



TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN
Minutes of a Regular meeting of Council
Tuesday, October 27th, 2020

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

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

PUBLIC: 3

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor McGonigle called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. AGENDA

No. R.00158/20
Agenda

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

IN-CAMERA

Law enforcement matters under s.90 (1) (f) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

No. R.00159/20
Public Hearing

(a) Moved: Councillor Vomacka
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that the minutes of the Public Hearing held on August be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED.

No. R.00160/20
Regular
Meeting

(b) Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held on September 29th, 2020 be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED.

No. R.00161/20
Special Meeting

(c) Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on October 13th, 2020 be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Acting Mayor McGonigle asked for a report on the development permit application regarding the matter of trees and landscaping at 63 Cowichan Lake Road. The Chief Administrative Officer will report on matter when additional details on the matter are received.

5. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

(a) Jim Connelly, Nickel Bros. was on hand to request Council review and amend its current bylaws to permit relocated homes not require the need to meet current Building Code standards. He indicated that the presentation package he provided was for Port Alberni and that the Town has similar conditions imposed for recycled homes. He stated that a property owner can raise a current home within Lake Cowichan and not be required to meet the same conditions and requirements for the relocation of a home from without.

The Acting Mayor afforded an opportunity for members of Council to ask questions of the delegate.

Councillor Vomacka requested clarification on asbestos assessment and abatement.

No. R.00162/20
Referral with
Staff Report
Request

Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the request by the delegate to review and amend current requirements to meet Part 9 of the current building bylaw for recycling homes be referred to staff for a report on the matter.

CARRIED.

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

None

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Action Items:

None.

(b) Action Items:

(ii) The correspondence item from Cowichan Secondary School Parent Advisory Committee on the matter of a wellness and recovery centre to be located at 5878 York Street in Duncan, BC was treated as information.

(b) Information or Consent Items

8. REPORTS

(a) Council and other Committee Reports

No. R.00163/20
Finance and
Administration

(i) Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on October 13th, 2020 be approved with the following:

1- Backyard Chickens

that those who are on the Provincial voters list be polled to determine whether to permit backyard chickens as a permitted use with an advertisement to be placed in the Citizen paper to notify voters of this opportunity; and

2- North Shore Road Clean-up Costs

that the Town proceed with cleanup of the property on North Shore Road with costs not to exceed \$14,000 unless the property is prior remediated by the property owner.

CARRIED.

Acting Mayor McGonigle reported that the referendum for the residents to indicate whether they were for or against having backyard chickens in the municipality would be available on the Town's website for eligible voters within the municipality.

No. R.00164/20
Public Works and
Environmental
Services

(ii) Moved: Councillor Vomacka
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the minutes of the Public Works and Environmental Services Committee meeting held on October 20th, 2020 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED.

- No. R.00165/20
Parks, Recreation and
Culture
- (iii)** Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee
meeting held on October 20th, 2020 be approved, as presented.
CARRIED.
- Cowichan Lake
Recreation
- (iv)** Acting Mayor McGonigle reported on the recent Commission meeting
held with two delegates making presentations; group to request
consideration of alternate activities at facility, including gym and
Cowichan Rocks. He further reported on the joint facility use
agreement between the Cowichan Valley Regional District and School
District No. 79 and 2021 budget discussions with consideration being
given for a zero percent increase to user fees.
- Vancouver Island
Regional Library
- (v)** Councillor Austin reported that she was in receipt of the Library’s annual
report details and that it was just completing its discussions on the 2021
budget. A zoom meeting is scheduled for December 2020.
- Advisory Planning
Commission
- (vi)** Councillor Austin reported on the recent work undertaken by the
contract planner on the Town’s zoning bylaw with Commission
members to provide input prior to November 6th, 2020.
- The next Advisory Planning Commission is scheduled for November
26th, 2020.
- Community Forest
Co-operative
- (vii)** Acting Mayor McGonigle reported that the Forest Co-op would be
holding its annual general meeting on November 25th, 2020 at its
offices in the Community Services building on Point Ideal Drive and
advised that he will allow his name to stand for Vice-Chair if so
nominated.
- (b) Other Reports**
- Cowichan Valley
Regional District
- (i)** Acting Mayor McGonigle provided a detailed report on the Corporate
Services meeting held recently which included the matter of social
procurement and whether that wished to join, if interested.
- He further advised that the Board meeting would be held on
Wednesday, October 28th, 2020 through the zoom format.
- Community Outreach
Team
- (ii)** Councillor Austin reported on the recent meeting held on October 15th,
2020 with Rosalie Sawrie as their guest. She reported that a flu clinic
would be held on November 25th, 2020 from 1pm to 4pm at the
Centennial Hall for the clientele of the local pharmacy.
- Our Cowichan
- (iii)** Councillor Sandhu reported on her recent activities with Our Cowichan
and the emergency support funds that are available for those
vulnerable during the pandemic. She advised that the next meeting
would be held on November 12th, 2020.
- Cowichan Watershed
Board
- (iv)** Councillor Sandhu reported that the Board held its meeting October
26th, 2020 through zoom. She further reported on Bill C-250 that is
meant to address freighter anchorages along the south coast, and
which was introduced in Parliament by M.P. Alistair Macgregor.
- (c) Staff Reports**
- No. R.00166/20
Active
Transportation
Network Plan
- (a)** Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the bid by Urban Systems in the amount of \$49,623 plus taxes be
accepted for its proposal on an Active Transportation Plan.
CARRIED.

No. R.00167/20
Community
Resiliency
Project - 2021

(b) Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that Council approve the making of a grant application under the 2021
Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) program through UBCM for an
amount of up to \$130,160;

and that it further provides assurance that it would support all the
proposed activities under the plan and would undertake the overall
proper fiscal management of the grant.

CARRIED.

9. BYLAWS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Acting Mayor McGonigle read out his Acting Mayor's report detailing the
following:

- Thanked those who got us to where we are tonight and Mr. Peters for his service and dedication to his family and to his fellow councillors and all staff and employees;
- Expressed satisfaction with accomplishments made in the last six months – the certification and commissioning of the water treatment plant, the columbarium improvements, the Centennial Park upgrades, collaboration with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure on safety improvements;
- Preliminary work on streaming of meetings;
- Congratulations to Mayor-elect Bob K. Day on his successful campaign and victory and to other mayoralty candidates for their accomplishments;
- Strive to do the best for the community and looking forward to the rest of the council term;
- One quote that really stuck out to me during this time goes like this "what people think of you, is really none of your business"; and
- Used poetic license to express something similar to what any former Lake Cowichan Ambassador would use to close by saying "My name is Tim McGonigle and I am, and forever will be, your 2020 Acting Mayor".

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

13. QUESTION PERIOD

None

14. IN CAMERA

No. R.00168/20
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), and law enforcement which falls under
Section 90(1) (f) of the *Community Charter* (7:05 pm).

CARRIED.

15. ADJOURNMENT

No. R.00169/20

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

CARRIED.

Certified correct _____.

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2020.

Acting Mayor