

Municipality of North Cowichan

Special Council

MINUTES

February 21, 2024, 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
Alyssa Meiner, Information Management Officer
Amanda Young, Director, Planning and Building
Christina Hovey, Project Planner
Clay Reitsma, Director, Engineering
David Conway, Director, Subdivision and Environmental Services
Marla Laycock, Director, Human Resources and Health and Safety
Michelle Martineau, Corporate Officer
Neil Pukesh, Director, Parks and Recreation
Shaun Mason, Manager, Parks and Forestry
Tammy Isaachsen, Communications and Engagement Coordinator
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

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)(b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity.
- 90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, which the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.
- 90(1)(k) negotiations & related discussions re the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if held in public.

- 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. CARRIED

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Approval of in-camera meeting agenda

3.2 Adoption of in-camera meeting minutes

3.3 In-camera meeting items

- 3.3.1 Closed under section 90(2)(b) Provincial
- 3.3.2 Closed under section 90(1)(k) New Service
- 3.3.3 Closed under section 90(1)(k) New Service
- 3.3.4 Closed under section 90(1)(e) Land + Harm
- 3.3.5 Closed under section 90(1)(b) Awards

3.4 Rise and Report

Council rose with report on:

- bullet (3) of item 3.3.2 to be released to the public;
- bullets (1) and (2) of item 3.3.2 upon completion of negotiations; and
- item 3.3.4 upon completion of negotiations.

3.3.2 First Nations Engagement – Implications for North Cowichan

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT Council direct staff to allocate \$20,000 from unallocated surplus for further engagement with First Nations on the Biodiversity Protection Policy through the end of 2024. CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Certified by Corporate Officer

Signed by Mayor