

Municipality of North Cowichan Committee of the Whole MINUTES

November 12, 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

Staff Present Bill Corsan, General Manager, Corporate Services and Community Relations
 Andrea Hainrich, Deputy Corporate Officer
 Barb Floden, Manager, Communications and Public Engagement
 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 5:01 p.m., and recognized the passing of former Premier, John Horgan with a moment of silence.

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 October 8, 2024 meeting for adoption**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:
THAT the minutes of the meeting held October 8, 2024 be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED

4. **PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Council received no public input from the public.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

5.1 **2025 Grant-in-Aid**

It was noted that Cowichan Neighbourhood House Association had a last-minute request to increase their grant-in-aid amount. A staff report and updated application from the Cowichan Neighbourhood House Association will be added to the November 20, 2024 regular Council meeting for Council's consideration.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve grant-in-aid amounts for 2025 as follows:

1. B.C. Forest Discovery Centre - BC Forest Museum \$25,000;
 2. Chemainus & District Chamber of Commerce \$30,000;
 3. Chemainus Valley Historical Society \$8,500;
 4. Cowichan Historical Society \$5,500;
 5. Duncan Cowichan Chamber of Commerce \$34,000;
 7. Chemainus BIA - Flower Baskets \$24,000;
 8. Chemainus Theatre Festival Society \$20,000; and
 9. Chemainus Cemetery (St. Michael's and All Angels Church) \$1,000 to offset water and garbage fees.
- CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve a 2025 grant-in-aid for Chemainus Communities in Bloom for \$10,000. (Opposed: Caljouw, Findlay, Manhas)

DEFEATED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve a 2025 grant-in-aid for Chemainus Communities in Bloom for \$7,000. (Opposed: Istace)

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve a 2025 grant-in-aid for Cowichan Agricultural Society and Farmers' Institute for \$5,000, to be taken from the Agricultural Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve a 2025 grant-in-aid for Cowichan – Bring Back the Bluebirds Foundation (BCCF) for \$2,000.

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve a 2025 grant-in-aid for the Cowichan Family Caregivers Support Society for \$2,000.

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve an additional 2025 grant-in-aid for Cowichan Family Caregivers Support Society for \$750. (Opposed: Caljouw, Findlay, Manhas)

DEFEATED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve grant-in-aid amounts for 2025 as follows:

16. Cowichan Valley Youth Services \$5,000
 17. Cowichan Women Against Violence \$3,000
 25. Somenos Community Association \$10,000.
- CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve a 2025 grant-in-aid for Fosterkritters Feral Cat Rescue Society for \$1,000. CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve a 2025 grant-in-aid for Chemainus Rotary Club for \$500. CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve a 2025 grant-in-aid for Chemainus Valley Cultural Arts Society for \$1,500, to be taken from the First Nations Initiatives budget. CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve a 2025 grant-in-aid for Cowichan Valley Arts Council for \$1,000. CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve a 2025 grant-in-aid for Duncan Cowichan Festival Society for \$2,000. CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve a 2025 grant-in-aid for Maple Bay Community Association - Canada Day for \$3,500. CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve a 2025 grant-in-aid amounts for 2025 as follows:

26. Vimy Community Club (Hall) \$3,000

27. Westholme School Society \$5,000. CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve a 2025 grant-in-aid for Cowichan Rugby Club \$5,000. CARRIED

6. QUESTION PERIOD

Council received no questions from the public regarding agenda items.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Certified by Corporate Officer

Signed by Mayor