

Municipality of North Cowichan Committee of the Whole MINUTES

June 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Electronically

Members Present Councillor Tek Manhas, Chair
 Mayor Al Siebring
 Councillor Rob Douglas
 Councillor Christopher Justice
 Councillor Kate Marsh
 Councillor Rosalie Sawrie (arrived at 6:02 p.m.)
 Councillor Debra Toporowski

Staff Present Ted Swabey, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
 Sarah Nixon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (D/CAO)
 Michelle Martineau, Corporate Officer
 Jason Birch, Chief Information Officer
 Shawn Cator, Director, Operations
 Rob Conway, Director, Planning and Building
 Martin Drakeley, Manager, Fire and Bylaw Services
 George Farkas, Director, Human Resources and Corporate Planning
 Tammy Isaachsen, Acting Manager, Communications and Public Engagement
 Don Stewart, Director, Parks and Recreation
 John Dehoop, Manager, Infrastructure
 Kim Ferris, Manager, Bylaw and Business Licensing Services
 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 6:00 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 **Minutes from the May 11, 2021 regular meeting for adoption**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the minutes of the regular meeting held May 11, 2021 be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Council received no public input.

5. BUSINESS

5.1 Forest Use Bylaw Fine Increases

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Committee of the Whole directs staff to amend:

1. the Forest Use Bylaw No. 3265, 2007 to remove section 4 [Offence] and insert in its place: *"A person who contravenes a provision of the bylaw or any order or permit issued under this bylaw, shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) under the Offence Act and the costs of prosecution. Where any offence is a continuing one, each day that the offence continues shall be a separate offence."*
2. the Bylaw Offence Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 3677, 2021 to increase the fines associated with the Forest Use Bylaw No. 3265, 2007 where deemed appropriate based on the offence up to the maximum of \$500.
3. the Municipal Ticket Information System Bylaw No. 3464, 2013 to increase the fines associated with the Forest Use Bylaw No. 3265, 2007 where deemed appropriate based on the offence up to the maximum of \$1,000. CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee of the Whole direct staff to increase the penalty for sign defacing under the Bylaw Offence Notice Enforcement Bylaw to \$500 and Municipal Ticket Information System Bylaw to \$1,000. (Opposed: Justice and Siebring)
CARRIED

5.2 Review of Fireworks Bylaw 1974, No. 1579

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council that the motion passed at the December 20, 2017, Council meeting: *That Council direct staff to draft a bylaw to amend Fireworks Bylaw 1974 to restrict fireworks permits to January 1st, July 1st, and October 31st, and require requests for other dates be approved by the Chief Administrative Officer or his designate.,* be repealed.

(Opposed: Douglas, Manhas, Marsh, Sawrie, Siebring, Toporowski)
DEFEATED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee of the Whole direct staff to draft a new Fireworks Bylaw based on the suggestions listed under items 2 – 17, in the June 8, 2021 report from the Deputy Corporate Officer. CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

Council received no questions from the public regarding agenda items.

8. CLOSED SESSION

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Council close the June 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:19 p.m. to the public on the basis of the following section of the *Community Charter*:

- 90(1)(j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. CARRIED

8.1 Closed minutes from the January 12, 2021, March 23, 2021 and March 15, 2021 meetings for adoption

8.2 Closed under section 90(1)(j) FOIPPA s.21(1)(b) report supplied in confidence

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Certified by Corporate Officer

Signed by Mayor