

Municipality of North Cowichan

Committee of the Whole

MINUTES

June 11, 2024, 5:00 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)
 Bill Corsan, General Manager, Corporate Services and Community Relations
 George Farkas, General Manager, Planning, Development and Community Services
 Andrea Hainrich, Deputy Corporate Officer
 Jennifer Aldcroft, Climate Change Specialist
 Shaun Mason, Manager, Parks and Forestry
 Teri Vetter, Director, Financial Services
 Tricia Mayea, Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes from the May 7, 2024 meeting for adoption

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held May 7, 2024 be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Dick Zandee request to convert North Cowichan lands into a park

Mr. Zandee presented to Council regarding converting municipal lands in the locally known 'Owl Hill Park' area to park lands and answered questions from Council.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole refer the request from the delegation Dick Zandee, to convert North Cowichan lands into a park, to staff with direction to return to a future Council meeting with a staff report outlining the implications [pros and cons] of converting the suggested lands into a park.

(Opposed: Findlay)
CARRIED

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Council received public input from one member of the public regarding agenda item 4.1.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Draft Permissive Tax Exemption Policy

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole direct staff to amend section 6.1 [Extent and Conditions] of the draft Permissive Tax Exemption policy to replace the word "will" with "may".

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole direct staff to prepare two draft Permissive Tax Exemption Policies - the first based on the draft presented to the Committee of the Whole on June 11, 2024, and the second to include the suggested changes to section 4.3 [Eligibility Criteria]; and that these be brought back to Council for consideration at the June 19, 2024 meeting.

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. QUESTION PERIOD

Council received no questions from the public regarding agenda items.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Certified by Corporate Officer

Signed by Mayor