



## APPOINTMENT OF FREEMAN OF THE TOWN

Council is honoured to share that we are gathered this evening to celebrate the appointment of a new Freeman of the Town of Lake Cowichan.

The title of *Freeman of the Town* represents the highest civic honour that Council may bestow. It is reserved for those who have made exceptional and lasting contributions to the social, cultural, or civic life of our community — individuals who have demonstrated integrity, compassion, and a deep commitment to the advancement of our Town and its people.

Over the years, those appointed as Freeman have embodied the very spirit of citizenship, generosity, and community pride that defines Town of Lake Cowichan. Council remains deeply grateful for their contributions and the example they continue to set for future generations.

**It is our honour and privilege to confer the title of Freeman of the Town to**

\_\_\_\_\_ [state name].

At this time, each member of Council is invited to share a few words about the new appointee and the significance of this honour:

- **Mayor McGonigle** – Opening remarks
- **Councillor Austin** – Remarks
- **Councillor Frisby** – Remarks
- **Councillor Sandhu** – Remarks
- **Councillor Vomacka** – Remarks

Council extends its warmest congratulations and heartfelt appreciation to **[state name]** for their many years of exemplary service, leadership, and commitment to the people of Lake Cowichan. Their name will join the other **Freeman of the Town: AB (Archie) Greenwell – 1987, Thomas Gordon – 2004, Berend (Barry) Volkers – 2008, Hazel Elves Beech – 2011, Patricia E. Foster – 2015, and Pat Weaver – 2022.**

Council directs staff to organize a ceremonial gathering for all individuals who have been appointed as Freeman of the Town, to be held in November or early December 2025. The event will provide an opportunity to present official awards and celebrate the remarkable contributions of these distinguished individuals whose service and dedication have significantly enriched the community.