

# Municipality of North Cowichan Official Community Plan Advisory Group MINUTES

July 7, 2021, 5:00 p.m.  
Electronically

Members Present        Sandy McPherson, Chair  
                                 Cam Campbell  
                                 Bernie Jones  
                                 Mona Kaiser  
                                 Caitlin Kenny  
                                 Rupert Koyote  
                                 David Messier  
                                 Shannon Waters

Members Absent        Hajo Meijer  
                                 Nick Neisingh  
                                 Tim Openshaw  
                                 Brielle Varasteh

Staff Present            Rob Conway, Director, Planning and Building  
                                 Chris Hutton, Community Planning Coordinator  
                                 Chris Osborne, Manager, Planning  
                                 Michelle Martineau, Manager, Legislative Services/Corporate Officer  
                                 Theresa Dennison, Administrative Assistant

## 1.     **CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present, the Corporate Officer called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

## 2.     **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A discussion on the Housing Report, 'Opening Doors: Unlocking Housing Supply for Affordability', was added as a late item (5.2) to the agenda.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

## 3.     **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### 3.1   **Official Community Plan Advisory Group Minutes**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the minutes of the meeting held April 28, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

## 4.     **BUSINESS**

**4.1 Chair Nominations and Appointment**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Sandy McPherson be appointed as Chair to the OCP Advisory Group. CARRIED

**4.2 Legislative Services Open Meeting Rule and Standard of Conduct Review**

The Manager of Legislative Services reviewed the procedural rules in relation to open meetings, conflict of interest, and adherence to the Standard of Conduct Policy and the Respectful Spaces Bylaw by OCP Advisory Group members in carrying out their duties and functions.

Members were asked to review and sign the Standards of Conduct Council Policy and Respectful Spaces Bylaw No. 3796 –Acknowledgement and Agreement, and return it to staff.

**4.3 Welcome and Project Update**

The Community Planning Coordinator provided an update regarding the Community Character Profile Survey and Community Ambassador Meetings. The profile results were presented to Committee of the Whole and the Committee has recommended further engagement.

**4.4 Presentation of Growth Management Survey Results**

Rob Barrs and Suzy Lunn from MODUS Planning, Design & Engagement Inc. presented an overview of survey results described in the “What We Heard” report regarding Exploring Growth Scenarios. The Growth Management engagement process included engagement with the community on the three proposed growth scenarios. MODUS proposed “Scenario 2 Plus”, a hybrid model with proposed land use designations.

The Director of Planning and Building indicated that he would circulate a copy of the floodplain mapping to the group.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee recommends that Council take into consideration the distance community members are likely to walk or bike when deciding on the number of Neighbourhood Nodes and their locations. CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee support in principle the direction proposed under growth Scenario 2 Plus. (Opposed: Kaiser, Kenny, Messier) CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That further discussion around growth scenarios be brought forward to the next meeting and that members be prepared to share comments at that time. CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That a discussion regarding the survey be added to the next OCP Advisory Group meeting agenda. CARRIED

**4.5 Wrap Up**

No discussion.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 Revision to Draft Goal**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the committee support in principle the amended wording to the principle for sustainability, regeneration and interdependency as presented by MODUS on July 7, 2021.

CARRIED

**5.2 Housing Report Discussion**

A copy of the final housing report prepared by the Canada-British Columbia Expert Panel of Housing Supply and Affordability, titled 'Opening Doors: Unlocking Housing Supply for Affordability' was shared with committee members and appended to the Agenda.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the committee receive the report (*Opening Doors: Unlocking Housing Supply for Affordability*) for information and future discussion.

CARRIED

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

CARRIED

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Signed by Chair

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Certified by Recording Secretary