

Municipality of North Cowichan Quamichan Lake Water Quality Task Force MINUTES

December 20, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
Municipal Hall - Council Chambers

Members Present Mayor Jon Lefebure, Chair
 Jim Cosh
 Dave Groves
 David Preikshot

Staff Present Dave Devana, Chief Administrative Officer
 Mark Ruttan, Director of Corporate Services / Deputy CAO

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lefebure welcomed members and staff to the first meeting of the Quamichan Lake Water Quality Task Force. There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded:
That the Committee approve the agenda as amended to add "Report Matrix and Documentation".

CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

None.

4. **BUSINESS**

4.1 **Mandate**

Council reviewed the Committee's terms of reference which are (1) to recommend to the BC Government treatment strategies to improve water quality (e.g. eliminate blue algae) and the long-term health of Quamichan Lake, and (2) to identify specific strategies that North Cowichan and its partners can implement to reduce nutrient loading in Quamichan Lake.

The Committee noted that the findings and lessons learned from studying Quamichan Lake, will be valuable to Somenos Lake.

4.2 Additional Members

The Committee discussed possible additional members who could serve on the Committee.

4.3 Meeting Schedule

The Committee agreed to next meet on Thursday, January 19th, 2016.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Report Matrix and Documentation

The Committee received a proposal from Dave Preikshot to assess the causes of cyanobacteria blooms in Quamichan Lake and developing a management plan for their control. The Committee also reviewed an assessment matrix that can be used to help identify preferred solutions, along with a paper and electronic filing system to keep track of input received and considered.

At 2:47 p.m. Dave Preikshot left the meeting so the Committee could discuss his proposal. He returned to the meeting at 3:00 p.m. The Committee thanked him for his proposal and asked him to step down from the Committee so that he is not in a conflict of interest and can offer his professional services on an, as requested basis.

The Committee discussed the form the Committee's final report should take and generally agreed it should be an overhead based summary supported by an accessible document library, rather than a full narrative report.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 3:30 p.m.

Signed by
Chair or Member Presiding

Certified by
Recording Secretary