



TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN
Minutes of a Regular meeting of Council
Tuesday, February 25th, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Rod Peters
Councillor Carolyne Austin
Councillor Tim McGonigle
Councillor Kristine Sandhu
Councillor Lorna Vomacka

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

PUBLIC: 8

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peters called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

2. AGENDA

No. R.0021/20
Agenda

Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that the agenda be approved with the following addition:

REPORTS –STAFF REPORTS

(c)(iii) Chief Administrative Officer re: Water Conservation Plan.

CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

No. R.0022/20
Public Hearing
Minutes

Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the minutes of the Public Hearing held on January 28th, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED.

No. R.0023/20
Regular
Council
Minutes

Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 28th, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED.

No. R.0024/20
Special
Meeting
Minutes

Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on February 4th, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

5. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

None.

6. VERBAL COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC ON A SUBSEQUENT ITEM ON THE AGENDA

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Action Items:

No. R.0025/20
Letter of Support

(i) Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that Council support Social Planning Cowichan’s submission of a grant application on its current proposed activities and overall grant management of the plan to eliminate poverty in the Cowichan Region.
CARRIED.

(b) Information or Consent Items

No. R.0026/20
Received and Filed

(i) Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the correspondence item from Scott Carey, Chief Executive Officer, Dad’s Dial a Driver Services Inc regarding ride hailing for public access be received and filed.
CARRIED.

8. REPORTS

(a) Council and other Committee Reports

No. R.0027/20
Finance and Administration

(i) Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on February 11th, 2020 be approved.
CARRIED.

No. R.0028/20
Public Works and Environmental Services

(ii) Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that the minutes of the Public Works and Environmental Services Committee meeting held on February 18th, 2020, as amended be approved.
CARRIED.

No. R.0029/20
Parks, Recreation and Culture

(iii) Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee meeting held on February 18th, 2020, as amended be approved.
CARRIED.

Cowichan Lake Recreation

(iv) Mayor Peters advised that the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission upcoming meeting had been cancelled.

Vancouver Island Regional Library

(v) Councillor Vomacka had no report on the Library Board.

Advisory Planning Commission

(vi) Councillor Austin reported that the Advisory Planning Commission meeting would be held on Thursday, February 27th, 2020 and Ross Forrest and Paul Jordan would be attending to address the need for short term vacation rentals and encouraged members of Council to attend.

Community Forest Co-operative

(vii) Councillor McGonigle advised that a Forest Co-operative meeting would be held Wednesday, February 26th, 2020 at 3:00 pm and that Mayor Peters would attend.

(b) Other Reports

Cowichan Valley Regional District Board

(i) Councillor McGonigle gave a verbal report on the Regional District Corporate Services and the Regional Board meetings of February 12th, 2020.

He advised that the Hospital and Regional Board meetings would be held on Wednesday, February 26th, 2020.

Community Outreach Team **(ii)** Councillor Austin spoke the contributions made by the members of the Community Outreach Team.

Our Cowichan **(iii)** Councillor Sandhu reported that the next meeting of Our Cowichan would be held on March 5th, 2020.

L.I.F.T. **(iv)** Mayor Peters reported that the next meeting of L.I.F.T. is to be held on March 16th, 2020 at 1:00 pm together with representatives of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to discuss elk and the need for a second crossing of the Cowichan River.

Cowichan Watershed Board **(v)** Councillor Sandhu reported on the meeting held February 24th, 2020 and advised that the Board discussed its 2020-2024 strategic plan and advised that the next meeting would be held on March 30th, 2020.

(c) Staff Reports

No. R.0030/20 Memorandum of Understanding **(i)** Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that Council approve execution of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Cowichan Valley Regional District so that the Town of Lake Cowichan’s Fire Department may conduct such fire training as it requires and would be permitted to store containers and equipment at the Meade Creek Recycling Centre located at 8855 Youbou Road, Lake Cowichan, BC.

CARRIED.

(ii) The staff report on the matter of the reserve fund balances was treated as information.

No. R.0031/20 Water Conservation Plan **(iii)** Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that Council adopt the updated Water Conservation Plan to ensure that its water resources are always used in an environmentally sustainable manner.

CARRIED.

9. BYLAWS

No. R.0032/20 Zoning Amendment 1030-2019 **(a)** Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the “Town of Lake Cowichan Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1030-2019” be read a third time.

CARRIED.

No. R.0033/20 Zoning Amendment 1030-2019 **(b)** Moved: Councillor Vomacka
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the “Town of Lake Cowichan Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1030-2019” be reconsidered and adopted.

DEFEATED.

No. R.0034/20 Fees and Charges for Services 1031-2020 **(c)** Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the “Town of Lake Cowichan Fees and Charges Service Bylaw No. 1031-2020” be reconsidered and adopted.

CARRIED.

No. R.0035/20 Waste Collection Regulations and Rates 1032-2020 **(d)** Moved: Councillor Vomacka
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the “Town of Lake Cowichan Waste Collection Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 1032-2020” be reconsidered and adopted.

CARRIED.

No. R.0036/20 **(e)** Moved: Councillor Vomacka
 Zoning Amendment Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
 1033-2020 that the "Town of Lake Cowichan Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1033-2019" be read a third time, as amended by the removal of the accessory use of "Short-term rentals".
CARRIED.

No. R.0037/20 **(f)** Moved: Councillor McGonigle
 Zoning Amendment Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
 1033-2020 that the "Town of Lake Cowichan Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1033-2019" be reconsidered and adopted.
CARRIED.

No. R.0038/20 **(g)** Moved: Councillor Sandhu
 Sanitary Sewer Parcel Seconded: Councillor Austin
 Tax that the "Town of Lake Cowichan Sanitary Sewer Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 1034-2020" be read a first, second and third time.
 1034-2020 CARRIED.

No. R.0039/20 **(h)** Moved: Councillor Sandhu
 Water Parcel Tax Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
 1035-2020 that the "Town of Lake Cowichan Water Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 1035-2020" be read a first, second and third time.
Councillor McGonigle Opposed
 CARRIED.

No. R.0040/20 **(i)** Moved: Councillor Austin
 Snow Removal Reserve Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
 Fund that the "Town of Lake Cowichan Snow Removal Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 1036-2020" be read a first, second and third time.
 1036-2020 CARRIED.

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Peters read out his report, as follows:

Boil Water Advisory – I will explain why the 'Boil Water Advisory' has lasted so long. Firstly, the heavy rainstorm and the attendant flooding of areas of the Town caused high turbidity readings in our water system exceeding the permitted 3.0 NTU levels. It actually jumped to 12.0. The Public Works crew tried to reduce the turbidity by flushing the hydrants and asked that the residents run their taps for three minutes which still did not drop the turbidity below 3.0. Island Health instructed the Town to take readings at the termination points of the water systems which were higher than the readings at the Water Treatment Plant. That is why despite the turbidity reading being 1.3 NTU, Island Health did not authorize the lifting of the 'Boil Water Advisory'. If the Water Treatment Plant is fully operational, the turbidity at termination points of water systems would still have been acceptable and we would not have had to issue a 'Boil Water Advisory'.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

13. QUESTION PERIOD

14. IN CAMERA

No. R.0041/20
Retire to In-Camera

Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that Council close the meeting to the public to deal with issues relating to labour relations or other employee relations and the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements which fall under Section 90(1) (c) and (e) of the *Community Charter* (8:15pm)

CARRIED.

15. ADJOURNMENT

No. R.0042/20
Arise/Report from In-Camera

Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that Council arise with no report and adjourn (8.40 pm).

CARRIED.

Certified correct _____.

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2020.

Mayor