

**Municipality of North Cowichan
Environmental Advisory Committee
MINUTES**

**June 25, 2024, 1:30 p.m.
Large Committee Room**

Members Present Councillor, Mike Caljouw, Chair
 Cam Campbell
 Carolyn Drugge
 Dianne Hinkley
 Dr. Jana Kotaska
 Sandra McPherson
 William Valentine

Staff Present Andrea Hainrich, Deputy Corporate Officer
 Dave Preikshot, Senior Environmental Specialist
 David Conway, Director, Engineering Projects
 Jennifer Aldcroft, Climate Change Specialist
 Tricia Mayea, Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was reordered so that item 5.2. Climate Change Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Project Update, be considered first under Business.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:
THAT the Committee adopt the minutes of the meeting held March 26, 2024.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED AND POSTPONED BUSINESS

None.

5. BUSINESS

5.1 Richards Creek Ecological Accounting Process

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee provide the following feedback regarding the Richards Creek Ecological Accounting Process for Council's consideration:

1. THAT the committee support the valuation of streams and substantial riparian areas, as a natural resource for the purpose of operational and maintenance budgets; and
2. Consider natural systems in the overall asset management policy. CARRIED

The Committee recessed at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

5.2 Climate Change Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Project Update

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee provide the following feedback regarding the Climate Change Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Project Update for Council's consideration:

1. THAT the committee recommend to Council that the Climate Change Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Project include an explicit directive framework that articulates the urgency to act on climate, including timelines for implementation, and prioritization of actions, specific objectives, and an evaluation framework with budgetary impacts.
2. THAT the committee recommend to Council that the plan includes a broader ecosystem framework to include wind impacts, and the role of Emergency Management outside an event. CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee continue the meeting after 3:30 p.m. and will adjourn no later than 4:00 p.m. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair, Councillor Caljouw left the meeting at 3:51 p.m. and Vice Chair, Sandra McPherson, assumed the Chair.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Certified by Recording Secretary

Signed by Chair;