



TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Minutes of Public Works and Environmental Services Committee held and transmitted electronically via Council Chambers, located at 39 South Shore Road, Lake Cowichan, BC on Tuesday, December 14th, 2021

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

STAFF: Jas Sandhu, Superintendent, Public Works, and Engineering Services
Ronnie Gill, Director of Finance

No. PW.029/21
Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

2. AGENDA

Moved: Councillor Sandhu

Seconded: Mayor Day

that the agenda be approved with the additions under:

REPORTS

(c) Status of recycling curbside collection;

NOTICE OF MOTION

(a) Letter to the Honourable Minister Conroy, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development regarding concerns of community forests on changes within Bill 23 and 28.

CARRIED.

3. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) None.

(b) Ongoing Items Still Being Addressed:

(i) The Superintendent, Public Works and Engineering Services reported that the transit shelter on Cowichan Lake Road was still awaiting approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Highways.

4. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Staff was directed to respond in writing to the concerns of traffic usage on Oak Lane as outlined in the letter received from Nadine Reeves and David Taylor.

6. REPORTS

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

The Superintendent of Public Works and Engineering Services reminded residents that is their responsibility to clear snow from sidewalks adjacent to their property and to avoid parking their vehicles in the road right of way in the event of a snowfall to allow for proper snow clearing.

(b) The Superintendent of Public Works and Engineering Services November 2021 report on the Water Treatment Plant was treated as information.

The Committee discussed the higher levels of aluminum which have been detected. The Superintendent advised that the Town was working with Island Health to address.

- (c) Mayor Day requested an update on the curbside recycling that had been rescheduled to this week due to unforeseen circumstances with the contractor.

The Superintendent reported that due to icy conditions some streets were not able to be accessed for collection of curbside recycling.

The Committee directed staff to post an update to its social media platform to update residents on when their recycling needs to be placed at curbside for collection.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor McGonigle brought forward a notice of motion for the next Regular meeting of Council:

- (a) Letter to the Honourable Minister Conroy, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development regarding concerns of community forests on changes within Bill 23 and 28 and their impact on our community.

9. PUBLIC RELATIONS ITEMS

- (a) Mayor Day encouraged residents to sign up for the Town's email notifications through applications which are available on the Town's website to be mailed in, scanned or emailed to the office.
- (b) Councillor McGonigle spoke on his attendance at the Cowichan Lake District Chamber of Commerce's Christmas banquet held at the Farm Table Inn.
- (c) Councillor Vomacka shared information on the Cowichan Lake District Chamber of Commerce event encouraging people to shop local during the holidays with a raffle for a large basket that has been donated by local businesses in the community.
- (d) Councillor Vomacka advised that the collection of Christmas cards for a local resident, Kristal Mayo, can be dropped off by the public to her store, Lorna's Emporium.

10. QUESTION PERIOD

11. ADJOURNMENT

No. PW.030/21
Adjournment

Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that the meeting be adjourned at 5:24 pm.

CARRIED.

Certified correct _____.

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Chair