

Municipality of North Cowichan Environmental Advisory Committee MINUTES

May 18, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Electronically

Members Present	Councillor Kate Marsh, Chair Neil Anderson Cam Campbell Per Dahlstrom Dr. Jana Kotaska Ashley Muckle Sandy McPherson (arrived at 2:58 p.m.) Dr. Geoffrey Strong Dr. Shannon Waters
Members Absent	Bruce Coates David Coulson Dr. Jesse Patterson
Staff Present	David Conway, Director, Engineering Projects Dave Preikshot, Senior Environmental Specialist Shaun Chadburn, Environmental Programs Coordinator Tricia Mayea, Deputy Corporate Officer
Others Present	Camille Lefrancois, Urban Planner, Diamond Head Consulting

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee, by unanimous consent, named Cam Campbell as Acting Chair for this meeting if the need arises.

The following late item was added to the agenda:

- North Cowichan Growth Scenarios Webinar - added to New Business.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee adopt the minutes of the meeting held May 4, 2021.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Diamond Head Consulting Presentation regarding the Environmental Policy review

Camille Lefrancois, Urban Planner, Diamond Head Consulting, provided a presentation regarding the Environmental Policy review and answered questions of the Committee members. A copy of the presentation materials was appended to the agenda.

Chair Marsh left the meeting at 2:25 p.m. and Cam Campbell assumed the Chair. Chair Marsh returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair at 2:29 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council authorize Diamond Head Consulting to provide a simple comparison of their Environmental Policy and Regulation Review report dated February 16, 2021 recommendations with the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) recommendations from the May 4, 2021 EAC meeting on the Climate Action Energy Plan. CARRIED

4.2 Discussion regarding a Green Circular Economy Eco-Industrial Park concept

Per Dahlstrom provided a presentation on the concept and merits of the District of North Cowichan spearheading a green circular economy eco-industrial park. A copy of the presentation materials was appended to the agenda.

Sandy McPherson arrived at the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct staff to consider an eco-industrial lands policy consistent with the anticipated Climate Action Energy Plan update recommendations. CARRIED

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That the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council endorse a grant application to the Community Energy Association's (CEA) "Game Changer" Climate Action Implementation Capacity Grants fund, subject to initial screening by the CEA. CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 North Cowichan Growth Scenarios Webinar

The EAC members were encouraged to participate in the Growth Scenarios Webinar being hosted by North Cowichan on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 07:00 PM. You can register by visiting www.northcowichan.ca/OCP.

The EAC members were also encouraged to participate in North Cowichan's Growth Management survey, which is available online until June 6, 2021. The feedback gathered from the survey will help inform the development of North Cowichan's updated Official Community Plan (OCP).

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 4:08 p.m.

Certified by Recording Secretary

Signed by Chair