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## STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** Chief Administrative Officer  
**FROM:** Dalton Smith, Manager, CLEC/Lakeview Park  
**SUBJECT:** Grant Application – Wave: Waterfront Access, Vitality & Engagement  
**MEETING DATE:** January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with details regarding a grant opportunity for a multi-use waterfront pier the Lakeview Park Campground.

### BACKGROUND

The proposed project is a floating, multi-use waterfront pier extending approximately 300 meters westward along Cowichan Lake, adjacent to Lakeview Park Campground. This project will replace the previous pier that was significantly damaged in 2021. Through discussions with the Ts'uubaa-asatx First Nation, they have expressed their full support for this project. Application deadline is January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Financial:**  
The Town's share of the project is 20% or \$106,000 of total projected cost \$530,000.
- b. **Policy/Legislation:**  
N/A
- c. **Strategic Priority:**  
Enhancing waterfront access at this site would significantly expand public access and engagement for water-based recreation and strengthen the community's connection to nature.

**d. Sustainability:**

N/A

**e. Communication:**

N/A

**f. Staffing Implication:**

N/A

**Options:**

- 1) Receive the staff report and approve the submission of the grant application prior to the January 30, 2026 deadline; OR
- 2) Receive the staff report and not proceed with the application for grant funding for the multi-use waterfront pier.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff is recommending Option 1.

THAT Council approve the submission of the application through WAVE for the creation of a floating pier for approximately \$530,000 with the Town of Lake Cowichan committing \$160,000 within the 2026 and 2027 budget years.

Signed:

***Dalton Smith***

Dalton Smith, Manager, Cowichan Lake Education Centre/Lakeview Park Campground

Concurrence:

***John Thomas***

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Chief Administrative Officer