



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, *February 16th, 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.003/21
Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 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:

(1) The Chair spoke on the three Trans Canada Trail signs that were recently installed by Public Works at Hammond Road, Boundary Road and Johel Road.

(2) The Chair requested that the matter of signage remain on the agenda to address those required at Stone Park and Sahtlam Park.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Ted Burns sign is being worked on currently.

The Chair further reported that the Creelman Bird Sanctuary signage needs to be replaced.

Mayor Day spoke on the signage for washrooms which may need to be installed for the upcoming tubing season.

4. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) The correspondence item received from Elaine and Wayne Winter regarding a walking path from the Slopes development was received as information.

The Committee directed staff to forward the correspondence to Urban Systems to incorporate in the current Active Transportation Network study being undertaken. Councillor McGonigle stated that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure would need to be consulted on this plan for connectivity.

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

An email was received regarding the Canada Healthy Community grant application and whether the Kinsmen could make application for

the Duck Pond project so as not to affect the Town's access to this fund.

7. REPORTS

(a) The Superintendent of Public Works and Engineering Services report for January 2021 was treated as information.

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

He reported that the partnership with the School District for the quarantine of international student programme is ongoing and will continue until next September with bookings in March, April, July and September.

He further stated that the Centre is not taking any bookings until the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

Mayor Day asked for clarification on when the reservation system for the Campground will still occur on March 1st. The Manager stated that it will be opened when deemed safe by staff and according to any health orders in place.

Councillor Vomacka asked if summer student placement will occur for 2021. The Manager confirmed that summer students for both the campground and public works department will be sought.

Councillor McGonigle spoke on the FireSmart programme and the grant received. The Committee was advised that the firewood from the interface project will be utilized at the campground.

(c) The Committee brought forward the New Business (a) item regarding Canada Healthy Communities Initiative.

Mayor Day advised that a letter of support was being provided to the Kinsmen for its application to the Coop Community Grant programme.

The Superintendent spoke on the Duck Pond Park upgrades planned by the Kinsmen and its request for financial assistance to undertake site preparation.

Direction to staff was given to look at the feasibility of making application under the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative for works at the Duck Pond; washrooms and/or site preparation in partnership with the Kinsmen Club.

8. NEW BUSINESS

(a) The matter of the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative was discussed earlier in the meeting.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

10. PUBLIC RELATIONS ITEMS

Councillor Austin reminded that the Variety Heart Telethon would be held this coming weekend.

Councillor Vomacka shared that Pink Shirt Day is to be held on Wednesday, February 24th, 2021.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

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Adjournment

- 12. ADJOURNMENT**
Moved: Councillor Vomacka
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that the meeting adjourn (7:35 pm).

CARRIED.

Certified correct _____

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Chair