

Municipality of North Cowichan

Forestry Advisory Committee

MINUTES

June 30, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
Electronically

Members Present	Mayor Al Siebring, Acting Chair Cameron Campbell Alan Chatterton Cedar Elliott Vicki Holman Eric Jeklin Dave Lindsay Dave Polster (arrived at 10:00 a.m.)
Members Absent	Councillor Rob Douglas, Chair Mark Carter Chief James Thomas
Staff Present	Ted Swabey, Chief Administrative Officer Sarah Nixon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Don Stewart, Director, Parks and Recreation Shaun Mason, Municipal Forester Tricia Mayea, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1.1 Open Meeting Transparency Resolution

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That pursuant to Ministerial Order No. M192 and the procedures established by the Municipality of North Cowichan to protect the health and safety of the public and municipal staff while they perform work within the Municipal Hall, the attendance of the public at today's Forestry Advisory Committee meeting cannot be accommodated because of the limitations placed on mass gatherings by the Provincial Health Officer; our inability to provide for adequate physical distancing between members of Council, staff, and the public or to create separate entrance and exits with one-way walkways for the public in Council Chambers; and further that to ensure openness, transparency, accessibility and accountability for this meeting, the Municipality of North Cowichan:

- is livestreaming the meeting to enable the public to hear and see the proceedings;
- has provided notice of today's meeting; and
- has made the meeting agenda, as well as all other relevant documents, available on the municipal website prior to the meeting.

CARRIED

1.2 Appointment of Chair

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Mayor Siebring, being an ex-officio member of the Forest Advisory Committee, be selected to chair today's meeting in Councillor Douglas' absence. **CARRIED**

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee approve the agenda as circulated. **CARRIED**

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee adopt the minutes of the meeting held June 17, 2019, as circulated. **CARRIED**

4. BUSINESS

4.1 UBC Partnership Group Presentation

Dr. Brad Seely, 3GreenTree Ecosystem Services Ltd. & Faculty of Forestry, UBC, Dr. Peter Arcese, Prof./FRBC Chair Forest & Conservation Sciences, UBC, Dr. Clive Welham, 3GreenTree Ecosystem Services Ltd. & Faculty of Forestry, UBC, Dr. Stephen Sheppard, Prof. Forest Resources Management, UBC, provided a three-part overview and update on the Strategic Forest Planning Review and Technical Analysis of the North Cowichan Municipal Forest Reserve to the Committee. A copy of the presentations and supplemental documents were included in the agenda.

The review of the goals and objectives included past management activities and regional context, the development of spatial data resources, understanding management goals and evaluating outcomes, a multi-objective scenario analysis, an assessment of the feasibility of developing a carbon project, and support for development of forest management plans.

The review of the feasibility analysis, which forms the basis for the carbon project, highlighted how many carbon credits a carbon project could generate, how much revenue might be realized from carbon credits as compared to traditional sources like harvesting, how logging and carbon are not mutually exclusive, and how credits can be allocated for more than one purpose.

Dave Polster joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The review of the possible outcomes to the economy, people, and native species highlighted the associated trade-offs and synergies found in the management of public lands and resources, how focal species mapping informs us about landscape conditions and long-term consequences of management, and how the co-benefits of habitat restoration can enhance the price of carbon off-sets, economic activity, and the direct and indirect benefits of recreation/tourism.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Forestry Advisory Committee receive the UBC Partnerships overview and presentation for information.

CARRIED

4.2 2019 Annual Forestry Report

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Forestry Advisory Committee accepts the 2019 Annual Forestry Report as prepared by the Municipal Forester.

CARRIED

4.3 Forester's Regular Report

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Forestry Advisory Committee receive the Municipal Forester's report for information.

CARRIED

4.4 Setting Regular Bi-Monthly Meetings

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee recommends to Council that the Forestry Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be amended to remove the requirement to meet bi-monthly.

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

No items.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 11:13 a.m.

Signed by Chair

Certified by Recording Secretary