

Municipality of North Cowichan
Regular Council
ADDENDUM AGENDA

Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 1:30 p.m.
Municipal Hall - Council Chambers

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11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

11.3 *Regional Management of Forestry*

Councillor Douglas has requested that the following Notice of Motion be considered at the June 19, 2019 Council meeting for the purposes of forwarding to UBCM for consideration.

Whereas the forest industry in British Columbia has been on a steady decline in recent decades, with regular mill closures, thousands of jobs lost, and once thriving forestry communities experiencing severe economic decline - in part due to government policies that removed the appurtenancy rules that tied timber harvest to processing at local mills and facilitated an unprecedented growth in raw log exports;

And Whereas many communities across British Columbia have demonstrated that when local people are empowered to manage their forests, such as is the case with the dozens of community forests across the Province, there are significant social, economic and environmental benefits, including: higher local employment levels and increased self-reliance of rural communities; increased public involvement in resource planning and management decisions; and reduced conflicts over timber harvesting in watersheds and other sensitive areas;

Therefore be it Resolved that the Province of British Columbia explore the feasibility of: 1) adopting a new model of regionally-based forestry management (as outlined in the paper *Restoring Forestry in BC: The Story of the Industry's Decline and the Case for Regional Management* by former B.C. Forests' Minister Robert Williams) to ensure power rests with the communities most directly affected by forest management decisions; 2) create a Forest Charter passed by the Legislature that includes an overall vision, sustainability principles, and standards and goals for our forests; and 3) to appoint a Forester General to serve as a new independent officer who will report annually to the Legislature and work with the regions on local land planning processes;

And Further be it Resolved that the Province of British Columbia implement a pilot project on Vancouver Island and Coastal BC, in partnership with local First Nations, that will empower local communities and provide an opportunity to assess the effectiveness of regional forestry management to enhance environmental sustainability, involve the public in planning and management, raise real incomes and provide fulling jobs, and improve equity and fairness.

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 *Vancouver Island Economic Alliance's 2019 Island Wood Forum*

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Purpose: To consider Council member attendance at the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance's Island Wood Forum on June 20, 2019 at the Quw'utsun' Cultural Centre in Duncan, BC.

Recommendation:

That Council authorize registration payment for (insert Council member names) to attend the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance, Island Wood Forum on June 8, 2019 at the Quw'utsun' Cultural Centre in Duncan, BC.

12.2 *Coastal Communities Social Procurement Initiative (CCSPI)*

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Purpose: To consider participating in the Coastal Communities Social Procurement Initiative by becoming a member for a two-year period.

Recommendation:

That Council direct staff to prepare a report on the implications, costs, and value of pursuing membership in the Coastal Communities Social Procurement Initiative.

Wood Industry Forum II – June 20, 2019

An Industry Forum – *We're Back!*

VIEA's first Island Wood Forum was on March 23, 2018 at the Nanaimo Cottonwood Golf Course. The second event will be at the Comeakin Building, Quw'utsun' Cultural Centre, 200 Cowichan Way, Duncan and hosted by Khowutzun Forest Services (KFS).

This event will be of particular interest to those directly involved in forestry and wood manufacturing. Presentations will focus on issues and opportunities associated with access to fibre, fire hazard mitigation, recent changes in government policy, and the new Coastal Forest Recovery program. VIEA will share details of its Wood Waste Recovery pilot project set to be launched in the Cowichan Region, and KFS will inform participants about projects it is undertaking. The entire objective is about how to strengthen and diversify value-added manufacturing on Vancouver Island.

This Forum is a result of [four years of work by VIEA](#) to help expand markets and diversify value-added wood manufacturing on Vancouver Island.

Through wood industry stakeholder meetings, interviews, surveys, product research, economic analysis, and business case development, the Economic Alliance has helped move stakeholders towards meaningful dialogue about opportunities to generate more wealth and increase sustainable production on Vancouver Island. Access to fibre and access to markets have been reoccurring themes and change is now on its way...

The objective for the Forum is to share relevant information with stakeholders and to engage stakeholders in the initiation of VIEA's waste wood recovery pilot to help ensure positive results and transferable application.

It's time for industry stakeholders to come together to pursue 21st century solutions.

The 'Island Wood Industry Forum' is sponsored by our host Khowutzun Forest Services and includes the CVRD, [MNP](#), [Inland Group](#), and [TimberWest](#).

'Island Wood' is an extension of VIEA's annual ['State of the Island' Economic Summit](#) and a furtherance of VIEA's continuing work with Island stakeholders helping to ensure a vital and sustainable Island economy. The 13th annual Economic Summit will be held October 23/24 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.

From: Bethany Schmidt [bschmidt@scalecollaborative.ca]
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2019 3:35 PM
To: Bethany Schmidt
Subject: Invitation to Join Fellow Local Governments in CCSPI

Good Afternoon,

Did you know that the Coastal Communities Social Procurement Initiative has 14 local government members already? As a local government in the region, you are invited to join and gain access to the training, consultation, and resources you need to develop in-house tools and skills to implement social procurement.

As you may know, social procurement is becoming a best practice for purchasers to integrate social value and outcomes within local communities. As a member of CCSPI, you will have access to social procurement experts who can help you make your next procurement project a success.

CCSPI members enjoy a variety of benefits, including:

- In-person training
- Members-only content and webinars
- Access online social procurement training
- Monthly community of practice calls
- Access resources and procurement examples
- One-on-one consultation with procurement experts

Learn more at www.ccspi.ca

Contact Mayor Josie Osborne at osborne@tofino.ca to become a member. The membership cost for CCSPI for the two-year initiative is equal to two years of AVICC dues.

We would love to hear from you and learn more about your needs around capacity building for social procurement.

If you have any questions about the initiative, feel free to also contact myself, Beth, the project coordinator and I am happy to have a phone call to discuss further. But act fast, initial training and education sessions are coming up quickly!

Kind Regards,
Bethany Schmidt

Project Coordinator, CCSPI