



## TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Minutes of Public Works and Environmental Services Committee held on  
Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

PRESENT: Councillor Carolyne Austin, Chair  
Councillor Kristine Sandhu  
Acting Mayor Tim McGonigle

STAFF: Joseph Fernandez, Chief Administrative Officer  
Ronnie Gill, Director of Finance  
Jas Sandhu, Superintendent, Public Works and Engineering Services  
Mike Hewitt, Chief Water Operator  
Amanda Bhopal, Recording Secretary

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- No. PW.016/20  
Agenda
1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
  2. **AGENDA**  
Moved: Acting Mayor McGonigle  
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu  
that the agenda be approved as amended:  
  
**New Business**  
(d) Leave of absence for Councillor Vomacka. CARRIED.
  3. **BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
    - (a) **Water Treatment Plant Update**  
The CAO advised Council that the new water treatment plant (WTP) is a state-of-the-art facility with very minor deficiencies. Murray Sexton from Island Health has been onsite to view the facility during the commissioning process. The Town has been successful in hiring a Class 4 operator; the WTP has been classified as a Class 3 facility.
    - (b) **Ongoing Items Still Being Addressed:**  
None.
  4. **DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS**  
Mike Hewitt, Chief Operator, advised that the main change in the interim to the operating permit is that the treated water must have less than 1 NTU turbidity.
  5. **CORRESPONDENCE**  
The letter from Vincent and Kelly Walters regarding a secondary access onto Sahtlam Avenue was discussed. The Town bylaws do not allow for a secondary access to any property. Staff was instructed to respond in writing.
  6. **VERBAL COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC ON A SUBSEQUENT ITEM ON THE AGENDA**  
None
  7. **REPORTS**  
None.
  8. **NEW BUSINESS**
    - (a) Mike Hewitt, Chief Water Operator presented the Water Treatment Report

which provided information on the requirements for permit to operate the WTP, certified operators, notable events and the water quality results.

- (b)** The Superintendent of Public Works, and Engineering Services advised that the street paving at Grants Lake Road, Larch and Arbutus Street have been completed. There was some shouldering works that still had to be completed.
- (c)** The Superintendent of Public Works, and Engineering Services advised that the existing sidewalk on the corner of Coronation Street has been removed to be replaced. Preliminary discussions are underway to review the traffic concerns at the Point Ideal and South Shore intersection dealing with access issues. Sources of funding to address the traffic concerns are also being investigated.
- (d)** Moved: Acting Mayor McGonigle  
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu  
that a leave of absence for Councillor Vomacka be approved from the committee meetings of this day.

CARRIED

**9. NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

**10. PUBLIC RELATIONS ITEMS**

Councillor Austin reported that the Aaron Frisby, owner of the Tube Shack had organized the river cleanup this past Sunday. There were 25 divers in the river and lots of garbage were removed. The volume of garbage removed, however, was less than in previous years.

**11. QUESTION PERIOD**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

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Adjournment

Moved: Acting Mayor McGonigle  
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu  
that the meeting adjourn at 7:05 pm.

CARRIED.

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

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

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Chair