

Municipality of North Cowichan

Special Council

MINUTES

September 12, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Municipal Hall - Large Committee Room

Members Present Mayor Rob Douglas (arrived at 3:07 p.m.)
 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
 Clay Reitsma, Director, Engineering
 Marla Laycock, Director, Human Resources and Health & Safety
 Michelle Martineau, Corporate Officer
 Neil Pukesh, Director, Parks and Recreation
 Ron French, Interim Fire Chief
 Shawn Cator, Director, Operations
 Teri Vetter, Director, Financial Services
 Tricia Mayea, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, Acting Mayor Toporowski called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT Council close the meeting at 3:00 p.m. to the public on the basis of the following sections of the *Community Charter*:

- 90(1)(c) - labour relations or other employee relations.
- 90(1)(j) - information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Approval of in-camera meeting agenda

3.2 In-camera meeting items

3.2.1 Closed under section 90(1)(c) Labour Matter

3.2.2 Closed under section 90(1)(j) Continuing Negotiations

3.3 Rise and Report

Council rose with report on item 3.2.2 [Cowichan Sportsplex Fieldhouse Revised]

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT Council:

- (1) Approve the reallocation of existing capital funds to the Sportsplex Fieldhouse project to cover the budget shortfall; and,
- (2) Authorize staff to enter into a contract with Ecklundson Construction to construct the Sportsplex Fieldhouse for their submitted bid of \$1,999,766.04, subject to cost reduction negotiation. (Opposed: Findlay)

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Certified by Corporate Officer

Signed by Mayor