



**TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN**  
Minutes of a Regular meeting of Council  
*Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

PRESENT: Mayor Rod Peters  
Councillor Carolyne Austin  
Councillor Kristine Sandhu  
Councillor Lorna Vomacka

REGRETS: Councillor Tim McGonigle  
(with prior approval)

STAFF: Joseph A. Fernandez, Chief Administrative Officer  
Roni-Lee Roach, Executive Secretary

PUBLIC: 10

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Peters called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. AGENDA**

No. R.0164/19  
Agenda

Moved: Councillor Vomacka  
Seconded: Councillor Austin  
that the agenda be approved with the following additions:

**NEW BUSINESS**

(a) Cowichan Rocks re: Support for the Provincial Championship.  
CARRIED.

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

No. R.0165/19  
Minutes

Moved: Councillor Sandhu  
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka  
that the minutes of the Public Hearing held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, be adopted.

CARRIED.

No. R.0166/19  
Minutes

Moved: Councillor Vomacka  
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu  
that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**5. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS**

**(a)** Parker Jefferson, One Cowichan, spoke to Council on the efforts of local groups to deal with low water levels and the impact this having on fish fry and efforts to mitigate this issue. Mr. Jefferson then introduced Jane Kilthei.

Ms. Kilthei made a presentation to Council, complimenting it on its Official Community Plan and requested that it declare a climate emergency and for it to determine options so the municipality can be better prepared to deal with climate change.

Councillor Sandhu advised that Council at its meeting of July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 had ratified a recommendation that the Town of Lake Cowichan be a signatory of the "Declaration of Climate Emergency" document.

The correspondence item from Kamilla and Mick Milligan and Family supporting the presentation by One Cowichan was treated as information.

**6. VERBAL COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC ON A SUBSEQUENT ITEM ON THE AGENDA**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) Action Items:**

None.

**(b) Information or Consent Items**

None.

**8. REPORTS**

**(a) Council and other Committee Reports**

**(i)** Moved: Councillor Sandhu  
Seconded: Councillor Austin  
that the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 be approved with the following:

**1- Policy – Travel and Conference Expense**

that the Travel and Conference Expense policy, as written, be approved;

**2- Fire Department - Incident Report**

that Council approve the Lake Cowichan Fire Department's incident report for September 2019 in the total amount of \$6,295.26;

**3- Infrastructure Planning Grant**

that the Town of Lake Cowichan make application under the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for a planning grant of \$10,000;

**4- Leave of Absence**

that a leave of absence for Councillor Vomacka be approved for this meeting;

**5- Appointment**

that Mayor Peters be appointed as the Town's representative to the Cowichan Leadership Committee;

**6- Appointment**

that Mayor Peters be appointed as the Town's representative to the Department of Fisheries and Ocean, Pacific Region Committee dealing with the closing of the weir; and

**7- Appointment**

that Mayor Peters be appointed as the Town's representative to the Cowichan River Sustainability Water Supply Project Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC).

CARRIED.

No. R.0167/19  
Finance and  
Administration

**(ii)** Moved: Councillor Vomacka  
Seconded: Councillor Austin  
that the minutes of the Public Works and Environmental Services Committee meeting held on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be approved with the following:

**1- Councillor McGonigle's Absence**

that Councillor McGonigle's absence from the Regular meeting of December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED.

No. R.0168/19  
Public Works and  
Environmental  
Services

No. R.0169/19  
Parks, Recreation and Culture

**(iii)** Moved: Councillor Austin  
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka  
that the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee meeting held on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be approved with the following:

**1- Collapse of Commissions**

that the Town of Lake Cowichan support the following:  
Option E, which calls for the Collapse of Two of the Existing Four Commissions;  
and that we continue to maintain the Cowichan Lake Commission.

CARRIED.

Cowichan Lake Recreation

**(iv)** Mayor Peters advised that the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission members attended a Regional District meeting to discuss the dissolution of the local Recreation Commissions. He further advised that a meeting of the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission would be held on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Vancouver Island Regional Library

**(v)** Councillor Vomacka extended holiday greetings from the Board of the Regional Library and advised that no meetings will be held until 2020.

Advisory Planning Commission

**(vi)** Councillor Austin reported that the next Advisory Planning Commission meeting will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. She further reported of the luncheon held on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in appreciation of its work.

Community Forest Co-operative

**(vii)** Mayor Peters reported on his attendance at the Halalt Annual General meeting held at Soule Creek Lodge in Port Renfrew. He further reported that the Board would be meeting again in January 2020.

**(b) Other Reports**

Cowichan Valley Regional District Board

**(i)** There was no report available for the Regional District.

Community Outreach Team

**(ii)** Councillor Austin reported that there were no meetings in December by the Community Outreach Team and that Community Services was organizing hampers on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with distribution to recipients on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Our Cowichan

**(iii)** Councillor Sandhu reported that the next meeting of Our Cowichan would be held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

L.I.F.T.

**(iv)** Mayor Peters reported that the next quarterly meeting of the L.I.F.T. group would be held March 2020.

Cowichan Watershed Board

**(v)** Councillor Sandhu reported that the next meeting of the Watershed Board will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**(c) Staff Reports**

None.

**9. BYLAWS**

No. R.0170/19  
Zoning Amendment 1030-2019

**(a)** Moved: Councillor Sandhu  
Seconded: Councillor Austin  
that the "Town of Lake Cowichan Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1030-2019" be read a first and second time.

CARRIED.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

No. R.0171/19  
Local Government  
Leadership Academy  
Forum 2020

**(a)** Moved: Councillor Vomacka  
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu  
that Council approve the attendance of up to three members of  
Council to attend the Local Government Leadership Academy Forum to  
be held February 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Richmond, BC.

CARRIED.

No. R.0172/19  
Support for Cowichan  
Rocks

**(b)** Moved: Councillor Sandhu  
Seconded: Councillor Austin  
that Council support Cowichan Rocks in co-hosting the BC Masters  
Curling Championships held March 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by placement of an  
advertisement in its event program at a cost of \$100 with funds from  
the 2020 budget.

CARRIED.

**11. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Peter's read out his report that included the following:

- Attendance at several meetings on the planned closing of the weir for March 2020;
- The weir technical meeting is holding its inaugural meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020;
- Attendance at the Cowichan Leadership meeting with other mayors, regional directors, School Board, Island Health, RCMP and First Nations for the Cowichan Valley; and
- Reported on the installation of the genset at North Shore Road pump station.

**12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**(a)** Mayor Peters advised of the need to hold an In-Camera meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

**13. QUESTION PERIOD**

**14. IN CAMERA**

None

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

No. R.0173/19  
Adjournment

Moved: Councillor Austin  
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka  
that Council adjourn (6:39 p.m.)

CARRIED.

Certified correct \_\_\_\_\_.

Confirmed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Mayor