

**Municipality of North Cowichan
Environmental Advisory Committee
MINUTES**

**July 20, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Electronically**

Members Present Councillor Kate Marsh, Chair
Neil Anderson
Cam Campbell
Bruce Coates
Per Dahlstrom
Dr. Jana Kotaska
Sandra McPherson
Ashley Muckle
Dr. Jesse Patterson
Dr. Geoffrey Strong (arrived at 1:45 p.m.)
Dr. Shannon Waters

Members Absent David Coulson

Staff Present Dave Preikshot, Senior Environmental Specialist
Shaun Chadburn, Environmental Programs Coordinator
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 1:39 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee adopt the minutes of the meeting held June 22, 2021.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Biodiversity Protection Policy – Workshop

The Senior Environmental Specialist, Dave Preikshot provided a presentation, gathered input, and answered questions of the Committee. A copy of the presentation was included in the agenda.

Dr. Waters left the meeting at 1:59 p.m. and returned at 3:10 p.m.

Dr. Patterson left the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and returned at 3:45 p.m.

By unanimous consent, the Biodiversity Protection Policy discussion was tabled at 3:27 p.m. and lifted from the table at 3:45 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the consolidation of information and direction collected from the EAC members regarding the Biodiversity Protection Policy be used to form the raw elements of a draft scope of work, and that the document be brought back to a meeting in August for consideration and endorsement. CARRIED

5. UNFINISHED / POSTPONED BUSINESS

5.1 Forestry Educational Opportunities

Jana Kotaska left the meeting at 3:28 p.m. and returned at 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Strong left the meeting at 3:31 p.m. and returned at 4:15 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Environmental Advisory Committee members submit suggestions for forestry educational opportunities to the staff liaison who will compile the information and forward to Council for their consideration. CARRIED

It was noted that the forestry educational opportunities must be submitted to the staff liaison by July 30, 2021 and include: the name of the resource; the name of the organization/individual, the relevance to Municipal Forest Reserve engagement; when/how it can be offered; and the cost.

By unanimous consent the meeting recessed at 3:35 p.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the meeting be extended to 4:45 p.m. CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Next Meeting Date

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That a meeting be scheduled for August 17, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

That the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Certified by Recording Secretary

Signed by Chair;