

Municipality of North Cowichan Environmental Advisory Committee MINUTES

June 22, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Electronically

Members Present	Councillor Kate Marsh, Chair Neil Anderson Cam Campbell Bruce Coates (arrived at 2:05 p.m.) David Coulson Per Dahlstrom Sandra McPherson Dr. Jesse Patterson Dr. Geoffrey Strong Dr. Shannon Waters
Members Absent	Dr. Jana Kotaska Ashley Muckle
Staff Present	David Conway, Director, Engineering Projects Shaun Chadburn, Environmental Programs Coordinator Tricia Mayea, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were added as late items to the agenda under New Business:

- (1) Recording/Archiving of Meetings [Item 5.1]
- (2) Articles: What on Earth, Reframing Economics [Item 5.2]

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee approve the agenda, as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

An error was noted in the minutes and was corrected by removing Sandy McPherson from the Members Absent column.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee adopt the minutes of the meeting held May 18, 2021, as amended.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS

4.1 EAC Agenda Items

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That an Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be scheduled for July 20, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. to receive the Biodiversity Protection Policy presentation from the Senior Environmental Specialist and to provide input to Council. CARRIED

The Committee recessed, by unanimous consent at 2:53 p.m. and reconvened at 3:02 p.m.

Jesse Patterson left the meeting at 3:04 p.m. and returned at 4:05 p.m.

The Committee reviewed the list of subjects in section A of the EAC 2021 Workplan document, and prioritized the list of subjects in sections B and C.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

The Environmental Advisory Committee recommends:

That Council endorse the amended EAC 2021 Workplan, and direct staff to schedule the subjects on future Environmental Advisory Committee agendas with first priority for subjects in Section A of the Workplan. CARRIED

4.2 Forestry Review Input

The Committee discussed several potential educational opportunities that the municipality could host or share online as part of the forestry review but determined that more time was required to ponder this topic.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Item 4.2 [Forestry Review Input] be deferred to the July 20, 2021 Environmental Advisory Committee meeting;

And That this meeting be extended to 5:30 p.m. CARRIED

Cam Campbell left the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

4.3 Cowichan Land Trust - OCP Feedback letter for information

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee receive the OCP feedback letter from the Cowichan Land Trust for information;

And that the Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee be authorized to send a letter to the Cowichan Land Trust acknowledging that their letter was a valuable contribution. CARRIED

Dave Coulson left the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Bruce Coates left the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Recording/Archiving of Meetings

The Committee briefly discussed recording and archiving meetings, but because many Committee members had already left the meeting and not able to contribute to the discussion, no direction was given.

5.2 Articles: What on Earth, Reframing Economics

This item was not discussed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 4:56 p.m.

Certified by Recording Secretary

Signed by Chair;