TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Minutes of Advisory Planning Commission held held on September 22nd, 2022, at the Council Chambers, temporarily located at 38 King George Street N., Lake Cowichan, BC.

PRESENT: Robert Patterson, Acting Chair
Duncan Brown
Pat Lamont
Bev Litster

REGRETS: Darlene Ector, Chair

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Carolyne Austin
James van Hemert, Contract Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Acting Chair, Robert Patterson, at 4:33 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No. APC.12/22
Minutes

Moved: Duncan Brown
Seconded: Bev Litster
that the agenda be approved, as amended, with the addition of Community Services.

CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

No. APC.13/22
Minutes

Moved: Duncan Brown
Seconded: Bev Litster
that the minutes of the meeting held on June 30th, 2022, be approved, as amended with the following error or omissions noted:

- Pat Lamont was present and not absent as reflected in the minutes;
- On the roundtable discussions on the CVRD strategy, the contract planner advised that the current Official Community Plan does not address air quality vis-à-vis wood burning. There was room to address the issue of what would be an appropriate air quality level for Lake Cowichan;
- There was no support for curbside pick-up of yard and garden materials due to cost; and
- The Commission expressed support for promoting existing rebates to ensure the use of efficient heating systems that are less polluting.

CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No. APC.14/22 (a) Moved: Bev Litster
Seconded: Duncan Brown
That the commission endorse the Draft Evaluation and Periodization of Airshed Protection Actions listed.

CARRIED.

APC.15/22 (b) Moved: Duncan Brown
Seconded: Bev Litster
Whereas P1 Zoned property has been developed and maintained with public funds and whereas there is a scarcity of P1 zoned property in the Town of Lake Cowichan;

Therefore, be it recommended that the Town of Lake Cowichan 's Official Plan support retention of existing P1 properties for uses implied by this designation.

CARRIED.

The Contract Planner had presented the highlights of his brief report regarding road patterns. Discussion was also had on a bypass and second river crossing as a need for addressing emergency access and safety. There was support for it regardless of whether there was additional development.
Councillor Austin offered to provide information she gathered from Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) during Mayor Rod's tenure on a study that was conducted for a bypass.

5. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. REPORT

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

(a) On the Official Community Plan updates, the Contract Planner presented the proposed updates and explained the rationale for an updated Zoning Bylaw. Request was made to include the 'r' rental zoning designation in Table 1 and Table 6.

APC.16/22 **(b)** Moved: Bev Litster
Seconded: Duncan Brown
that the appropriate amended document of the bypass study completed by MOTI be included in the OCP.

CARRIED.

(c) The contract planner did a presentation of the Community Information Tool.

(d) Robert Patterson provided a synopsis of the broadband Connectivity Strategy that was presented by the Regional District.

Moved: Duncan Brown
APC.17/22 Seconded: Bev Litster
Connectivity That the commission recommend support of a community-based Internet Service through the pursuit of a grant application through the Cowichan Valley Regional District that has to be submitted by the deadline date of December 15th, 2022.

APC.18/22 **(e** Moved: Duncan Brown
Seconded: Bev Litster
Community Services To be resolved through conscious efforts to investigate the concerns and outlooks of those who lack conventional means and technologies of communication relied upon by Town and Council, to the degree a planning decision is likely to affect them. As well as conscious acknowledgements of unhoused and ohterwise improverished community members as equal and full citizens, owning to their communicated, researched, or otherwised induced interests equal weight in planning decisions to that of any other community member.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

October 27th, at 4:30 p.m.

10 ADJOURNMENT

Certified correct _____.

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

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Chair