

Municipality of North Cowichan Environmental Advisory Committee MINUTES

October 17, 2023, 1:30 p.m.
Municipal Hall - Large Committee Room

Members Present Councillor Mike Caljouw Chair
 Cam Campbell
 Carolyn Drugge
 Sandra McPherson
 William Valentine

Members Absent Dianne Hinkley
 Dr. Jana Kotaska

Staff Present David Conway, Director, Engineering Projects
 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 1:32 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the agenda be adopted as circulated as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee adopt the minutes of the meeting held August 22, 2023.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Climate Change Adaptation Strategy - Engagement Report

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee provide the following input to staff in relation to the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Engagement Report for consideration in the preparation of the Climate Adaptation Strategy

- 1) Staff to strategize on effective communications to build a depth in community awareness on the importance of climate action.
- 2) For upcoming engagements on this Strategy, to consider approaches for engagement with the community, including youth, business, and agricultural

communities, ensuring inclusive perspective of community voice to inform policy development.

- 3) Articulate key themes from the open-ended comments captured in the survey.
- 4) Recognize climate impacts do not end at jurisdictional boundaries.

CARRIED

4.2 Climate Action and Energy Plan – 2024 Community Grant Applications

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee's recommend Council consider funding Abbeyfield House of Duncan \$15,000 in Climate Action Grant Funding during the 2024 budget deliberations.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 Noise Regulation Bylaw

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council endorse Councillor Justice's motion to prepare a report on drafting a progressive Noise Bylaw and authorizes the Chair, to share on their behalf. (Opposed: Caljouw)

CARRIED

5.2 Building Bylaw 3932,2023, Zero Carbon Step Code

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council adopt Building Amendment Bylaw No. 3932, 2023 and authorizes the Chair to share the following reasons for their support on their behalf:

- 1) The acceleration of the Zero Carbon Step Code to 2024 (Opposed: Caljouw)

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 3:13 p.m.

Certified by Recording Secretary

Signed by Chair;