

Municipality of North Cowichan

Committee of the Whole

MINUTES

October 13, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Electronically

Members Present Councillor Christopher Justice, Chair
 Mayor Al Siebring
 Councillor Tek Manhas
 Councillor Kate Marsh joined at 6:09 p.m.
 Councillor Rosalie Sawrie
 Councillor Debra Toporowski

Members Absent Councillor Rob Douglas

Staff Present Ted Swabey, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
 Sarah Nixon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (D/CAO)
 Mark Frame, General Manager, Financial and Protective Services
 Don Stewart, Director, Parks and Recreation
 Shawn Cator, Director, Operations
 George Farkas, Director, Human Resources and Corporate Planning
 Clay Reitsma, Senior Manager, Engineering
 Jason Birch, Chief Information Officer
 Megan Jordan, Manager, Communications and Public Engagement
 Chris Hutton, Community Planning Coordinator
 Tricia Mayea, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee of the Whole 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 September 16, 2020 be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT

The Committee received no public input submissions prior to the meeting.

5. BUSINESS

5.1 Inclusion Workshop

The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer workshopped with Council to clarify Council's vision for an inclusive community. A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is on file at the Municipal Hall.

Council provided the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer with suggestions for inclusion initiatives that could be undertaken at North Cowichan in the future.

IT WAS MOVED AND SEONDED:

That staff be directed to include an update on diversity and inclusion in the Council Strategic Plan quarterly reporting. CARRIED

5.2 Public Input on Agenda for discussion

Council discussed the pros and cons of administering Public Input during WebEx online Council meetings and determined that summarizing the public input is at times onerous on staff, and that circulating the public input to Council half an hour prior to the start of the meeting does not leave Council much time to read the public input.

IT WAS MOVED AND SEONDED:

That Council will only take formal public input on agenda items up until noon on the day before the meeting for the duration of COVID related meetings. (OPPOSED: Sawrie)
CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SEONDED:

That Council continue the present public input practice - that Council will be assumed to have read the public input and that there is no need for a staff summary during the public input portion of the agenda. CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Justice 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 9:10 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED AND SEONDED:

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:12 p.m. CARRIED

Certified by Corporate Officer

Signed by Mayor