



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, *January 19th, 2021*

PRESENT: Councillor Carolyne 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
Dalton Smith, Manager, Cowichan Lake Education Centre
Ronnie Gill, Director of Finance

No. PR.001/21
Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. AGENDA

Moved: Councillor Vomacka

Seconded: Councillor Sandhu

that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

3. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) None.

(b) Ongoing Items Still Being Addressed:

(i) The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Trans Canada Trail signage will be installed very soon.

(ii) The Chief Administrative Officer advised that through the Manager of the Education Centre, is dealing with the sign artist for the Ted Burns sign.

Councillor Austin requested that the matter remain on the agenda to allow for discussion at budget for additional park signage at parks that need identifying.

4. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) The correspondence item received from Team BC requesting financial support was received and filed.

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 December 2020 was treated as information.

Councillor Austin spoke on the required maintenance at the Town Square and requested consideration be given to installation of railings at the stage area for safety.

(b) The Manager, Cowichan Lake Education Centre report for the Cowichan Lake Education Centre was treated as information.

He reported on the impact of COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and onto the 2021 season. He requested that Council take a look at the strategy for 2021 and opportunities for government grants in the meantime.

Councillor McGonigle spoke on the use of the Education Centre by foreign exchange students to allow for areas of isolation and quarantine in partnership with the School District. The Manager stated that these particular bookings will be sought again this year if the pandemic protocols remain in place.

- (c)** The Manager, Cowichan Lake Education Centre report for Lakeview Park was treated as information.

He reported that the season was quite short being just 2 months but was quite successful and would like to continue dependent on the pandemic restrictions for 2021.

The Manager stated that maintenance for the waterfront walkway is required.

- (d)** The parks, Lakeview Park and Education Centre capital budget for 2021 was reviewed by the Committee.

Mayor Day requested an update on the grant submission for the Centennial Park project and whether an announcement has been made. The Chief Administrative Officer responded that no announcement have been made.

Councillor Vomacka asked if the Town will be seeking any Job Creation Programme (JCP) funding. The Manager, Cowichan Lake Education Centre will be looking at such an application.

Mayor Day asked when the discussions for water and sewer would be addressed. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the matter can be addressed at the next Finance and Administration Committee meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS
None.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION
None.

10. PUBLIC RELATIONS ITEMS
Councillor Austin reported on the Kaatza Health baby programme and that a number of new babies have be born in the community.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

The public were encouraged to forward their questions to general@lakecowichan.ca prior to and during the meeting.

The meeting was recessed for a few minutes at 7:22 pm.

The meeting was readjourned at 7:24 pm.

No. PR.002/21
Adjournment

12. ADJOURNMENT
Moved: Councillor Vomacka
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that the meeting adjourn (7:27 pm).

CARRIED.

Certified correct _____

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Chair