

Municipality of North Cowichan

Special Council

MINUTES

October 4, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
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
 Christina Hovey, Project Planner
 Clay Reitsma, Director, Engineering
 Jeff Miller, Senior Manager, Engineering
 Rob Conway, Director, Planning and Building
 Teri Vetter, Director, Financial Services
 Tricia Mayea, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Douglas stated that there was a late item related to law enforcement and legal advice to be added to the closed agenda.

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(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.
- 90(1)(f) law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment.
- 90(1)(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED

3. **CLOSED SESSION**

3.1 Approval of in-camera meeting agenda

3.2 In-camera meeting items

3.2.1 Closed Minutes for Adoption

3.2.2 Closed under section 90(2)(b) - Provincial Negotiations

3.2.3 Closed under section 90(2)(b) - Provincial Negotiations

3.2.4 Closed under section 90(1)(f) - Law Enforcement and 90(1)(i) - Legal Advice

3.3 Rise and Report

Council rose with report on item 3.2.3 as follows:

Elliott Street

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT Council authorize an expenditure of up to \$40,000 from the 2023 Planning Administration budget for consulting services in support of an application to the BC Housing Community Housing Fund for a potential affordable housing project at 2988 Elliott Street.

(OPPOSED: Findlay, Manhas)

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT Council direct staff to prepare an application to the BC Housing Community Housing Fund for a multi-family building located at 2988 Elliott Street and to include in the application that Council intends to donate the land for the multi-family building as a contribution to the project if the application is successful.

(OPPOSED: Findlay, Manhas)

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Certified by Corporate Officer

Signed by Mayor