

TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Minutes of Advisory Planning Commission held
Held electronically at Lake Cowichan, BC on Thursday,
March 24th, 2022



PRESENT: Darlene Ector, Chair
Pat Lamont
Bev Litster
Robert Patterson

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

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:00 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

No. APC.05/22
Agenda

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

CARRIED.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

No. APC.06/22
Minutes

Moved: Bev Lister
Seconded: Pat Lamont
that the minutes of the meeting held on February 24th, 2022, be
approved.

CARRIED.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- (a) On the ways and means of dealing with climate change the consensus was the Town has limited options:
- Composting and encouragement of organic separation;
 - Reduction of motor vehicle use and increased focus on pedestrian mode of transportation;
 - Council priorities with respect to reducing the impact of climate change – the upgrade of Otaki footbridge;
 - Need for the implementation of active transportation plan and projects recommended;
 - Encouragement of pedestrian and bike traffic with the current emphasis on the refurbishment of the Ohtaki pedestrian bridge;
 - Extension of proposed pathway to First Nation property;
 - E-bikes and bicycle use and need for secure parking of same; and
 - Eliminate the use of fossil fuel for heating purposes.

5. **DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS**

None.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

7. REPORT

- (a) The members were advised that Janice New had resigned. Council will confirm the replacement member.
- (b) The contract planner reported that the Town is not benefitting from the existence of non-conforming short-term rentals. Legalizing the use of short-term rentals or Airbnb’s could, however, affect the affordability of housing units.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) The contract planner stated that the document dealing with green bylaw kit is simply to be used as a reference mechanism. The Town has done a good job of protecting riparian areas, soils, and wildlife. There are, however, limits within which the Town can operate. Access to natural areas is important issue for public health. The next OCP update could well use some of the recommendations contained in the document.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

May 26th, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

No. APC.07/22
Adjournment

Moved: Bev Litster
Seconded: Pat Lamont
that the meeting be adjourned at 5.00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Certified correct _____.

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

Chair