

# Municipality of North Cowichan

## Special Council

### MINUTES

November 21, 2023, 4:30 p.m.

Municipal Hall - Council Chambers & Electronically

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  
Clay Reitsma, Director, Engineering  
Gaylene Thorogood, Administrative Supervisor, RCMP Support Services  
Heather Power, Legislative Coordinator  
Marla Laycock, Director, Human Resources and Health & Safety  
Michelle Martineau, Corporate Officer  
Rob Conway, Director, Planning and Building

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, Mayor Douglas called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT Council add the request from Cowichan Tribes for a letter of support to submit with their grant application under the Reconciliation and Relationship Building stream of the funding to the agenda as new business, to be considered by Council immediately before the Question Period. CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED

#### 3. PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Council received public input from 1 member of the public from Council Chambers regarding agenda item 4.2.

**4. BYLAWS**

**4.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3927 to rescind adoption**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT Council rescind their November 15, 2023, motion to adopt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3927, 2023, so that the bylaw may be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for approval prior to consideration of adoption by Council at a future date.

CARRIED

**4.2 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3937, 2023, for first and second readings**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT Council:

- (1) Give first and second readings to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3937, 2023; and,
- (2) Authorize a Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3937, 2023.

(Opposed: Caljouw, Findlay, Manhas)

CARRIED

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 Cowichan Tribes request for a Letter of Support**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT Council authorize the Mayor to provide a letter of support to Cowichan Tribes to submit with their grant application under the Reconciliation and Relationship Building stream of the funding, confirming the Municipality of North Cowichan's willingness to work with Cowichan Tribes towards the development of a framework agreement for implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action when engaging in service agreement and other joint projects.

CARRIED

**6. QUESTION PERIOD**

Council received no questions from the public regarding agenda items.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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Certified by Corporate Officer

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Signed by Mayor