

Municipality of North Cowichan Environmental Advisory Committee MINUTES

**November 16, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Electronically**

Members Present	Councillor Kate Marsh, Chair Neil Anderson Cam Campbell Bruce Coates Per Dahlstrom Dr. Jana Kotaska Sandra McPherson Ashley Muckle Dr. Shannon Waters
Members Absent	Dr. Geoffrey Strong David Coulson Dr. Jesse Patterson
Staff Present	Dr. Dave Preikshot, Senior Environmental Specialist Shaun Chadburn, Environmental Programs Coordinator Tricia Mayea, Deputy Corporate Officer Theresa Dennison, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

Sandy McPherson was appointed Vice Chair for this meeting in the event that the Chair has to leave the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following late item was added to the agenda:

- New Business Item 5.2 - Update / referral of draft OCP to Environmental Advisory Committee

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Committee adopt the minutes of the meeting held September 23, 2021.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Pollinators (Workplan Subject C4 / C2)

Mr. Ted Leischner made a presentation to the Committee regarding the importance of bees and insect biodiversity in the Municipality of North Cowichan.

Dr. Shannon Waters left the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and returned at 2:24 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend to Council that MODUS and Staff consider the importance of pollinators in the development of Development Permit guidelines. CARRIED

The Environmental Advisory Committee requested that we add an item regarding herbicide use and their impact on bee habitats to a future agenda.

4.2 Comparison of North Cowichan's Environmental Policy Review to the Draft Actions Listed in North Cowichan's 2021 Climate Action Plan

Mr. Chadburn, Environmental Programs Coordinator, briefly reviewed the comparison of North Cowichan's Environmental Policy review to the draft actions listed in the 2021 Climate Action Plan, provided from Diamond Head Consulting and answered questions of the Committee.

4.3 Setting the 2022 Meeting Schedule

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the 2022 Environmental Advisory Committee meetings be conducted by electronic means. CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee set the following meeting schedule for 2022:

- Tuesday, January 18 at 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 17 at 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 19 at 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 20 at 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 15 at 1:30 p.m.

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Special Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting to be scheduled for Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee schedule a special meeting on November 30, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. CARRIED

5.2 Update / referral of draft OCP to Environmental Advisory Committee

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend to Council that the Draft Official Community Plan be referred to all Select Council Committees for feedback.

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:03 p.m.

Certified by Recording Secretary

Signed by Chair