

TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Minutes of Advisory Planning Commission held
Held electronically at Lake Cowichan, BC on Wednesday,
November 24th, 2021



PRESENT: Darlene Ector, Chair
Pat Lamont
Bev Litster
Robert Patterson (arrived at 4.22 p.m.)

REGRETS: Janice New

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting began with a presentation on to order at 4:07 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

No. APC.17/21
Agenda

Moved: Bev Litster
Seconded: Pat Lamont
that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

No. APC.18/21
Minutes

Moved: Bev Litster
Seconded: Robert Patterson
that the minutes of the meeting held on October 28th, 2021, be
approved.

CARRIED.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

5. **DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS**

Keith Lawrence, the CVRD Senior Environmental Analyst was
introduced by Kate Millar, Manager of the CVRD Environmental
Initiatives Division.

And he gave a detailed presentation on "CVRD Climate Change and
Risk Management Strategy" that he was developed by a number of
community partners. Input from the group was also elicited.

The presentation included:

- A recounting of the recent climate history;
- 2021 as a year of weather extremes;
- Development of an Adaptation Strategy Plan adopted in
February 2021; and
- Recognition of the New Normal and the need to take multi-
phased approach to climate adaption with phase 5 dealing
with the implementation of strategies to occur in 2022;
- Phase 2 is the relationship between strategic planning and
adaption is linked into official community plans of the
partners;
- Phase 3 deals with adaption and mitigation;

- Phase 4 dealing with adaption strategies dealing with reduction of community greenhouse gases and adaption to natural hazards and to lead by example; and
- Phase 5 is where we are at dealing with climate projections, priority risk assessments in geohazard, wildfire and flood plain issues and potential impacts on community infrastructure and asset management, emergency management and green growth and sustainable development.
- Final implantation plan is proposed for February 2022.

The members expressed concerns with landslides and the drought concerns and how development plans must consider these.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. REPORTS

(a) The Contract Planner dealt with the revision to the subdivision bylaw dealing with:

- Summary of what has been previously discussed;
- Anu update of the bylaw using aspects of the earlier presentation;
- Rainwater management and wildfire are aspect well-covered in the bylaw;
- Roads should be wide enough for municipal garbage trucks;
- Wildfire covenant and the requirement for registration of same with new developments; and
- A proposed amendment for rainwater management.

(b) Moved: Bev Litster
Seconded: Pat Lamont
that it be recommended that the Official Community Plan be amended to recognize the Agricultural Land Reserve within the Town of Lake Cowichan.

CARRIED.

8. NEW BUSINESS

(a) An example of a court case gives municipalities the right to protect rental housing. The City of New Westminster's authority to exercise this authority which it has for several years was upheld by the BC Supreme Court.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

December 16th, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

No. APC.19/21
Adjournment

Moved: Bev Litster
Seconded: Robert Patterson
that the meeting be adjourned at 5.43 p.m.

CARRIED.

Certified correct _____.

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Chair