

Municipality of North Cowichan Committee of the Whole MINUTES

**April 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Electronically**

Members Present	Councillor Tek Manhas, Chair Mayor Al Siebring Councillor Rob Douglas (arrived at 6:04 p.m.) Councillor Christopher Justice Councillor Kate Marsh Councillor Rosalie Sawrie (arrived at 6:10 p.m.) Councillor Debra Toporowski
Staff Present	Ted Swabey, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Sarah Nixon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (D/CAO) Don Stewart, Director, Parks and Recreation George Farkas, Director, Human Resources and Corporate Planning Jason Birch, Chief Information Officer Talitha Soldera, Director, Financial Services Michelle Martineau, Corporate Officer Tricia Mayea, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 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

3.1 Regular Committee of the Whole minutes from March 9, 2021

3.2 Special Committee of the Whole minutes from March 15, 2021

3.3 Special Committee of the Whole minutes from March 23, 2021

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held March 9, 2021, Special Committee of the Whole meetings held March 15, 2021 and March 23, 2021 be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Council received public input from five members of the public regarding agenda item 5.4.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Council suspend the rules to allow a member of the public to provide public input.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS

5.1 Council Strategic Plan: Quarter 1 Update (January 1 to March 31, 2021)

Staff responded to questions of Council on the actions undertaken by staff, in relation to Council's Strategic Plan, during the first quarter of 2021.

5.2 2021 Tax Rates

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Committee of the Whole recommends that Council direct staff to distribute the 2.5% tax increase equally across all classes net of new construction. CARRIED

5.3 Tax Due Date/Penalty Date Options

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council direct staff to prepare an Alternative Municipal Tax Scheme Bylaw extending the tax penalty date to September 1, 2021. CARRIED

5.4 Proposed Cell Tower on Mount Tzouhalem

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council postpone consideration of the motion to *"instruct staff to offer Rogers an alternate location for their proposed cell tower on Mount Tzouhalem that is at least 500 metres from homes or existing or possible future zoning for homes"* until such time as Rogers Communications has completed their public consultation process as outlined in their February 2, 2021 presentation to Council, and until Council has had an opportunity to review the summary of that consultation.

(Opposed: Marsh, Douglas)

CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

Two questions were submitted using the online platform.

8. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:38 p.m. CARRIED

Certified by Corporate Officer

Signed by Mayor