

TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of Council held at the Upper Centennial Hall, 309 South Shore Road on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2014



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

STAFF: Joseph A. Fernandez, Chief Administrative Officer
Ronnie Gill, Director of Finance

PUBLIC: 70

1. INAUGURATION CEREMONY

Patricia Foster, Master of Ceremonies, asked the public to rise at 6:00 p.m.

The piper, Frank Nichol, Judge Keith Bracken, Mayor-elect Ross Forrest, Councillors-elect Carlyne Austin, Bob Day, Tim McGonigle, and Lorna Vomacka into the Council Chambers with Constable Grant Desmet at the rear.

Mrs. Foster called upon Rhiannon Morrison to sing the national anthem. She next called on Pastor Terry Hale to perform the invocation.

2. OATHS OF OFFICE

The Master of Ceremonies introduced His Honor Judge Keith Bracken and then called on him to administer the Oaths of Office.

Judge Keith Bracken first administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-elect Ross Forrest. He then administered the Oaths of Office to each of Councillor-elect Carlyne Austin, Councillor-elect Bob Day, Councillor-elect Tim McGonigle and Councilor-elect Lorna Vomacka.

Judge Bracken was given an opportunity to issue charges to the newly elected members of council. His Honor congratulated all of the new members of council and wished them the best.

In Mrs. Foster's closing words she stated that it was a great honor and privilege for the new elected members of Council to serve the residents of Lake Cowichan and that the local government was the closest level of government to the community and that any criticism should not be taken to heart. She stated it was a pleasure and privilege to be part of the proceedings and wished the Council the very best in their upcoming four (4) years. She adjourned the Swearing in Ceremony at 6:20 p.m.

The new council then took a short recess.

3. CALL TO ORDER

The Chief Administrative Officer, Joseph A. Fernandez, announced "Will everyone please arise. His Worship Mayor Ross Forrest will now officiate at the first meeting of the new Town Council".

All new members took their seats with Mayor Forrest chairing. He called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. and requested the public to be seated.

4. APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Forrest made the following appointments to Committees:

Finance & Administration	Chair	Councillor McGonigle
Finance & Administration	Vice-Chair	Mayor Forrest
Parks, Recreation & Culture	Chair	Councillor Vomacka
Parks, Recreation & Culture	Vice-Chair	Mayor Forrest
Public Works & Environmental Services	Chair	Councillor Austin
Public Works & Environmental Services	Vice-Chair	Mayor Forrest
Economic & Sustainable Development	Chair	Councillor Day
Economic & Sustainable Development	Vice-Chair	Mayor Forrest

No R.191/14
Deputy Mayor

Moved: Councillor Vomacka
Seconded: Councillor Day
that the Deputy Mayor appointments be approved as follows:

Deputy Mayor	Dec 2014 – Nov 2015	Councillor Day
Deputy Mayor	Dec 2015 – Nov 2016	Councillor McGonigle
Deputy Mayor	Dec 2016 – Nov 2017	Councillor Austin
Deputy Mayor	Dec 2017 – Nov 2018	Councillor Vomacka

CARRIED.

5. REQUIRED RESOLUTIONS

No R.192/14
CVRD Director

Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that Councillor Day be appointed as the Town's Director to the Cowichan Valley Regional District Board.

CARRIED.

No R.193/14
CVRD Alternate Director

Moved: Councillor Day
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that Councillor McGonigle be appointed as the Town's alternate Director to the Cowichan Valley Regional District Board.

CARRIED.

No R.194/14
VIRL Board Appointment

Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Day
that Councillor Vomacka be appointed as the Town's representative to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board.

CARRIED.

No R.195/14
VIRL Alternate Board Appointment

Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Day
that Councillor Austin be appointed as the Town's alternate representative to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board.

CARRIED.

No R.196/14
Board of Variance

Moved: Councillor Day
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that Council confirm the continued appointment of Rolli Gunderson, Greg McCallum and Barbara Olson as members of the Board of Variance.

CARRIED.

No R.197/14
Spending Authority

Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Day
that until the adoption of the 2015 budget, expenditures for 2015 will be as per the 5-Year Financial Plan adopted in 2014;
and that capital expenditures for 2015 prior to the adoption of the budget for the year shall only be incurred by prior Council approval.

CARRIED.

No R.198/14
Signing Authority
for Town

Moved: Councillor Day
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that subject to compliance with applicable requirements of the Community Charter, the Local Government Act or any other enactment, all agreements or other documents which the Town has the authority to make or enter into shall be deemed to be properly executed if they are signed by the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED.

No R.199/14
Banking and
Cheque Signing
Authority for Town

Moved: Councillor Day
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that any two of the following: one of the Mayor or Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee AND one of the Chief Administrative Officer or the Director of Finance be authorized to be the bank signatories for the Town.

CARRIED.

No R.200/14
MFA Signing
Authority

Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Day
that any two of the Mayor, the Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign documents relating to Municipal Finance Authority.

CARRIED.

6. MAYOR'S ADDRESS

The Mayor addressed those present as follows:

I would like to thank previous councils and, particularly the past councils that I have been honoured to be a part over the last six years, for their work on behalf of the Town. Councillors Hornbrook and Ingram have to be especially thanked for their services on council.

I am now looking forward to working together with the new council and senior staff, Joe, Ronnie, Nagi, Dalton and Doug to accomplish the desired goals of the Town.

7. ADJOURNMENT

No R.201/14
Adjournment

Moved: Councillor Vomacka
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that this meeting be adjourned (6:32 p.m.).

CARRIED.

Certified correct _____

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2014.

Mayor