



TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Minutes of Strategic Planning Committee

Held electronically at Lake Cowichan, BC as per Ministerial Order M-192
on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021

PRESENT: Mayor Bob K. Day, Chair
Councillor Carlyne Austin
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. SP.0012/21
Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

2. AGENDA

Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Ongoing Items Still Being Addressed:

- (a) The Terms of Reference for Tourism and Housing Select Committees was referred to Reports 7(a).

4. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

- (a) James Van Hemert, contract planner, was on hand to address the housing needs assessment date report for the Town of Lake Cowichan that was presented to Council by the Cowichan Valley Regional District's consultants, Modus, and Rollo Associates. He reported that there were errors and unsupported conclusions and wanted to present an alternative conclusion on the housing needs report.

Mr. Van Hemert outlined the differing conclusions between the Housing Needs Assessment and the Town of Lake Cowichan data. He stressed that there was a need for an increase in the number of new houses needed from 43 to 172 as outlined in his memorandum.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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

7. REPORTS

- (a) The Chief Administrative Officer's report on select and standing committees was treated as information.

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Strategic Plan and
Session Facilitator

Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the Committee recommend that the matter of the Standing Committees for Tourism and Housing be tabled pending approval of the Town's strategic plan.

CARRIED

- (b) The Chief Administrative Officer's report on delegation's use of time was treated as information.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) The Committee members reviewed the summary of the tourism stakeholder sessions provided by Mayor Day.

Concerns raised on parking within the community for recreational users along North Shore and River Road and in the downtown core area and the need for "NO JUMPING" signs to be installed on the car bridge by Cowichan Lake Road and South Shore Road.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

10. PUBLIC RELATIONS ITEMS

Mayor Day encouraged the public to keep themselves up to date on the vaccination programme through the BC Centre for Disease Control and the Island Health websites to obtain details for when the vaccination is available for their age group.

Councillor Vomacka stated that April was Autism Awareness month and that the entrance to town and the Central Park fountain have been lit up with blue lights to acknowledge this. Mayor Day also shared that Ts'uubaa-asatx Square also had blue lights lit.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

12. IN-CAMERA

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In-Camera

Moved: Councillor Vomacka
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that the Committee close the meeting to the public to deal with issues relating proposed provision of a municipal service which falls under s. 90(1) (k) of the *Community Charter*. (6:58 pm).

CARRIED

13. ADJOURNMENT

No. SP.0015/21
Adjourn

Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the meeting arise without report and adjourn (7:35 pm).

CARRIED.

Certified correct _____ .

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____ , 2021.

Chair