



## TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Minutes of a Regular meeting of Council

Tuesday, April 24th, 2018

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

STAFF: Joseph A. Fernandez, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jill Walters, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC: 13

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. AGENDA**

No. R.0045/18

Moved: Councillor Day

Seconded: Councillor Austin

that the agenda be approved as amended with the following addition under:

Correspondence:

Fire Smart Grant Approval: and

In-camera:

Dealing with following relevant sections of the Community Charter: 90(1) (c) on labor relations or other employee relations; and 90(1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, and 90(1) (g) on litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

CARRIED.

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

No. R.0046/18

(a) Moved: Councillor Day

Seconded: Councillor Vomacka

that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 27th, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**5. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS**

(a) Denise Allan, Lady of the Lake Society and the Lady of the Lake Candidates for 2018 were present to make presentations to council.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Action Items**

None.

(b) **Information or Consent Items**

- (ii) Letter from John Lefebure, Chairperson, CVRD re: Sharps Pick up Program was treated as information.
- (iii) Letter from Shane Brienen, Mayor of Houston, B.C. re: Human Trafficking Task Force was treated as information.
- (iv) Fire Smart Program re: Planning Grant Approval was received as information.

**7. REPORTS**

**(a) Council and other Committee Reports**

No. R.0047/18  
Finance and  
Administration

- (i) Moved: Councillor McGonigle  
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka  
that the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be approved with the following:

1-Lake Cowichan Fire Department-

that the Lake Cowichan Fire Department’s incident report expense for March 2018 in the total amount of \$6,677.59 be authorized.

2-Grants-in-Aid-

that the Grants in Aid to the following be authorized

- Cowichan Lake Lady of the Lake \$ 500
- 1<sup>st</sup> Cowichan Scouts 750
- Lake Cowichan Dry Grad 2018 500
- LCS Scholarships two at \$500 each 1,000
- for a total of \$2,750

3-Fire Siren

that until a new timer system for sirens can be implemented the current system of fire siren notification should remain in place;  
and that serious consideration should be given at that time to eliminating the use of the siren between the hours of 10pm each night and 7 am the next morning, with the sirens when used should only be sounded for shorter durations.

CARRIED.

No. R.0048/18  
Public Works and  
Environmental  
Services

- (ii) Moved: Councillor Austin  
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka  
that the minutes of the Public Works and Environmental Committee meeting held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

No. R.0049/18  
Parks, Recreation  
and Culture

- (iii) Moved: Councillor Vomacka  
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle  
that the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee meeting held on April 3<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be approved with the following.

1-Naming of the Ball Fields

that the larger ball field be named Dawn Coe Jones Field and the smaller field be named Apollos Field with the soccer field naming to be posted on Facebook for public input between two choices Kaatza and Dobie Somerville.

CARRIED.

No. R.0050/18  
Economic and Sustainable Development  
**(vi)** Moved: Councillor Day  
Seconded: Councillor Austin  
that the minutes of the Economic and Sustainable Development Committee meeting held on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Cowichan Lake Recreation  
**(v)** No report was received from Cowichan Lake Recreation.

Vancouver Island Regional Library  
**(vi)** Councillor Vomacka reported that Barry Avis, Library Board Member was awarded the Library Trustee Advocate Award. The following dates were noted:  

- April 26-6 pm for Lake Cowichan Stitches;
- April 28-Artist Corner-focusing on painting; and
- May 11-2 pm Indigenous Voices with Lake Cowichan First Nations

Advisory Planning Commission  
**(vii)** No report was made.

Community Forest Co-operative  
**(viii)** Councillor McGonigle reported that the Forest CO-OP will be dissolving to be re-created as a new entity. Bylaws will have to be rewritten.

**(b) Other Reports**

Cowichan Valley Regional District Board  
**(i)** Councillor Day gave a verbal report to Council on his attendance at the recent Cowichan Valley Regional District meetings. He highlighted the following:  

- The Watershed/Drinking Water Bylaw was given 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings;
- The gifting of \$750,000 to the Cowichan Housing Society;
- A 2-hour time limit is to be placed on electric vehicle charging stations;
- Regional Services meeting is on Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018; and.
- Regional Recreation meeting is set for Friday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Community Outreach Team  
**(ii)** Councillor Austin reported the Opioid Seminar at Lake Cowichan School was well attended and informative. The Community Outreach Team did an excellent job.

Community Safety Advisory  
**(iii)** Councillor Austin reported there was no meeting in April. The next meeting is on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

No. R.0051/18  
Seniors Care Facility  
**(iv)** Motioned: Councillor McGonigle  
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka  
  
that the resignation of Michelle Marsh from CLECI be approved.

CARRIED.

**(c) Staff Reports**

No. R.0052/18  
**(i)** Moved: Councillor McGonigle  
Seconded: Councillor Austin  
WHEREAS the Town of Lake Cowichan ("the Town") is desirous

of acquiring a portion of Lot A, Block 25, Cowichan Lake District, Plan VIP20496, together with improvements previously known as AB Greenwell Elementary School ("the Land") which the Town acknowledges has been declared surplus by the Ministry of Education ("MOE");

AND WHEREAS the Town has been made aware of the condition of the Land through reports made available by the Board of School Trustees of School District No. 79 ("the School District") identifying mould and asbestos in the building;

AND WHEREAS the Town wishes to use the Land for a public works yard and fire training facility;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development ("FLNRORD") has the statutory authority to dispose of the Land and the Town acknowledges that FLNRORD is only the facilitator authorized to dispose of the Land;

NOW THEREFORE the Town agrees to assume and indemnify the School District, MOE and FLNRORD for any costs and liabilities whatsoever arising from Town's ownership of the Land.

CARRIED.

No. R.0053/18      **8.      BYLAWS**  
**(a)**      Moved: Councillor Day  
            Seconded: Councillor McGonigle  
            "Town of Lake Cowichan Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1003-2018"  
            be given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED.

No. R.0054/18      **(b)**      Moved: Councillor McGonigle  
            Seconded: Councillor Day  
            "Town of Lake Cowichan 2018 Annual Rates Bylaw No. 1004-  
            2018" be given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED.

**9.      NEW BUSINESS**  
            None.

**10.     MAYOR'S REPORT**  
            The Mayor presented his report for April 2018 which included the following:  

- Budget for 2018;
- Naming of The Centennial Park Fields;
- Continuation of last month's report on marijuana legalization; and
- Upcoming BC Summer Games

**11.     NOTICES OF MOTION**  
            None.

**12.     QUESTION PERIOD**

**13. IN CAMERA**

Moved: Councillor Austin  
Seconded: Councillor Day  
that pursuant to Section 92 of the Community Charter, Council closes the meeting to the public to deal with issues relating to the following relevant sections of the Community Charter: 90(1) (c) on labor relations or other employee relations; and 90(1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, and 90(1) (g) on litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality (6:45 p.m.).

CARRIED.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

No. R.0054/18  
Adjournment

Moved: Councillor Day  
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle  
that we arise and adjourn at 7:42 p.m., without report.

CARRIED.

Certified correct \_\_\_\_\_.

Confirmed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Mayor