

Municipality of North Cowichan Special Committee of the Whole MINUTES

June 21, 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)
 Talitha Soldera, Director, Financial Services
 Michelle Martineau, Corporate Officer
 Jason Birch, Chief Information Officer
 Shawn Cator, Director, Operations
 David Conway, Director, Engineering Projects
 Rob Conway, Director, Planning and Building
 George Farkas, Director, Human Resources and Corporate Planning
 Tammy Isaachsen, Acting Manager, Communications and Public Engagement
 Clay Reitsma, Director, Engineering
 Don Stewart, Director, Parks and Recreation
 Tricia Mayea, Deputy Corporate Officer
 Shaun Mason, Municipal Forester
 Dave Preikshot, Senior Environmental Specialist

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:26 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Special Committee of the Whole agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Council received input from one members of the public regarding agenda item 4.3 and from one member of the public regarding item 4.2

4. **BUSINESS**

4.1 Master Transportation Plan

Nadine King, Watt Consulting provided a presentation on the data compiled on existing issues related to transportation networks, public engagement and surveys leading into network assessment and plan development, and answered questions of Council.

Council shared their feedback on what should be included in the vision.

Mayor Siebring left the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

The Committee, by unanimous consent, recessed at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

4.2 Biodiversity Protection Policy – Workshop

The Senior Environmental Specialist, Dave Preikshot provided a presentation and gathered input on the purpose and scope of the 2019-2022 Council Strategic Plan priority project to develop a biodiversity protection policy, and answered questions of Council.

Council shared their comments and concerns related to biodiversity species and habitats in eco-systems.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the meeting be extended to 11:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Due to technical issues, the meeting recessed at 10:15 p.m. and reconvened at 10:29 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That staff be directed to negotiate a contract with a consultant who has expertise with bio diversity policies and work with the consultant to add and consider the comments from the committee of the whole and staff to seek input from the Environmental Advisory Committee prior to bringing an updated scope of work to the Committee of the Whole; and that upon endorsement, staff will seek direction to obtain input from other groups as listed in Dr. Preikshot's report or as directed by the committee. CARRIED

4.3 OCP Update Project - Community Profiles

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the meeting be extended to 12:00 a.m.

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the motion:

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council accepts the Draft Community Profiles as presented in Attachment 1 to the Community Planning Coordinator's June 21, 2021 report entitled "OCP Update Project - Community Character Profiles" as background information for consideration during the drafting of the OCP, subject to the following amendments:

- *To begin each community character profile with a description of project limitations and how they will and will not be used.*
- *Maple Bay Community Character Profile (page 187). Reword 'The healthy marine environment located in the Bay is teeming with life and can be*

easily appreciated on shore or water.’ to acknowledge potential threats to water quality.

- *Quamichan Community Character Profile (page 191). Change the photograph labeled ‘Future Neighbourhood Node – Kingsview’, to ‘Future Commercial Centre’.*
- *Change the colour palate of the Rural Community Character Profile.*
- *Bell McKinnon Community Character Profile – for consistency, remove the ‘Thinking Forward’ page (page 5).*
- *Sentence referring to recent cycling and infrastructure improvements – should reference what is in the plan.*

be deferred to the July 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. (Opposed: Marsh)

CARRIED

4.4 Land Prices and Affordability

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee of the Whole direct staff to invite UBC planning professor Patrick Condon to attend a Council or Committee meeting this summer, at his earliest convenience, to discuss issues related to growth, development and affordability.

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

None.

6. QUESTION PERIOD

Council received no questions from the public.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 11:40 p.m.

Certified by Corporate Officer

Signed by Mayor