



TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN
Minutes of a Regular meeting of Council
Tuesday, September 29th, 2020

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

STAFF: Joseph A. Fernandez, Chief Administrative Officer
Ronnie Gill, Director of Finance

PUBLIC: 3

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. AGENDA

No. R.00144/20
Agenda

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) MIA Liability Coverage for Kaatza Historical Society; and

NEW BUSINESS

- (c) Fire Department budget for 2021

CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

No. R.00145/20
Regular
Meeting

Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held on August 25,
2020 be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (a) Development Permit Application for 63 Cowichan Lake Road - Lake Service Garage was tabled to the next Financial and Administrative Committee meeting pending receipt of a report from the RCMP.

5. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

- (a) Barry O'Riordan, EDC Officer, Economic Development Cowichan provided a verbal report on the following:
- Cowichan COVID-19 Business Survey #2 Report 2020-09-01; and
 - Economic Development Cowichan September 2020 Update.

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

None

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Action Items:

No. R.00146/20
Application for Cannabis
Retail Store

- (i) Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that the applicant can move forward with an application for a Temporary Use Permit for the establishment of a Medical Cannabis Retail Store at 170 Cowichan Lake Road, Lake Cowichan.

Carried.

- (ii) The request from Kaatza Historical Society to be added as an additional insured on MIA's insurance coverage was discussed. The issue is that the services of the Society also extend to electoral areas; therefore, a cost sharing issue arrangement will need to be addressed.

(b) Information or Consent Items

8. REPORTS

(a) Council and other Committee Reports

No. R.00147/20
Finance and
Administration

- (i) Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on August 11th, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED.

No. R.00148/20
Public Works and
Environmental
Services

- (ii) Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that the minutes of the Public Works and Environmental Services Committee meeting held on August 18th, 2020, be approved.

CARRIED.

No. R.00149/20
Parks, Recreation and
Culture

- (iii) Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee meeting held on August 18th, 2020, as amended, be approved.

CARRIED.

No. R.00150/20
Second and Final Phase
of the Centennial Park
Project

- Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that staff submit an application for grant funding application for Second and Final Phase of the Centennial Park Project through the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Community, Culture and Recreation*; and
that Council supports the project and commits to its share of \$525,222.00 of the project.

CARRIED.

Cowichan Lake
Recreation

- (iv) No report was available for the Cowichan Lake Recreation.

VIRL

- (v) Councillor Austin reported that the Library had completed the 2021 budget.

Advisory Planning
Commission

- (vi) The next Advisory Planning Commission is slated for October 22, 2020

Community Forest
Co-operative

- (vii) Acting Mayor McGonigle advised that the Community Forest Co-Operative had awarded a grant of \$12,500 to the Lake Cowichan Fire Department for storage building for fire truck #1.

(b) Other Reports

CVRD

- (i) Acting Mayor McGonigle provided a report on the Cowichan Valley Regional District activities and reported there would be an increase in tipping fees and advised that an election is to be held on November 24, 2020.

Community Outreach
Team

- (ii) Councillor Austin advised that no report on the Community Outreach Team was available.

Our Cowichan

- (iii) On Our Cowichan, Councillor Sandhu advised that grants in the amount of \$2,000 for Cowichan Valley were available. The deadline for submitting grant applications is September 30, 2020. The next meeting will be on November 12, 2020.

Cowichan Watershed Board **(iv)** On the Watershed Board, Councillor Sandhu reported that \$27 million in grants for watersheds were available. She further advised that the lake level is at currently at 75% capacity. The next meeting will be held in October.

(c) Staff Reports

None.

9. BYLAWS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

(a) A written report on the Cowichan COVID-19 Business Survey #2 Report was earlier provided by the delegation.

(b) A written report on the 2020-09-29 EDC was earlier provided by the delegation.

No. R.00151/20
FD 2021 Budget

(c) Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the Fire department budget for 2021 be approved.

CARRIED.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Acting Mayor McGonigle gave an update including:

- That the public feels that there has been no opportunity for input on placement of wellness centre in Duncan;
- There have been more deaths in the opioid crisis than the pandemic;
- Looking to reduce 95% capacity in hospitals with providing home care. There are 114 long term care facilities on Vancouver Island;
- The 811 call centers are handling 800-1200 calls daily;
- Over 400 Covid tests per day are being conducted daily;
- I would like to thank all five candidates running in mayoral by-election;
- The operating permit for Water Treatment Plant is now in effect.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

13. QUESTION PERIOD

None

14. IN CAMERA

No. R.00152/20
Retire to In-Camera

Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that Council close the meeting to the public to deal with issues relating to law enforcement which fall under Section 90(1) (c) of the labour relations or other employee relations Section 90(1) (f) of the *Community Charter* (7:37 pm).

CARRIED.

15. ADJOURNMENT

No. R.00153/20

Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the meeting arise without report and adjourn (8.10 pm).

CARRIED.

Certified correct _____.

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2020.

Acting Mayor