

Municipality of North Cowichan

Committee of the Whole

MINUTES

January 7, 2025, 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

Ted Swabey, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Bill Corsan, General Manager, Corporate Services and Community Relations
George Farkas, General Manager, Planning, Development and Community Services
Amanda Young, Director, Planning and Building
Andrea Hainrich, Deputy Corporate Officer
Barb Floden, Manager, Communications and Public Engagement
Chris Osborne, Manager, Planning
Clay Reitsma, Director, Engineering
David Conway, Director, Subdivision and Environmental Services
Jennifer Aldcroft, Climate Change Specialist
Marla Laycock, Director, People and Culture
Neil Pukesh, Director, Parks and Recreation
Shawn Cator, Director, Operations
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 November 12 and 26, December 3 and 10, 2024 meetings for adoption

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the minutes of the meetings held November 12 and 26, December 3 and 10, 2024 be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Council received no public input.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Zoning Bylaw Review: Legacy Zonings

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:
THAT item 1.13 in Attachment 1 is removed from consideration. CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:
THAT items 1.9 and 1.10 in Attachment 1 are removed from consideration.
(Opposed: Justice)
CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:
THAT item 1.1 in Attachment 1 is removed from consideration.
(Opposed: Douglas, Justice)
CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:
THAT items 1.2 and 1.3 in Attachment 1 are removed from consideration.
(Opposed: Douglas, Caljouw, Istace, Justice)
DEFEATED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:
THAT items 1.4 and 1.5 in Attachment 1 are removed from consideration.
(Opposed: Douglas, Caljouw, Istace, Justice)
DEFEATED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:
THAT item 1.6 be rezoned from A2_LUC to C2.
(Opposed: Douglas, Caljouw, Istace, Justice)
DEFEATED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:
THAT Committee of the Whole directs:

1. a zoning amendment bylaw is prepared to consider zoning changes on land parcels as identified in Attachments 1 and 2 to the Planning Manager's January 7, 2025, report, as amended by Committee of the Whole and
2. that owners of parcels identified in Attachment 1 be provided written notification at least two weeks prior to Council's consideration of first reading of a zoning amendment bylaw and invited to submit representations. CARRIED

5.2 Fleet Vehicle Electrification Update

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:
THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council continue with the electrification of 12 light duty vehicles, a refuse truck and install charging infrastructure by:

- a. Allocating an additional \$167,571 from the Local Government Climate Action Program funds and \$52,903 from the Climate Action and Energy Plan Reserve;
- b. Authorize short-term borrowing for the shortfall estimated at \$339,830 through the Municipal Finance Authority;
- c. Authorize the Incentive Agreement with BC Hydro for funding electrical infrastructure;

- d. Direct staff to apply for BC's Go Electric Fleet Charging Program before the deadline; and,
- e. Put the infrastructure out for tender in early 2025. (Opposed: Findlay, Manhas)
CARRIED

6. QUESTION PERIOD

Council received no questions from the public regarding agenda items.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Certified by Corporate Officer

Signed by Mayor

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