

Municipality of North Cowichan Economic Development Committee MINUTES

September 5, 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
 Bill Corsan, General Manager, Corporate Services and Community Relations
 George Farkas, General Manager, Development and Community Services
 Andrea Hainrich, Deputy Corporate Officer
 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 February 21, 2025.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED AND POSTPONED BUSINESS

None.

5. BUSINESS

5.1 Development Services Review

George Farkas, General Manager of Development and Community Services, provided introductory remarks. Allan Neilson and Sherry Hurst of Neilson Strategies presented the findings of the North Cowichan Development Services Review to the Committee and responded to questions from Committee members and staff.

5.2 Request to Establish a Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw

Bill Corsan, General Manager of Corporate Services and Community Relations, provided an introductory presentation on the agenda item.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Economic Development Committee recommends that Council direct staff to develop a draft Revitalization Tax Exemption Program with similar elements from Bylaw

3635 for Council consideration, and include options based on feedback from the Committee.

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 2:46 p.m.

Certified by Recording Secretary

Signed by Chair;