



TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Bylaw No. 1129-2026

Public Notice Bylaw

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BYLAW NO. 1129-2026

A Bylaw to provide for alternative means of publishing statutory notices

WHEREAS the *Community Charter*, SBC 2003, c 26, and the *Local Government Act*, RSBC 2015, c 1, require local governments to provide advance public notice of matters of public interest; and

WHEREAS public notices inform the public of opportunities to participate in local government decision-making or share their views, or both; and

WHEREAS pursuant to section 94.2 of the *Community Charter*, a municipality may adopt a Bylaw to provide alternative means of publishing a public notice; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Lake Cowichan has determined to provide public notice by alternative means which it considers to be reliable, suitable, and accessible, as prescribed by the *Public Notice Regulation B.C. Reg. 52/2022*.

THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Lake Cowichan, in open meeting assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

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2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Bylaw is to provide for alternative means of publishing a notice instead of publishing the notice in a newspaper in accordance with section 94.1 (1) (a) and (b) of the Community Charter.

3. TITLE

The Bylaw may be cited as the “Public Notice Bylaw No. 1129, 2026.”

4. DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 **“Town”** means the Town of Lake Cowichan;
- 4.2 **“Town Hall”** means the Town of Lake Cowichan Town Hall located at 39 South Shore Road, Lake Cowichan, British Columbia;
- 4.3 **“Town’s Website”** means the official website of the Town of Lake Cowichan, www.lakecowichan.ca;
- 4.4 **“Public Notice Posting Places”** means the notice boards at Town Hall and the Town’s website.

5. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

- 5.1 Any notice required to be given or published in accordance with section 94 of the *Community Charter* shall be posted to the Town’s Public Notice Posting Places and given or published via the following alternative means of publication:
 - a) electronically via the Town’s official website and/or social media accounts; and
 - b) in a newspaper that is distributed in Lake Cowichan once each week for one week.
- 5.2 The alternative notice given under section 5. 1 of this Bylaw shall be published:
 - a) at least 10 days before the date of the matter for which the notice is required; and
 - b) in accordance with any applicable deadline imposed by the *Community Charter* or another enactment.
- 5.3 Nothing in this Bylaw restricts the Town from providing information in addition to the notices under Section 5.1 of this Bylaw. Such information shall not be construed to be notices under Section 5.1 of this Bylaw.

5.4 If any portion of this Bylaw is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed and the remainder of the Bylaw shall be deemed to have been enacted without the invalid portion.

6. LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE

6.1 This bylaw shall take effect on July 2, 2026.

READ A FIRST TIME on the 28th day of April, 2026.

READ A SECOND TIME on the 28th day of April, 2026.

READ A THIRD TIME on the 28th day of April, 2026.

RECONSIDERED, FINALLY PASSED and ADOPTED by the Municipal Council of the Town of Lake Cowichan on the _th day of May, 2026.

X

Tim McGonigle
Mayor

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John Thomas
Corporate Officer