

Municipality of North Cowichan Forestry Advisory Committee MINUTES

**September 28, 2022, 1:00 p.m.
Electronically**

Members Present	Councillor Rob Douglas, Chair Cameron Campbell Heather Pritchard Jessie Fraser Eric Jeklin Dave Lindsay
Members Absent	Chief James Thomas Rob Furness
Staff Present	George Farkas, General Manager, Planning, Development and Community Services Shaun Mason, Municipal Forester Heather Power, Legislative Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked members and guests to introduce themselves and provided some background.

The Chair thanked the committee members and acknowledged that this would be the last meeting for this Committee. The next elected council will review committees and decide if they will continue to have a Forestry advisory Committee. The Chair also acknowledged the contributions to the forestry review process and how their input has made the conversation move forward.

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 on June 30, 2020.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS

4.1 UBC Partnership Group – Draft Forest Management Scenario Review

The UBC team gave a presentation on the four draft Forestry Management scenario options: 1. Status Quo, 2 Reduced Harvest, 3. Active Conservation and 4. Passive

Conservation, noting that they are simply points of reference, to explain to Council, staff and the community prior to making decisions.

The committee discussed each scenario, noting the many different variables that could affect outcomes. They also noted the importance of receiving input from the public about what they would like to see.

The UBC team will present to Council at the October 4, 2022 Regular Council meeting for Council's consideration and feedback before the public engagement phase. Staff reminded the committee of an ongoing dialogue with First Nations about future forestry practices in the Municipal Forest Reserve which will need to be considered prior to creating an operational forest management plan.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Forestry Advisory Committee recommends that the UBC Partnership Group Draft Forest Management Scenario Summary as appended to the Municipal Forester's report, dated September 28, 2022, be referred to Council as presented. CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 2:25 pm.

Signed by Chair

Certified by Recording Secretary