

# **Municipality of North Cowichan**

## **Regular Council**

### **AGENDA**

Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 1:30 p.m.  
Electronically

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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#### **2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Purpose: To adopt all recommendations appearing on the Consent Agenda in one motion. Any item may be moved out at the request of any Council member for discussion or debate, before the agenda is approved. Items removed from the Consent Agenda will be placed under New Business.

Recommendation:  
THAT the Consent Agenda be approved.

##### **2.1. Items for decision**

All recommendations provided under each of the items listed below will be adopted once the Consent Agenda is approved, unless removed and placed under New Business.

##### **2.1.1. Council Meeting Minutes for Adoption**

Purpose: To consider if there were any errors or omissions prior to adopting the minutes of previous meetings of Council.

Recommendation:  
THAT Council adopt the minutes of their regular meeting held November 17, 2021.

##### **2.1.2. Recommendation from the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting for endorsement**

Purpose: To consider the Environmental Advisory Committee recommendations to Council from their November 16, 2021 meeting.

Recommendation:

THAT Council direct MODUS and Staff to consider the importance of pollinators in the development of Development Permit guidelines.

Recommendation:

THAT Council refer the Draft Official Community Plan to all Select Council Committees for feedback.

## **2.2. Items for information**

All items listed below will be received for information purposes only once the Consent Agenda is approved, unless removed and placed under New Business where Council may consider taking action.

### **2.2.1. Committee of the Whole meeting draft minutes**

Purpose: To receive the minutes from the November 23, 2021 Committee of the Whole (CoW) meetings for information purposes only.

Recommendation:

THAT Council receive for information the November 23, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.

### **2.2.2. City of Pitt Meadows to the Minister of Finance**

Purpose: To receive the November 17, 2021 letter from Mayor Bill Dingwall, City of Pitt Meadows, to the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance requesting legislative review for fairer taxation for industrial and railway operations.

Recommendation:

THAT Council receive for information the November 17, 2021 letter from the City of Pitt Meadows.

### **2.2.3. TreeCanada request for support**

Purpose: To receive the November 2, 2021 letter from Danielle St-Aubin, Chief Executive Officer, TreeCanada, requesting that Council write a letter to encourage BC Hydro's continued support of their programs.

Recommendation:

THAT Council receive for information the November 2, 2021 letter from TreeCanada.

## **3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Purpose: To consider any items of business not included in the Agenda that are of an urgent nature, must be introduced and approved at the time the agenda is adopted. Matters must be taken up in the order that they are listed unless changed at this time.

Recommendation:

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated [or as amended].

## **4. MAYOR'S REPORT**

## **5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **5.1. Troy Clifford, Ambulance Paramedics and Emergency Dispatchers of BC**

Purpose: Troy Clifford, Provincial President of the Ambulance Paramedics and Emergency Dispatchers of BC, to discuss their September 3, 2021 letter, as requested by Council at their September 21, 2021 regular meeting.

### **5.2. Chemainus Festival of Murals**

Purpose: Tom Andrews, Chemainus Festival of Murals, to present two proposals, (1) wind sculpture ([link](#) to example of a Private Wind Sculpture on YouTube) and (2) post and rope fence, to Council for authorization to proceed with the installations and to request \$2,000 to fund the cost of constructing the foundation for the wind sculptures and that the Municipality of North Cowichan assist with their installation.

## **6. PUBLIC INPUT**

Public Input is an opportunity for the public to provide their feedback on matters included on the agenda. The maximum number of speakers to be heard during the public input period is limited to five, with a maximum of three minutes allotted to each speaker. To be added to the speakers list, please:

- click on the 'raise your hand' button, if participating by computer, smartphone, or tablet, or
- dial \*3 on your phone

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.1. Draft Official Community Plan Public Consultation**

Purpose: To update Council on the draft Official Community Plan ("OCP") public engagement process and provide options for extending the current public consultation period.

Recommendation:

THAT Council direct staff to extend the Draft OCP Public Consultation period by 14 days to December 22, 2021.

### **7.2. Replacement Fire Department Vehicle**

Purpose: To provide Council with the additional information requested regarding the suitability of replacing the ageing Fire Department pick-up with an electric, hybrid or standard fuel vehicle.

Recommendation:

THAT Council:

1. Authorize the purchase of a newer "standard fuel" used vehicle, up to a maximum cost of \$70,000 plus tax, to replace the 1999 pick-up truck currently in use by the Fire Department; and,
2. Direct staff to amend the 2021-2025 Financial Plan Bylaw to increase the Fire Capital expenditures by \$70,000.

### 7.3. 2022 Council Meeting Schedule

Purpose: To consider:

1. cancelling or rescheduling Council and/or Committee of the Whole 2022 meeting dates where conflicts exist;
2. which meetings, if any, shall be conducted by electronic means (i.e., through Webex) in 2022.

Recommendation:

THAT Council:

1. Cancel the January 5, 2022, July 6, 2022, August 3, 2022, and October 19, 2022, regular Council meetings;
2. Reschedule the June 14, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting to June 7, 2022, and the September 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting to September 27, 2022;
3. Hold public hearings on the third Wednesday of each month (excluding the October 19, 2022 meeting) at 6:00 p.m.; and,
4. Direct that the regular meetings of Council and the Committee of the Whole for 2022 be conducted by electronic means.

## 8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

### 8.1. Economic Impacts from Proposed Development in the Bell McKinnon Area

Purpose: So that Councillor Justice may introduce the following motion which Council will consider at the December 15, 2021 regular Council meeting:

*"THAT Council direct our professional planning staff to provide Council with an opinion on the potential and likely impacts of the proposed development in the Bell McKinnon area on existing commercial/residential growth centers - including Chemainus, Crofton, Berkey's, University Village, and the neighbouring city of Duncan - with attention to economic impacts, impacts on future growth, and impacts on revitalization efforts."*

## 9. UNFINISHED AND POSTPONED BUSINESS

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

## 11. QUESTION PERIOD

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## 12. ADJOURNMENT