councillor Kate Marsh

Staff Present Sarah Nixon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (D/CAO)
 Mark Frame, General Manager, Financial and Protective Services
 George Farkas, Acting, Director of Human Resources
 Don Stewart, Director, Parks and Recreation
 Tricia Mayea, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held July 28, 2020 be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

The Committee received no submissions via email prior to the meeting regarding agenda items.

5. **BUSINESS**

5.1 **RCMP Service Levels Review Workshop**

Mark Frame, GM, Financial and Protective Services facilitated a workshop with Council to identify Council's objectives and desired outcomes in relation to an RCMP service review, and to identify the scope of work to be undertaken by a consultant.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee recommend to Council that staff engage in a RCMP financial service review focusing on value for money. CARRIED

The meeting recessed, by unanimous consent, at 7:41 p.m. and reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee recommend to Council the hiring of a consultant to conduct a Gap Analysis study of Protective and Community Services to determine, by January 31, 2021:

- a) what changes in methods of delivery of those services might be advisable and statutorily achievable in the short term; and
- b) that any recommended changes in the methods of delivery of those services which are not statutorily achievable be presented for consideration to the BC Legislature's All Party Committee that is currently reviewing the *Police Act*. CARRIED

5.2 Proposed Respectful Spaces Bylaw

George Farkas, Acting Director, Human Resources provided Council with a technical briefing and review of the key components of the draft Respectful Spaces Bylaw.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee of the Whole supports in-principal the scope, incident response, offence and penalty provisions, and appeal process of the draft Respectful Spaces Bylaw as presented; and directs staff to bring forward the Respectful Spaces Bylaw to a future regular meeting of Council for consideration of first three readings. CARRIED

5.3 COVID - 19 Reopening Plan for Fuller Lake Arena

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to direct staff to proceed with the re-opening of the Fuller Lake Arena under its COVID-19 Restoration of Programs & Services Plan, specifically;

- To allow for a phased-in resumption of services effective September 8, 2020, and
- To support the COVID-19 restrictions outlined for facility usage. CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the meeting be extended past the 3 hour limit set in the Council Procedure Bylaw. CARRIED

7. QUESTION PERIOD

The Chair called for a recess at 9:02 p.m. to allow viewers to submit questions via email on the matters discussed during the meeting. No questions had been submitted when the meeting reconvened at 9:12 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified by Corporate Officer

Signed by Mayor