

# Municipality of North Cowichan

## Special Council

### MINUTES

February 6, 2019, 11:00 a.m.  
Municipal Hall - Council Chambers

Members Present            Mayor Al Siebring  
                                 Councillor Rob Douglas (12:15 p.m.)  
                                 Councillor Christopher Justice  
                                 Councillor Tek Manhas  
                                 Councillor Kate Marsh  
                                 Councillor Rosalie Sawrie  
                                 Councillor Debra Toporowski

Staff Present                Ted Swabey, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)  
                                 Karen Robertson, Corporate Officer  
                                 Mark Frame, General Manager, Financial and Protective Services  
                                 Ernie Mansueti, General Manager, Community Services  
                                 Sarah Nixon, General Manager, People and Business Services  
                                 David Conway, Director of Engineering  
                                 Rob Conway, Director of Planning  
                                 Clay Reitsma, Senior Manager, Engineering  
                                 Natasha Horsman, Manager, Communications and Strategic Initiatives  
                                 Shaun Chadburn, Environmental Programs Coordinator

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, Mayor Siebring called the Special Council meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded:

**That Council approve the February 6, 2019 Regular Council agenda, as amended, to include the following:**

- **A matter for the Closed agenda (New Business item 3.1) to be considered under Section 90(2)(b) – the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government, or both;**
- **Consideration of a request to provide shared funding support for a traffic management plan for the “Walk for Missing/Murdered Indigenous (to be considered under Business 5.2); and**

- **Information by Councillor Marsh about a two hour workshop being held in Parksville on Thursday, February 14, 2019 after the LGLA conference (to be discussed under Business 5.3).**

**CARRIED**

### **3. PUBLIC INPUT**

Council received no public input from registered speakers regarding items on the agenda.

### **4. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

#### **4.1 Presentation: Dave Priekshot, PHD, RPBio, Consultant for the Somenos Marsh Society and Madrone Environmental Services Re: Proposed Parrot's Feather Management Plan for the Municipality**

The Environmental Programs Coordinator provided an overview of the problems associated with the proliferation of parrot's feather in Somenos Marsh. He then introduced Dr. Priekshot, who gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining a Parrot's Feather Management Plan for the Somenos Lake and Somenos Creek and options for Council's consideration. A copy of Dr. Priekshot's PowerPoint presentation can be found on the District's website at [www.northcowichan.ca](http://www.northcowichan.ca).

Dr. Priekshot advised Council that he would have a management plan proposal, including cost estimates, to staff within the next couple of weeks which could then be presented to Council for consideration shortly thereafter. He did note that complete eradication of parrot feather is not possible so consideration of an on-going management plan would be required.

### **5. BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 Mayor Siebring Re: Council Input into CVRD Discussions**

The Mayor advised that due to time constraints this matter would need to be discussed at a future meeting and therefore the item was pulled from the agenda.

#### **5.2 Shared Funding Request with the City of Duncan to support a Traffic Management Plan for the "Walk for Missing/Murdered Indigenous Women" to be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019**

It was moved and seconded:

**That Council support the request by the City of Duncan to share the costs associated with undertaking a Traffic Management Plan, up to \$1,000, with funds to come from the Community Special Events budget, to support the "Walk for Missing/Murdered Indigenous Women" to be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019.**

**CARRIED**

**5.3 BC Municipal Climate Leadership Council (BCMCLC) and Community Energy Association (CEA) Workshop**

Councillor Marsh conveyed that the BCMCLC and CEA were putting on a workshop for newly elected officials to learn about the roles of local governments in climate and energy planning as well as project and program implementation. She noted that the workshop will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2019 from 2:45 – 4:45 p.m. should Council be interested in registering.

**6. QUESTION PERIOD**

Council received no questions from the public regarding business considered at this meeting.

**7. CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved and seconded:

**That Council resolve to go into a Closed Council meeting at 12:30 p.m., under the following sections of the *Community Charter*:**

- 1. Section 90(1)(a) - personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;**
- 2. Section 90(1)(b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity;**
- 3. Section 90(1)(e) - the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;**
- 4. Section 90(1)(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;**
- 5. Section 90(1)(l) - discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 (annual municipal report); and**
- 6. Section 90(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government, or both.**

**CARRIED**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded:

**That Council adjourn the February 6, 2019, Special Council meeting at 12:30 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

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Certified by Corporate Officer

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Signed by Mayor