



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

6:30 P.M.

This meeting was held electronically

Council Members Present:

Councillor Tricia McKay, Chair
Councillor Amanda Jacobson
Councillor Rob Johnson
Councillor Duck Paterson

Councillor Marsh Stevens
Mayor Aaron Stone
Councillor Jeff Virtanen

Staff Present:

Allison McCarrick
Erin Anderson
Chris Barfoot
Jake Belobaba
Ryan Bouma

Donna Smith
Mike Gregory
Sue Bouma
Andrea Hainrich

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor McKay, Chair, called this Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and acknowledged with gratitude that it was being held on the traditional unceded territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

CW 2022-010

That the agenda for this March 8, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved.

Motion Carried

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 18, 2022

CW 2022-011

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 18, 2022 be approved.

Motion Carried

4. REPORTS

4.1 2022 Grant in Aid Requests

CW 2022-012

That the Committee add to the next Committee of the Whole agenda a discussion regarding refinement of the Grants-in-Aid Policy and process.

Motion Carried

Prior to discussion of the Show and Shine Grant-in-Aid allocation, Councillor Paterson declared a conflict of interest due to his membership with the organization and vacated the meeting at 6:46 p.m. He returned to the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

CW 2022-013

That the Committee recommend the following list of 2022 Grants-in-Aid to Council for approval:

Cowichan Family Caregivers Support Society	1,000
Ladysmith and District Historical Society	7,500
Ladysmith and District Marine Rescue Society	2,500
Ladysmith Celebrations Society	10,000
Ladysmith Downtown Business Association	5,000
Ladysmith Family and Friends Society	2,500
Ladysmith Festival Of Lights	15,000
Ladysmith Little Theater	2,500
Ladysmith Maritime Society	1,500
Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation (FJCC Bursary)	1,500
Old English Car Club Central Island Branch	600
Art Council of Ladysmith and District	5,000
Ladysmith Fire Rescue - Santa Parade	1,500
Waiving Fees	1,500
Late Applications/Council discretion	4,070

Motion Carried

Prior to the Committee's vote regarding the Show and Shine Grant-in-Aid allocation, Councillor Paterson again declared a conflict of interest due to his membership with the organization and vacated the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

CW 2022-014

That the Committee recommend that Council approve the Show and Shine Grant-in-Aid allocation of \$2,000.

Motion Carried

Councillor Paterson returned to the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

4.2 Poverty Reduction Task Group

CW 2022-015

That the Committee recommend that Council:

1. Include \$50,000 in the 2022-2026 Financial Plan to contract with Social Planning Cowichan for the Poverty Reduction Task Force project subject to grant funding received; and
2. Confirm support of staff's application in the amount of \$50,000 to the UBCM Poverty Reduction Planning and Action – Stream 2 grant.

Motion Carried

4.3 Council Remuneration Review

CW 2022-016

That the Committee recommend that Council direct staff to conduct a review of Council remuneration including benefits coverage, based on similar sized communities and report its recommendations to Council prior to September 30, 2022.

Motion Defeated

OPPOSED: Councillor McKay, Mayor Stone, and Councillors Jacobson, Johnson, Stevens and Virtanen

4.4 2020-2023 Strategic Priorities Update

CW 2022-017

That the Committee receive the 2020-2023 Strategic Priorities Update dated March 8, 2022.

Motion Carried

5. COUNCIL SUBMISSIONS

5.1 1st Avenue and High Street Intersection

The Committee discussed the 1st Avenue and High Street intersection and concluded that the traffic issue would be best addressed once the Official Community Plan review is complete.

6. ADJOURNMENT

CW 2022-018

That this meeting of the Committee of the Whole adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

Motion Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chair (Councillor T. McKay)

Corporate Officer (D. Smith)