

TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Minutes of a Regular meeting of Council held on
Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016



PRESENT: Mayor Ross Forrest
Councillor Carlyne Austin
Councillor Bob K. Day
Councillor Tim McGonigle
Councillor Lorna Vomacka

STAFF: Joseph A. Fernandez, Chief Administrative Officer
Ronnie Gill, Director of Finance
Roni-Lee Roach, Executive Secretary

PUBLIC: 6

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Forrest called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. AGENDA

No. R.0014/16

Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Day
that the addition of David Lowther as a delegation for this meeting to update Council of the Seniors' Care Facility Steering Committee be approved.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

No. R.0015/16

Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

No. R.0016/16

(a) Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Day
that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 26th, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

5. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

(a) Judy Stafford presented Cowichan Green Community's accomplishments for 2015 through a short film presentation which also covered the development of the Town's community garden project at Centennial Park.

(b) David Lowther spoke on behalf of the Seniors' Care Facility steering committee and advised that a public meeting would be held on Thursday, March 31st, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Christian Fellowship church to elect an executive committee.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

(b) The correspondence item from Rocky Wise on the matter of his disappointment at not being re-appointed to the Cowichan Lake

Recreation Commission was treated as information.

7. REPORTS

No. R.0017/16
Finance and Administration

Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Day
that the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on February 9th, 2016 be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

No. R.0018/16
Public Works and
Environmental Services

Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the minutes of the Public Works and Environmental Services Committee meeting held on February 2nd, 2016 be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

No. R.0019/16
Parks, Recreation and Culture

Moved: Councillor Vomacka
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee meeting held on February 2nd, 2016 be approved with the following recommendation ratified:

1—Chamber Lease Extension

that the agreement between the Town of Lake Cowichan and the Cowichan Lake District Chamber of Commerce be extended for a further one month term to February 29th, 2016.
CARRIED.

No. R.0020/16
Economic and Sustainable
Development

Moved: Councillor Day
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that the minutes of the Economic and Sustainable Development Committee meeting held on February 9th, 2016 be approved with the following recommendation ratified:

1— Business Façade Improvement Grant Programme

that the Province be petitioned to re-implement the Business Improvement Grant Programme that will provide each local government an annual intake to a maximum of \$20,000 so local businesses may participate in a programme that would see the rejuvenation of business areas with the goal of enhancing community appearance and hence community pride which are integral to economic activity and growth.
CARRIED.

Cowichan Lake Recreation

The minutes of the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission meeting held on January 28th, 2016 were treated as information.

Mayor Forrest advised that Councillor Day attended the last meeting of the Commission that was held on Thursday, February 18th, 2016. Those minutes will be made available at the next Council meeting.

Vancouver Island Regional
Library

No Report.

Ohtaki Twinning Committee

No Report.

Mayor Forrest felt that a meeting should be held in the next month or two to identify the next group to travel to Ohtaki, Japan and to begin preparations for the visit of the group from

Ohtaki, Japan that is expected to arrive in Lake Cowichan on October 6th, 2016 to October 10th, 2016.

Advisory Planning Commission

Councillor McGonigle reported that the Advisory Planning Commission was meeting on Thursday, February 25th, 2016 and were still working on revisions to the subdivision bylaw.

Community Forest Co-operative

Councillor McGonigle updated Council on the plans that are underway for the Forest Co-op to welcome nearly 100 delegates into Lake Cowichan for the annual meeting to be held May 26th through to 28th, 2016. He reported that the final itinerary and invitations to attend the banquet should be completed shortly.

Cowichan Valley Regional District Board

(b) Councillor Day gave a verbal report to Council on his attendance at the February 10th, 2016 Cowichan Valley Regional District's Board meeting. He further reported that the regional transit and regional services meetings would be held on Wednesday, February 24th, 2016 and grant-in-aid approvals would be determined.

Councillor Day advised that on Tuesday, March 1st, 2016 a regional recreation workshop would be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to discuss the matter of regional recreation and the Town's role in this function.

Councillor McGonigle reported on his attendance at the regional engineering and regional services meetings for the Regional District on Wednesday, January 27th, 2016.

Social Planning Cowichan

Councillor Austin gave a verbal report on her attendance at the Social Planning Cowichan Committee meeting where they discussed social policies for the whole Cowichan region.

Community Safety Advisory

Councillor Austin advised that the Community Safety Advisory group was looking for additional board members.

Councillor Day requested an update on the Lake Cowichan School youth council and its interest in attending a meeting of Council to see the process.

No. R.0021/16
Water Treatment Plant
Upgrades and Gas Tax
Strategic Priorities Funding

(c) Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that Council approve a revised funding request of \$5 million (and not \$6 million as originally requested) under the Federal Gas Tax Fund Strategic Priorities Fund (SPF) program for a new filtration and disinfection system facility with the Town's share to be funded through general revenues and short term debt that would have be repaid annually through additional increases in both the parcel tax and user rates for the water utility fund.

CARRIED.

8. BYLAWS

No. R.0022/16
Bylaw No. 970-2016
Official Community Plan
Amendment

(a) Moved: Councillor Day
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that the "Town of Lake Cowichan Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 970-2016" be read a first and second time.

CARRIED.

No. R.0023/16
Bylaw No. 971-2016
Zoning Amendment

- (b)** Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the "Town of Lake Cowichan Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 971-2016" be read a first and second time.

CARRIED.

No. R.0024/16
Bylaw No. 972-2016
Sewer Regulations and Rates

- (c)** Moved: Councillor Day
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that the "Town of Lake Cowichan Sewer Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 972-2016" be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor presented his report for February, 2016 with the following highlights:

- Need for secondary water treatment system and the provincial mandate to have the Town meet new drinking water standards for surface water;
- Conservation of water has long been a priority of the local government and Province;
- Completion of Phase 1 of the sewage treatment upgrades with grant funding received to offset the \$1.52 million project costs;
- Assistance from funding sources is critical to deal with future infrastructure requirements to water treatment;
- Centennial Park upgrade funding application under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Programme for \$500,000;
- Having good clean water is imperative for the health and safety of our citizens;
- Safer standards set forth from Island Health and the recent boil water advisories implemented;
- The economic ramifications of a new water treatment system and filtration system;
- The previous ash landfill at Meades Creek received funding for required upgrades to the facility for an amount of \$2.56 million; and
- Forrest and Friday Novice Lakers opportunity to participate in the Timbits Hockey intermission during a Canucks and Maple Leaf game on February 13th, 2016.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

12. IN CAMERA

No. R.0025/16
In-Camera

- Moved: Councillor Day
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that Council close the meeting to the public to deal with issues relating to labour relations or other employee relations and land matters under Section 90(1) (c) and (e) of the Community Charter respectively (7:19 p.m.).

CARRIED.

13. ADJOURNMENT

No. R.0026/16
Adjournment

Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that we arise and adjourn without report (9 p.m.).

CARRIED.

Certified correct _____.

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2016.

Mayor