

Municipality of North Cowichan

Special Council

MINUTES

June 21, 2023, 2:30 p.m.

Municipal Hall - Large Committee Room

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
Kim Ferris, Manager, Bylaw and Business Licensing Services
Manuela Herzig, Director, Information Technology and Business Solutions
Marla Laycock, Director, Human Resources and Health & Safety
Martin Drakeley, Fire Chief and Senior Manager, Bylaw Services
Michelle Martineau, Corporate Officer
Shawn Cator, Director, Operations
Teri Vetter, Director, Financial Services
Terri Brennan, Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor and CAO
Tricia Mayea, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, Mayor Douglas called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT Council close the meeting at 2:31 p.m. to the public on the basis of the following sections of the *Community Charter*:

- 90(1)(d) the security of the property of the municipality.
 - 90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, which the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.
 - 90(1)(f) law enforcement, which the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment.
 - 90(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial or the federal gov't or both, or between a provincial or the federal gov't or both and a third party.
- CARRIED

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Approval of in-camera meeting agenda

3.2 In-camera meeting items

3.2.1 Workshop to discuss homelessness, closed under sections 90(1)(d), (e), (f), and 90(2)(b)

3.3 Rise and Report

Council rose with report on item 3.2.1 [Workshop to discuss homelessness, drug addiction, and/or mental health issues]

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT staff be directed to bring forward a report;

(1) Outlining new service delivery options related to managing public disorder resulting from homelessness, drug addiction and mental health issues in our community, including:

- (a) Open Drug Use Bylaw
- (b) Revised Sidewalk, Parks Bylaw
- (c) Nuisance Enforcement Bylaw
- (d) 24/7 staffing and deployment
- (e) Social Planner
- (f) Clean Team
- (g) Nighttime security
- (h) Coordination with other jurisdictions
- (i) More housing and social services
- (j) Community Safety Office
- (k) Housing, detox and drug treatment facilities
- (l) Marsh patrols
- (m) Community Policing

(2) Targeted advocacy requests from Provincial and Federal Governments related to improved health care services for our region.

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Certified by Corporate Officer

Signed by Mayor