

Municipality of North Cowichan Committee of the Whole MINUTES

May 11, 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
 Councillor Debra Toporowski

Staff Present Ted Swabey, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
 Sarah Nixon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (D/CAO)
 Shawn Cator, Director, Operations
 Talitha Soldera, Director, Financial Services
 Kelly Robinson, Manager, Roads
 Jason Birch, Chief Information Officer
 Jason deJong, Assistant Fire Chief
 Chris Bear, Inspector RCMP
 Michelle Martineau, Corporate Officer
 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 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes held April 13, 2021

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held April 13, 2021 be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Council received no public input.

5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 FireWise Consulting Learning Academy

Manager of Fire and Bylaw Services, Martin Drakeley, introduced the new Assistant Fire Chief, Jason deJong to Council and provided an overview of the proposed Fire Inspection Program being introduced to Council.

Ernie Polsom, FireWise Consulting Learning Academy provided a presentation on the proposed Fire Inspection Program for North Cowichan and answered questions of Council. A copy of the presentation was appended to the Agenda.

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Public Engagement Plan for Automated Curbside Collection

Director of Operations, Shawn Cator, provided a presentation on the cost scenarios for implementing an automated solid waste collection system and answered questions of Council. A copy of the presentation was appended to the Agenda.

Marci Hotsenpiller, ZINC Communication Strategies provided a presentation on the proposed communications and engagement strategy for waste collection options for North Cowichan and answered questions of Council. A copy of the presentation was appended to the Agenda.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Committee of the Whole recommends that Council:

1. approve the Communications and Engagement Plan prepared by ZINC Strategies Inc. regarding collection options in North Cowichan;
2. direct staff to implement the tools and activities in the Plan to obtain public feedback for an automated truck curbside system for solid waste collection; and,
3. direct staff to report back to Council on the results of that engagement.

(Opposed: Siebring)

CARRIED

By unanimous consent, Council recessed the meeting at 7:56 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

6.2 Review of Fireworks Bylaw No. 1579

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council direct staff to conduct an online public consultation process on the use and regulation of fireworks in the District of North Cowichan and report back to the Committee of the Whole.

(Opposed: Douglas, Justice, Marsh, and Siebring)

DEFEATED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council direct staff to draft an update to the North Cowichan Fireworks Bylaw and bring a report to the Committee of the Whole.

(Opposed: Justice, Sawrie)

CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Human Sex Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and Child Sex Trafficking in BC

Council discussed the issues of human sex trafficking, sexual exploitation and child sex trafficking in BC. Inspector Chris Bear, RCMP answered questions of Council.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were submitted using the online platform.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Certified by Corporate Officer

Signed by Mayor