

# Municipality of North Cowichan Economic Development Committee MINUTES

June 22, 2023, 1:00 p.m.  
Large Committee Room

Members Present Mayor Rob Douglas, Chair  
Bruce Findlay  
Chris Istace

Staff Present Ted Swabey, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)  
George Farkas, General Manager, Planning, Development and Community Services  
Talitha Soldera, General Manager, Corporate Services  
Heather Power, Legislative Coordinator  
Jennifer Aldcroft, Climate Change Specialist

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:  
THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

## 3. BUSINESS

### 3.1 CVRD Update

Barry O'Riordan and Brittany Taylor from Economic Development Cowichan provided the committee with an overview of the regional strategy, the work that has been done and how that relates to North Cowichan. The Committee discussed future opportunities to work together on regional goals.

### 3.2 Province Update

Cheryl McLay from the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation presented on Provincial initiatives to support local governments and possible opportunities, and answered questions regarding possible grants.

### 3.3 Federal Update

Lori Henderson from Pacific Economic Development Canada gave a presentation on Federal initiatives to support local governments and possible opportunities and answered questions from the committee.

**3.4 Draft Economic Development Committee Update**

George Farkas, GM Development and Community Services presented updates to the committee on past and current North Cowichan economic development activities to develop the work plan for the Economic Development Committee.

The Committee discussed North Cowichan’s goals and possible next steps.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Economic Development Committee recommend that Council adopt the Economic Development 2023 Workplan.

CARRIED

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 3:25 p.m.

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Certified by Recording Secretary

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Signed by Chair;