

**Municipality of North Cowichan
Special Council
MINUTES**

**February 22, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Electronically**

Members Present	Mayor Al Siebring Councillor Rob Douglas Councillor Christopher Justice Councillor Tek Manhas Councillor Kate Marsh Councillor Rosalie Sawrie Councillor Debra Toporowski
Staff Present	Ted Swabey, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Sarah Nixon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (D/CAO) David Conway, Director, Engineering Clay Reitsma, Senior Manager, Engineering Don Stewart, Director, Parks and Recreation Rob Conway, Director, Planning and Building Shawn Cator, Director, Operations Michele Gill, Manager Development 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 6:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were added as late items to the agenda:

- (1) A matter related to personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a position as an officer, added under the Closed Session
- (2) A matter related to land, added under the Closed Session
- (3) A matter related to land and negotiations with an aboriginal government, added under the Closed Session.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Council approve the agenda, as amended.

CARRIED

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Council received no public input regarding agenda items.

4. BUSINESS

4.1 North Cowichan Environmental Policy and Regulation Review

Camille Francois, Urban Planner, Mike Coulthard, Principal and Senior Biologist & Forester, Cassandra Cummings, Biologist & Planner, of Diamond Head Consulting, provided a presentation regarding their findings and recommendations of the North Cowichan Environmental Policy and Regulation Review, and answered questions of Council. A copy of the presentation was appended to the agenda.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the third paragraph in the following motion:

That Council direct staff to use the Environmental Policy and Regulation Review report as a resource and guide for developing and updating environmental policy in the new OCP and other upcoming projects such as the Zoning Bylaw and Subdivision Bylaw reviews.

That Council direct staff to consider and bring forward the report's recommendations as part of the annual business planning process as funding and resourcing opportunities allow.

That Council refer the report to the Environmental Advisory Committee, Official Community Plan Advisory Group, and Modus.

be amended to read: That Council refer the report to Modus, and to the Environmental Advisory Committee and Official Community Plan Advisory Group for information.

(OPPOSED: Toporowski, Justice, Marsh, Douglas)

DEFEATED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the main motion be amended to remove the words "Official Community Plan Advisory Group" from the third paragraph.

(OPPOSED: Siebring, Toporowski, Marsh, Justice, Sawrie, Manhas, Douglas)

DEFEATED

Council agreed by unanimous consent to sever the motion.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Council direct staff to use the Environmental Policy and Regulation Review report as a resource and guide for developing and updating environmental policy in the new OCP and other upcoming projects such as the Zoning Bylaw and Subdivision Bylaw reviews.

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Council direct staff to consider and bring forward the report's recommendations as part of the annual business planning process as funding and resourcing opportunities allow.

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the following motion:

That Council refer the report to the Environmental Advisory Committee, Official Community Plan Advisory Group, and Modus.

be amended to add the words "on the understanding that there will be no delays to the OCP process" to the end of the motion.

(OPPOSED: Manhas)

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Council refer the report to the Environmental Advisory Committee, Official Community Plan Advisory Group and Modus, on the understanding that there will be no delays to the OCP process. (OPPOSED: Manhas)

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

None.

6. QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were submitted using the online platform.

7. CLOSED SESSION

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the meeting be closed to the public at 8:12 p.m. on the basis of the sections 90(1)(a), (e) and (m) of the *Community Charter* as the matters relate to:

- personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality;
- 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 a matter that, under another enactment, that being section 16(1)(a)(iii) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act related to intergovernmental relations or negotiations with an aboriginal government, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Council adjourn the Special Council meeting at 8:53 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified by Corporate Officer

Signed by Mayor