

# Municipality of North Cowichan Economic Development Committee MINUTES

October 30, 2023, 2:30 p.m.  
Large Committee Room

Members Present            Mayor Rob Douglas  
                                    Councillor Bruce Findlay  
                                    Councillor 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  
                                    Chris Osborne, Manager, Planning  
                                    Heather Power, Legislative Coordinator  
                                    Jennifer Aldcroft, Climate Change Specialist  
                                    Rob Conway, Director, Planning and Building

## 1.     **CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

## 2.     **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

## 3.     **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

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

CARRIED

## 4.     **BUSINESS**

### 4.1    **Introduction to Doughnut Economics and Circular Economy**

Councillor Findlay joined the meeting at 2:37 PM

Chris Osborne, Manager of Planning, presented an overview of planetary boundaries and Doughnut Economics.

### 4.2    **Duncan Paving**

Tom Kinnear from Duncan Paving Co. provided the committee with an overview of their participation in the Circular Economy Accelerator Program.

**4.3 Development Application Processing**

Rob Conway, Director of Planning and Building, presented the Committee with an outline of the Development Application Process.

**4.4 Status Update on Action Plan and Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) Funding**

George Farkas, General Manager of Planning, Development and Community Services, presented on the status of the Economic Development Committee's Action Plan and Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) funding to support local governments.

**4.5 Update from the Cowichan Valley Regional District**

Barry O'Riordan from Economic Development Cowichan provided the Committee with a status update on regional projects.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 4:40 p.m.

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Certified by Recording Secretary

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Signed by Chair