



## TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Minutes of Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee held on electronically at Lake Cowichan, BC as per Ministerial Order M-192 on Tuesday, *December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

PRESENT: Councillor Carlyne Austin, Chair  
Mayor Bob K. Day  
Councillor Tim McGonigle  
Councillor Kristine Sandhu  
Councillor Lorna Vomacka

STAFF: Joseph Fernandez, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jas Sandhu, Superintendent, Public Works, and Engineering Services  
Ronnie Gill, Director of Finance

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Councillor Austin thanked public works for all its work and stated Central Park was looking good.

No. PR.0022/20  
Agenda

**2. AGENDA**

Moved: Councillor Vomacka

Seconded: Mayor Day

that the agenda be approved with the following addition:

**IN-CAMERA**

Matter requiring discussion under *s. 90(1)(e)* and *s. 90(1)(k)* of the *Community Charter* dealing with land matters and negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages, respectively.

CARRIED.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**(b) Ongoing Items Still Being Addressed:**

- (i)** The Superintendent reported that the construction viewing platform for the River's Edge Memorial Garden would be going out for tender subject to budget approval and the Town was still awaiting delivery of signage to be delivered.

**4. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS**

None.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

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

**7. REPORTS**

The Superintendent of Public Works and Engineering Services report for November 2020 was treated as information.

Mayor Day asked for clarification of the dog park matter at Stone Park and asked if public input had been sought on the matter. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that it was a staff recommendation only.

Councillor Austin shared the view that the area for a dog park was quite small and asked that the dimensions of the area be provided. The Superintendent reassured that it was a decision to be made by Council and that it was solely a staff recommendation at this point.

Councillor Vomacka asked for clarification on the public washrooms

and which facilities were currently open to the public. The Superintendent advised that the washrooms adjacent to the Seniors Centre are open 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday.

Mayor Day confirmed that the Saywell Park washrooms are closed for the winter season. He further shared his view that there should be sufficient space for the dogs to socialize in the park.

Councillor McGonigle spoke of previous discussions on implementation of smaller 'satellite' dog parks.

Mayor Day asked about Sahtlam Park and hockey box which requires painting. The Superintendent advised that the contractor had recommended that painting be scheduled in 2021.

- (b)** Mayor Day spoke on the active transportation network system project and tour of the community with representative of Urban Systems which included the area from the waterfront walkway throughout town and as far as Johel Road and all points around it. The group then did a separate tour of the new development areas and subdivisions.

Councillor McGonigle spoke on the feasibility of consideration and inclusion of an extension of the First Nation walkway along North Shore Road, as well as a walkway to be included with the proposed upgrades to the Weir. Mayor Day confirmed that consideration was being given of the weir walkway with an anticipation completion date of 2024.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- (a)** The floating walkway that was in a state of disrepair has been removed so that it is no longer a danger to the public and plans to replace are underway.
- (b)** Councillor Austin advised that the matter of trail signage can be removed from agenda. The three signs along Hammond will be placed within the New Year.
- (c)** The matter of park signage was discussed. The Ted Burns signage has been referred to the carver.

Mayor Day asked if consideration be given to allocating new signage at Stone Park and Sahtlam Avenue. The matter was referred to budget.

**9. NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

**10. PUBLIC RELATIONS ITEMS**

Councillor Austin stated that she has enjoyed working with Island Health to distribute flu vaccines and that it will probably be tasked to do some COVID vaccinations.

**11. QUESTION PERIOD**

The public were encouraged to forward their questions to [general@lakecowichan.ca](mailto:general@lakecowichan.ca) prior to and during the meeting.

No. PR.0023/20  
In-Camera

**IN-CAMERA**

Moved: Councillor McGonigle  
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka

that Council close the meeting to the public to deal with an issue that relates to land matters and negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages which fall under Section 90(1) (e) and (k) respectively of the *Community Charter* (7:24 pm.).

CARRIED.

No. PR.0024/20  
Adjournment

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved: Councillor McGonigle  
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka  
that the meeting arise without report and adjourn (8.12 p.m.).

CARRIED.

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

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

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Chair