

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

**December 5, 2025, 1:00 p.m.
Municipal Hall - Large Committee Room**

Members Present Rob Douglas
 Bruce Findlay
 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
 Chris Osborne, Manager, Planning
 Christina Hovey, Project Planner
 Jennifer Aldcroft, Climate Change Specialist

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 September 5, 2025.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED AND POSTPONED BUSINESS

None.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Simon Fraser University (SFU) - Regenerative Economies Research Thesis

Jordan Wilson, SFU graduate student and Planner, and Patrick Oystryk, Senior Planner at MODUS presented Mr. Wilson's research thesis findings on regenerative economies to the Committee and answered questions from the committee.

Ted Swabey joined the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

5.2 Tourism Cowichan - Marketing Plan and Governance Model

Kenzie Knight, Tourism Development Specialist, and Genevieve Huneault, Director, of Tourism Cowichan presented to the Committee the Tourism Cowichan Marketing Plan and Governance Model and answered questions from the committee.

Ted Swabey left the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Interim Community Amenity Contribution Policy + What We Heard

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Economic Development Committee recommends that Council adopt the Interim Community Amenity Contribution Policy in the form attached to the Project Planner's report dated December 5, 2025, to the Economic Development Committee.

CARRIED

6.2 2026 Economic Development Committee Schedule

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee approve the following 2026 Economic Development Committee Schedule:

- Friday, February 27, at 1:00pm
- Friday, June 12, at 1:00pm
- Friday, September 25, at 1:00pm
- Friday, December 11, at 1:00pm

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 2:59 p.m.

Certified by Recording Secretary

Signed by Chair;