

TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Minutes of Advisory Planning Commission held
Held electronically at Lake Cowichan, BC as per Ministerial
Order M-192 on Thursday, February 25th, 2021



PRESENT: Darlene Ector, Chair
Pat Lamont
Janice New
Robert Patterson

REGRETS: Lynn Klein

ALSO, PRESENT: CouncillorCarolyn Austin
Joseph A. Fernandez, CAO
James van Hemert, Contract Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4.04 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted with no changes.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

No. APC.03/21

Moved: Pat Lamont
Seconded: Janice New
that the minutes of the meeting held on January 28th, 2021 be
approved.

CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

5. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. REPORTS

The contract planner went over the highlights of the Local Government Act, as they pertained to the Commission and the Town and which was provided to members two years previously with additional new commentary. The OCP and the zoning and the subdivision bylaws do shape the development of the Town.

The Town has good regulations in place, but compliance is often the issue.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- (i)** Copies of the Housing Needs assessment reports were made available to members. The Contract Planner spent some time going over the power point presentation. There were just 250 responses from the public on the questionnaire made available.

Issues of affordability for housing were raised as these are misaligned with incomes. Need for supportive and emergency housing were broached. One could argue that the focus should not be on the requirement for one-bedroom units. We have 1,000 homes with 3 bedrooms.

Population projections were another matter addressed by the contract planner. His numbers were closer to 3,600 for Lake Cowichan by 2025.

Affordable and/or subsidized housing were items that were discussed.

9. NEXT MEETING DATES

March 25th, 2021 at 4.00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5.20 p.m.

Certified correct _____.

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Chair