



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, *March 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.005/21
Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. AGENDA

Moved: Councillor Vomacka

Seconded: Mayor Day

that the agenda be approved with the addition under business arising (c) banners.

CARRIED.

3. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) None.

(b) Ongoing Items Still Being Addressed:

(1) The matter of trail signage at the Trans Canada Trail has been addressed the matter can be removed from the agenda.

(2) The matter of park signage is still being worked on.

Dalton Smith, Manager of Education Centre reported that the signage for the Ted Burns Nature Park would be completed in the next few weeks.

Mayor Day voiced his concern with signs of graffiti still being visible at the Trans Canada Kiosk and a need to immediately address the matter.

4. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

(a) Rick Bryan on behalf of Recreational Whitewater Paddling community including several clubs and Provincial associations made a powerpoint presentation on adding recreational value to the upcoming weir replacement project.

Councillor Sandhu requested clarification on who would hold liability on such a project. Mr. Bryan indicated that that would fall to the license holder.

(b) Steve Vatcher, Lake Cowichan Volunteer Fire Department gave an overview of the strategic wildfire projects that were undertaken from 2020 to date. He reported that the 2021 resiliency grant through the Union of BC Municipalities was successful.

The work done by Johel Road community and the 100 Houses community were to be successful in Canadian recognized their designation as firesmart communities. He further reported that the Town would be making further funding applications in 2021.

The Chair afforded Committee members to ask questions of Mr. Vatcher.

Mayor Day extended Mayor and Council's appreciation to the Lake Cowichan Fire Department for its work on the fire smart programme and during this pandemic.

Mr. Vatcher spoke on the upcoming BC Fire Smart virtual symposium to be held on May 26th, 2021 for the Town's work to be recognized by the Province.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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

7. REPORTS

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

(b) The Manager, Cowichan Lake Education Centre report for February 2021 on the Cowichan Lake Education Centre and Lakeview Park was treated as information.

He reported that the online booking for Lakeview Park would be opened on April 5th, 2021.

Mayor Day asked for clarification on access for the public beach area for users and the allocated parking places. Councillor Sandhu stated that additional signage is required for 'no dogs on beach' for the public beach areas.

8. NEW BUSINESS

(a) The Committee reviewed the Gerald Thom memorial garden presentation.

The Committee members wished to extend its appreciation to the Cowichan River Stewardship Society for its contribution to the Gerald Thom Memorial Garden with Mayor Day to draft a letter.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

10. PUBLIC RELATIONS ITEMS

Councillor McGonigle spoke on the Regional District taxation newsletter to be posted on the Town's website to show how the funds collected by the Regional District for Lake Cowichan are allocated through the various functions. The major functions are the Cowichan Lake Recreation and solid waste.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Councillor Vomacka
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that the meeting adjourn (8:15 pm).

No. PR.006/21
Adjournment

CARRIED.

Certified correct _____

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Chair