



## TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Minutes of Strategic Planning Committee

Held electronically at Lake Cowichan, BC as per Ministerial Order M-192  
on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 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  
Ronnie Gill, Director of Finance  
Jas Sandhu, Superintendent, Public Works and Engineering Services

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm

**2. AGENDA**

No. SP.0025/21  
Agenda

Moved: Councillor Austin  
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka  
that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**3. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Ongoing Items Still Being Addressed:**

No. SP.0026/21  
Movin' On Up  
Strategy Report

- (a) Moved: Councillor Austin  
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka  
that the Committee recommend that the Movin' On Up Cowichan  
Lake Poverty Reduction Strategy Report be accepted.

CARRIED

Councillor McGonigle expressed his view that the Town should be  
looking at the recommendations as part of its future strategic  
planning exercise.

**4. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS**

None.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) The correspondence item from the Honorable Lana Popham,  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries regarding AB Greenwell  
School property was treated as information.

**6. REPORTS**

None.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

No. SP.0027/21  
Federation of  
Canadian  
Municipalities  
Virtual Conference

- (a) Moved: Councillor McGonigle  
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu  
that the Committee recommend that members of Council attend the  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities Sustainable Communities  
Conference to be held virtually October 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

CARRIED

- (b) Mayor Day brought forward the topic of Canada's drug toxicity crisis  
and need for safe supply of drugs as was reported by our area local  
member of the legislative assembly on a recent radio broadcast.

Council McGonigle shared his view that the Town's mandate was  
providing services for water, garbage, roads and sidewalks and this  
difficult topic should be addressed by the appropriate governments  
and agencies.

- (c) The Committee discussed the matter of phasing out of single plastic  
bags in light of the recent implementation by the District of  
Saanich.

It was noted that one of the larger local retailers in town is now providing paper bags and has stopped the provision of plastic bags to its customers.

**(d)** No update or status has been received on the UBCM Strengthening Community Services application.

**(e)** A public meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that after September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 persons will be required to provide proof of vaccinations to attend public meetings.

**8. NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

**9. PUBLIC RELATIONS ITEMS**

Mayor Day reported on his attendance at the recent Cowichan Lake Art Council festival recently held at the Ts'uubaa-asatx Square this past weekend and the community enjoying this well attended public event.

Councillor McGonigle reported that number of visitors has now been greatly reduced. He extended a thank you to the Public Works staff and staff during this most difficult time.

Mayor Day agreed and felt that the Fire Department and RCMP, have had their resources stretched to the limit with the summer crowds and should be commended for their efforts in light of that.

**10. QUESTION PERIOD**

**11. IN-CAMERA**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved: Councillor McGonigle  
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka  
that the meeting adjourn (6:15 pm).

No. SP.0028/21  
Adjourn

CARRIED.

Certified correct \_\_\_\_\_ .

Confirmed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ , 2021.

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Chair