



TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN
Minutes of a Regular meeting of Council
Tuesday, June 16th, 2020

PRESENT: Acting Mayor Tim McGonigle
Councillor Carolyne Austin
Councillor Kristine Sandhu
Councillor Lorna Vomacka

REGRETS: Mayor Rod Peters
(with prior approval)

STAFF: Joseph A. Fernandez, Chief Administrative Officer
Ronnie Gill, Director of Finance
Dalton Smith, Acting Superintendent, Public Works, and Engineering Services/
Manager, Cowichan Lake Education Centre

PUBLIC: 5

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. AGENDA

No. R.0089/20
Agenda

Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

No. R.0090/20
Special
Meeting
Minutes

Moved: Councillor Vomacka
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that the minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on May 22nd,
2020 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

5. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

(a) Leroy Van Wieren, Cowichan Valley Regional District gave an update on the proposed Weir Design and Engineering Project. The Cowichan Valley Regional District, Cowichan Tribes, Cowichan Watershed Board and Paper Excellence Crofton have received a grant of 4 million dollars to support this project.

(b) Addie Clark and Karen Newington, Cowichan Lake United Chicken Cooperative gave a presentation regarding the need to amend existing bylaws so backyard chickens may be permitted within the Town's boundaries.

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

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Action Items:

(i) The letter from Dianne Flood regarding the North Shore Road Greenbelt was treated as information.

(c) Staff Reports

No. R.0093/20
Incident Report

- (i)** Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that Council approve the Lake Cowichan Fire Department’s incident report for May 2020 in the total amount of \$7,815.88. CARRIED.

- (ii)** The Building Inspector’s report for May 2020 was treated as information.

- (iii)** The Financial Report for the period ending May 31st, 2020 was treated as information

- (iv)** The report from the Chief Administrative Officer on the Municipal Hall upgrades was treated as information.

- (v)** The staff report from the Water Treatment Plant upgrades was treated as information. Councillor Sandhu asked if the report could be placed on the Town’s website.

No. R.0097/20
Bullying and Harassment Policy

- (vi)** Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the Town of Lake Cowichan’s revised Bullying and Harassment policy be adopted. CARRIED.

9. BYLAWS

No. R.0098/20
Emergency Plan
1039-2020

- (a)** Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the “Town of Lake Cowichan Emergency Plan Bylaw No. 1039-2020” be given first and second readings. CARRIED.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No. R.0099/20
Vancouver Island
Regional Library
Board Member

- (a)** Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that Councillor Austin replace Councillor Vomacka as the Town representative on the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board CARRIED.

No. R.0100/20
Deputy Mayor

- (b)** Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that Councillor Vomacka’s appointment as Deputy Mayor be rescinded for the remainder of the term. CARRIED.

No. R.0101/20
Mayor’s Leave of
Absence

- (c)** Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that Rod Peters be provided an extension to his leave of absence as mayor without remuneration, effective from July 8 to Aug 8, 2020. CARRIED.

11. MAYOR’S REPORT

Acting Mayor McGonigle reported that he has been busy with COVID-19 issues. He expressed concerns with the impending stage 3 that could see an increase of visitors to Lake Cowichan. He appreciates Dr. Bonnie Henry for her foresight in dealing with the pandemic. He also reported on his participation in a virtual scholarship ceremony for the grads of Lake Cowichan School.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

13. QUESTION PERIOD

14. IN CAMERA

No. R.00102/20
Retire to In-Camera

Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that Council close the meeting to the public to deal with issues relating to labour relations or other employee relations which fall under Section 90(1) (c) of the *Community Charter* (8:00 pm)

CARRIED.

15. ADJOURNMENT

No. R.00103/20
Arise/Report from In-Camera

Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that Council arise with no report and adjourn (8:27 pm).

CARRIED.

Certified correct _____.

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2020.

Mayor