



TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Minutes of a Regular meeting of Council

Held electronically at Lake Cowichan, BC as per Ministerial Order M-192 on Tuesday, May 25th, 2021.

PRESENT: Mayor Bob K. Day, Chair
Councillor Carolyne Austin
Councillor Tim McGonigle
Councillor Kristine Sandhu
Councillor Lorna Vomacka

REGRETS:
(with prior notice)

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Day called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. **AGENDA**

No. R.084/21
Agenda

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

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Leave of Absence for Councillor Lorna Vomacka;

IN-CAMERA

(a) Issues relating to law enforcement which falls under s. 90(1)(f) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

No. R.085/21
Regular Meeting

(b) Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held on April 27th, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED.

No. R.086/21
Special Meeting

(a) Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that the minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on May 11th, 2021, 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:

(1) The May 2021 – Regional Calls with Minister Josie Osborne and Minister Lisa Beare was treated as information.

(b) Information or Consent Items

None.

8. REPORTS

(a) Council and other Committee Reports

No. R.087/21
Finance and
Administration

- (i)** Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held electronically on May 11th, 2021, be approved with the following:

1- Delegation Presentation

that the delegation presentation by Graham Roberts, MNP be extended beyond the permitted 10 minutes; and

2- Leave of Absence that Council approve a leave of absence for Councillor Lorna Vomacka for the meetings to be held this day.

CARRIED.

No. R.088/21
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 electronically on May 18th, 2021, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED.

No. R.089/21
Parks, Recreation and
Culture

- (iii)** Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee meeting held electronically on May 18th, 2021, be approved with the following:

1- Canada Healthy Communities Initiative

that the Town of Lake Cowichan support the Kinsmen Club of Lake Cowichan's application under the Canada Healthy Communities Initiatives programme for the planned upgrades to River Park (Duck Pond); and

2- Leave of Absence

that Councillor Vomacka be granted a leave of absence from the Committee meetings held this day.

CARRIED.

No. R.090/21
Strategic Planning

- (iv)** Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held electronically on May 11th, 2021, be approved with the following:

1- Town of Lake Cowichan Strategic Plan 2021-2026

that the Town of Lake Cowichan Strategic Plan 2021-2026 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

Cowichan Lake
Recreation
Commission

- (v)** Mayor Day advised that there was no report from the Commission.

Vancouver Island
Regional Library

- (vi)** Councillor Austin advised that there was no report for the Library Board.

Advisory Planning Commission (vii) Councillor Austin reported that at the Advisory Planning Commission held a digital meeting on April 22nd, 2021, with the members dealing with proposed changes to the signage and subdivision and development bylaws. She further reported that the Commission would not be live streaming its electronic digital meetings.

Community Forest Co-operative (viii) There was no report for the Community Forest Co-operative.

(b) Other Reports

Cowichan Valley Regional District (i) Councillor McGonigle gave a verbal report on the meetings held for the Regional Services on April 28th, 2021 and the Regional District Board on May 12th, 2021.

He noted that the Regional District offices have been relocated to the Cowichan Community Centre due to flooding of its administration building.

Community Outreach Team (ii) Councillor Austin gave a verbal report on the meeting of the Outreach team that met on May 20th, 2021.

Our Cowichan (iii) Councillor Sandhu reported on the recent initiative for emergency alerts which residents can register at www.cowichanalert.ca and that the Cowichan Alert informs subscribers of major emergencies or disasters in the Cowichan region that may impact them. Subscribers may also opt to receive non-emergency notifications related to local government services.

She further reported on the three community events held on May 19th and 20th, 2021 with the Cowichan Valley Wellness Centre and requested that the registration link be provided on the Town's website.

She advised that the next meeting will be held on July 8th, 2021.

Cowichan Watershed Board (iv) Councillor Sandhu advised that the next meeting of the Board would be held on Monday, May 31st, 2021, at 9:30 am.

(c) Staff Reports

9. BYLAWS

No. R.091/21 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1058-2021 (a) Moved: Councillor Sandhu Seconded: Councillor Vomacka that the "Town of Lake Cowichan Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 10582021" be read a first and second time.

CARRIED.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No. R.092/21 Leave of Absence (a) Moved: Councillor McGonigle Seconded: Councillor Sandhu that Councillor Lorna Vomacka be granted a leave of absence for four weeks for personal reasons.

CARRIED.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Day gave his Mayor's Report for May 2021 which included the following:

- Property tax notices have been sent out by mail to all property owners;
- Establishment of the property tax rates is to establish a fair rate that does not overburden the community while maintaining service expectations;
- Noted that other line items on the property tax notice are not controlled by the Town;
- Encourage property owners to read the tax newsletter as it pertains valuable information on many relevant topics and notably, that the 2021 Homeowner Grant application has to be done through an online process;
- That Council accepted the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan for the Town to prioritize projects and initiatives over the next five years by current and future Councils;
- A collaboration between the Ts'uubaa-asatx, the local regional directors and Town on a tripartite protocol agreement;
- The large protests that are underway in the Fairy Creek watershed to protect old growth that are affecting the community;
- The recent BC Restart plan announcement with respect to the pandemic and his encouragement to those eligible to continue to get vaccinated to allow for the positive trajectory; and
- In closing, he encouraged everyone to venture outdoors and enjoy the sights and sounds around the community and acknowledge how lucky we are to call this area our home.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

13. QUESTION PERIOD

14. IN CAMERA

No. R.093/21
Retire to In-Camera

(a) Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Austin that Council close the meeting to the public to deal with issues which fall under s. 90 (1) of the Community Charter as follows:

s.90 (1) (c) related to labour relations or other employee relations;

s.90 (1) (f) related to law enforcement; and

s.90 (1) (g) related to litigation,

at (6:49 pm).

CARRIED.

15. ADJOURNMENT

No. R.094/21

Moved: Councillor Sandhu

Seconded: Councillor Austin

that the meeting arise without report and adjourn (8:20 pm).

CARRIED.

Certified correct _____.

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor