

Municipality of North Cowichan Committee of the Whole MINUTES

March 7, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Municipal Hall - Council Chambers & Electronically

Members Present Mayor Rob Douglas
Councillor Mike Caljouw
Councillor Bruce Findlay
Councillor Chris Istace
Councillor Christopher Justice
Councillor Tek Manhas
Councillor Debra Toporowski

Staff Present Ted Swabey, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
George Farkas, General Manager, Planning, Development and Community Services
Talitha Soldera, General Manager, Corporate Services
Barb Floden, Manager, Communications and Public Engagement
Heather Power, Legislative Coordinator
Manuela Herzig, Director, Information Technology and Business Solutions
Marla Laycock, Director, Human Resources and Health & Safety
Neil Pukesh, Director, Parks and Recreation
Shaun Mason, Municipal Forester
Tricia Mayea, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes from the February 7, 2023 meeting for adoption

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held February 7, 2023 be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

None.

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Council received public input from 1 member of the public regarding agenda 6.2.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Municipal Forest Reserve Review – Round 2 public engagement

Megan Turnock from Lees and Associates provided a presentation and summary of Round 2 public engagement on the Municipal Forest Reserve Review and answered questions from Council. A copy of their presentation was included in the agenda.

6.2 Environment, Climate Action and Social Justice and Investments

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole direct staff to amend the draft Investment Policy by inserting "Socially Responsible Investing: the investment portfolio will prioritize investments that make positive contributions to environmental, social and governance factors" as the third bullet under section 3.1 [Objectives], AND THAT the policy be placed within the Consent Agenda at the March 15, 2023 regular Council meeting for adoption.

(Opposed: Findlay, Manhas)

CARRIED

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None

9. QUESTION PERIOD

Council received no questions from the public regarding agenda items.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Certified by Corporate Officer

Signed by Mayor