



TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Minutes of Public Works and Environmental Services Committee held on electronically at Lake Cowichan, BC as per Ministerial Order M-192 on Tuesday, May 18th, 2021

PRESENT: Councillor Carolyne Austin, Vice-Chair
Mayor Bob K. Day
Councillor Kristine Sandhu
Councillor Tim McGonigle

REGRETS: Councillor Lorna Vomacka,

(with prior notice)

STAFF: Joseph Fernandez, Chief Administrative Officer
Jas Sandhu, Superintendent, Public Works, and Engineering Services
Mike Hewitt, Operator, Water Treatment Plant
Dalton Smith, Manager, Cowichan Lake Education Centre
Ronnie Gill, Director of Finance

No. PW.011/21
Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. AGENDA

Moved: Councillor Sandhu

Seconded: Mayor Day

that the agenda be approved with the addition of the following:

NEW BUSINESS

(f) lighted crosswalk at South Shore Road and Point Ideal Drive.

CARRIED.

3. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) None.

(b) Ongoing Items Still Being Addressed:

(i) The Superintendent, Public Works and Engineering Services reported on his meeting with representatives of the Tube Shack and Jakes on the Lake to address the matter of parking during the tubing season.

A parking area will be constructed by the Town at Centennial Park to accommodate 40 parking stalls for tubers to utilize, 2-hour parking will be enforced at Saywell Park and the surrounding roadways and Robbins will provide appropriate signage and equipment for the monitoring of vehicle parking times.

4. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) The correspondence item from Decibel Coalition regarding regulation of excessive boat noise was received and filed.

(b) The correspondence item from Gerard's Specialty Foods regarding its request for a loading zone fronting 205 South Shore Road was received as information.

Staff was directed to advise Gerard's Specialty Foods that the Town was not able to consider its request for a loading zone for its business needs.

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

None.

7. REPORTS

- (a) The Committee treated the written report on Public Works operations for April 2021 as information.

Duncan Paving will shortly undertake the paving of Johel Road and a portion of King George Street, from the Trans Canada Trail up to the King George Street roundabout.

- (b) The Superintendent of Public Works and Engineering Services provided a summarized report on the Water Treatment Plant.
- (c) Mike Hewitt was on hand to discuss the Operations Performance report for April 2021 which was treated as information.

He spoke on the monitoring of the aluminum with reference to its presence in the raw and treated water.

The water treatment plant video presentation was brought forward at this time.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Mayor Day spoke on the recent community cleanup that was held recently and wondered if the Town wished to consider providing some resources and/or commitment in any upcoming events this year or next to cleanup areas around the community.

Councillor Sandhu asked if a plan could be in place to coordinate with the River Stewardship Society which is held annually in September. Councillor McGonigle concurred.

Further details on the matter of community cleanup will be brought forward for consideration once further details are obtained by staff.

- (b) Councillor Austin spoke on the matter of river access at Prospect Avenue with the need to clear a pathway to the river and the installation of signage.

Mayor Day shared his concern that this matter was not identified in the recent strategic plan and it may require discussion on funding for remedial work and maintenance. Staff was directed to report, including historical data, on feasibility of opening Prospect Avenue for public access to the Cowichan River.

- (c) Councillor Austin spoke on the need for speed signage to be installed along the Cowichan River and at the headwaters of the Cowichan Lake to notify the public that only 9.9 HP vehicles were allowed on this heritage river.

She asked if another letter could be sent to Transport Canada for signage on the Cowichan River to ensure that jet skis and motorboats not be permitted due to safety. Mayor Day concurred and asked that staff be directed to contact the appropriate entity to address these safety concerns.

- (d) The Superintendent, Public Works and Engineering Services reported on the status of the installation of a larger transit shelter at South Shore Road and the designs underway for the Cowichan Lake Road transit shelter.
- (e) The water treatment presentation was viewed earlier in the meeting.
- (f) Councillor Austin spoke on the need for a lighted crosswalk from Point Ideal Drive across South Shore Road.

Staff will speak to representatives of ICBC and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure on the matter which access to the Trans Canada Trailhead.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

10. PUBLIC RELATIONS ITEMS

Councillor Austin reported that June was Pride month and requested that the flag be flown to acknowledge this.

Mayor Day spoke on the gathering of the Fairy Creek protestors that assembled along North Shore Road and that the RCMP had the matter well in hand.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

12. ADJOURNMENT

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Adjournment

Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Mayor Day
that the meeting be adjourned at 6:15 pm.

CARRIED.

Certified correct _____.

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Vice-Chair