

Municipality of North Cowichan Environmental Advisory Committee MINUTES

August 17, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Electronically

Members Present	Councillor Kate Marsh, Chair Neil Anderson Cam Campbell Bruce Coates (arrived at 1:42 p.m.) Per Dahlstrom Sandra McPherson Dr. Jesse Patterson (arrived at 1:41 p.m.) Dr. Geoffrey Strong
Members Absent	Dr. Jana Kotaska David Coulson Ashley Muckle Dr. Shannon Waters
Staff Present	David Conway, Director, Engineering Projects Dave Preikshot, Senior Environmental Specialist Shaun Chadburn, Environmental Programs Coordinator Tricia Mayea, Deputy Corporate Officer Theresa Dennison, Administrative Assistant to the Deputy CAO

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Sandy McPherson be appointed Vice Chair for this meeting in the event that the Chair has to leave the meeting. CARRIED

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 July 20, 2021. CARRIED

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Cowichan Watershed Board - OCP Feedback Letter for Information

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee receive the OCP feedback letter from the Cowichan Watershed Board for information;

And That the Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee be authorized to send a letter to the Cowichan Watershed Board thanking them for their valuable contribution;

And That the Environmental Advisory Committee endorses the OCP policy direction.

CARRIED

4.2 Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society - OCP Feedback Letter for Information

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee receive the OCP feedback letter from the Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society for information;

And That the Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee be authorized to send a letter to the Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society thanking them for their valuable contribution;

And That the Environmental Advisory Committee endorses the OCP policy direction.

CARRIED

4.3 Biodiversity Protection Policy

Staff collected input from the Committee on the consolidation of information and direction collected from the EAC members at the July 21, 2021 meeting regarding the Biodiversity Protection Policy.

Dr. Jesse Patterson left the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and returned at 4:15 p.m.

By unanimous consent the meeting recessed at 3:14 p.m. and reconvened at 3:22 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council accepts the scope of work for preparing a biodiversity protection policy as amended at the August 17, 2021 Environmental Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that the Lower Cowichan River Cleanup 2021 is on Sunday August 22, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., located at the Mini Big House, 5536 River Road, Duncan. It starts off with a Continental Breakfast and will wrap-up with a Barbecue lunch.

6. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the meeting be adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Certified by Recording Secretary

Signed by Chair