

# **Municipality of North Cowichan Economic Development Committee MINUTES**

**February 21, 2025, 1:00 p.m.  
Municipal Hall - Large Committee Room**

Members Present            Mayor Rob Douglas, Chair  
                                 Councillor Bruce Findlay  
                                 Councillor Chris Istace

Staff Present                Ted Swabey, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)  
                                 George Farkas, General Manager, Planning, Development and Community Services  
                                 Jennifer Aldcroft, Climate Change Specialist  
                                 Kayla Reid-Starck, Legislative Coordinator

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

## **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

## **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee adopt the minutes of the meeting held October 18, 2024.

CARRIED

## **4. UNFINISHED AND POSTPONED BUSINESS**

None.

## **5. BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Draft Economic Development Action Plan**

Jamie Vann Struth, Deloitte Consulting, presented their draft Economic Development Action Plan and answered questions from the Committee.

The Committee discussed North Cowichan's Economic Development goals and staff answered questions from the Committee.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee extend the meeting until 3:30pm.

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Economic Development Committee (EDC):

1. Amends the Economic Development Action Plan, Draft Report dated February 2025 from Deloitte, based on the comments collected from the Committee at the February 21, 2025 EDC meeting, and

2. Accept the Economic Development Action Plan, as amended.

CARRIED

**5.2 Update from the Cowichan Valley Regional District**

Barry O'Riordan from Economic Development Cowichan provided a verbal update to the Committee on regional projects and upcoming events and answered questions from the Committee.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 3:02 p.m.

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Certified by Recording Secretary

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Signed by Chair;