



TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Minutes of a Regular meeting of Council
Held and transmitted electronically via the temporary Council Chambers
located at 38 King George Street, Lake Cowichan, BC
on Tuesday, September 27th, 2022.

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

STAFF: Ronnie Gill, Director of Finance
Jas Sandhu, Superintendent, Public Works and Engineering Services
Dalton Smith, Manager, Cowichan Lake Education Centre

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Day called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. AGENDA

No. R.094/22
Agenda

Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that the agenda be approved as presented with a change to the order
of the delegations.

CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

No. R.095/22
Regular Meeting

- (a)** Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held on July 26th,
2022, be adopted.

CARRIED.

No. R.096/22
Special Meeting

- (b)** Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on September
6th, 2022, as amended, be adopted.

CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

5. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

- (b)** Margaret Symon, Fire Smart Coordinator, gave a power point
presentation on the Town's Fire Smart Programme and funds received
for the Community Resiliency Investment Program and highlighted the
following:

- Brief history of the Fire Smart Programme from its initiation in 2016;
- Recognition that the Town of Lake Cowichan has the best run programme in British Columbia;
- The programme parameters include the reduction of risk of wildfires and its mitigation of wildfire risk to affected communities;
- Project in 2019 to 2021 was for fuel management at Lakeview Park which encompassed 18 hectares;
- Home assessments completed in 2021 totalled 130 and in 2022 75;
- Available rebates for homeowners with 12 applications were submitted to date;
- November 2022 - project to undertake thinning and brushing of 4 hectares in parklands was completed;

- Application for 2023 for \$200,000 will be submitted shortly and if successful, will total \$1,000,000 of funding received to date; and
- Looking at the feasibility of a certified burner to complete the removal rather than transporting to land fill.

- (a) Pat Foster and Pat Weaver, Kaatza Historical Society were on hand to give a verbal presentation which highlighted the following:
- Addition to a building has been completed and the Town was thanked for its donation of lands;
 - The new manager, Nathaniel Andrews, is currently updating displays;
 - full time archivist for two-year term and possibility of other grant funds to extend his employment;
 - totem pole project will be started shortly and is expected to be completed in four months;
 - two indigenous displays will be setup inside the museum;
 - CO-VID reduced donations and visits to the gift shop, however, 3500 to 4000 visitors per year is seen;
 - A new display for the area's Asian history including east Indian, Chinese and Japanese; and
 - An application will be submitted for grants funds to digitize the Wilmer Gold collection which was graciously donated by the local union, USW 1-1937 (formerly IWA-1-80).

Mayor Day on behalf of the Town of Lake Cowichan Council bestowed the title of "Freeman" onto Pat Weaver in recognition for her significant and selfless contributions made for the wellbeing of Lake Cowichan's citizens and the community.

Members of Mrs. Weaver's family were on hand for the presentation.

Council took a brief recess from the meeting and re-convened at 6:39 pm.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Action Items:

None.

(b) Information or Consent Items

None.

7. REPORTS

(a) Council and other Committee Reports

(i) Moved: Councillor Vomacka

Seconded: Councillor McGonigle

that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held electronically on September 6th, 2022, be approved with the following:

1-Fire Department Incident Report

that the Lake Cowichan Fire Department's incident report in the amount of \$12,073.18 for July 2022.

CARRIED.

No. R.097/22
Committee of
the Whole

Cowichan Lake
Recreation
Commission

- (ii) Mayor Day reported on the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission meeting held Thursday, September 22nd, 2022. He advised that the soft opening of the gym would be held on October 4th, that the new ice resurfacers had been ordered and that work was being undertaken on the feasibility of reconfiguring the dressing rooms.

8. BYLAWS

No. R.098/22
Council Remuneration
and Expense Bylaw
No. 1077-2022

- (a)** Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the "Town of Lake Cowichan Council Remuneration and Expense
Bylaw No. 1077-2022" be reconsidered and adopted.

CARRIED.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No. R.099/22
Donation - 2023

- (a)** Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that Council approve a donation of a two-night stay at Lakeview Park
in 2023 to support the British Columbia Conservation Foundation
2022&2023 Summer Stewardship Outreach Program in the Cowichan
Valley.

CARRIED.

No. R.0100/22
Addition to Agenda

- Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the Fire Department Budget -2023 be brought forward as New
Business, Item (b).

CARRIED.

No. R.0101/22
Addition to Agenda

- Moved: Councillor Vomacka
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that the Lake Cowichan Fire Department application for grant funding
be brought forward as New Business, Item (c).

CARRIED.

No. R.0102/22
2023 Fire Department
Budget

- (b)** Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that Council approve the Lake Cowichan Fire Department 2023 budget
reflecting a 4.9% increase and be submitted to the Cowichan Valley
Regional District.

CARRIED.

No. R.0103/22
Grant Application –
Lake Cowichan Fire
Department

- (c)** Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that Council approve the submission of a grant application to
Community Emergency Preparedness Fund by the Lake Cowichan Fire
Department for fire suppression equipment.

CARRIED.

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Day presented his Mayor's Report for September 2022 which
included the following:

- The end of another busy summer tourism season and that we are blessed with nice weather to enjoy outdoor activities a little longer;
- The attendance of Mayor and Council at the Union of BC Municipalities conference in Whistler, BC;
- Meetings with two provincial ministers and representatives from Island Health;
- Discussions with Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the upgrades to the Town's wastewater treatment plant and the need to continue to lobby for funding on important infrastructure projects;
- Discussions with Minister of Forests regarding stabilized tabular rate structure for community forest cooperatives around the province;
- In meetings with Island Health Executives, discussions on the current level of healthcare services in our community and the gaps in our local healthcare;
- The Town will be hosting delegates from its sister city of Ohtaki, Japan arriving on September 30th for 4 days; and in closing,

- He acknowledged Friday, September 30th as the National Truth and Reconciliation Day in Canada and encouraged the people of Lake Cowichan to reflect on the events that led to the creation of this day.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. IN CAMERA

14. ADJOURNMENT

No. R.0104/22
Adjournment

Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that the meeting be adjourned. (7:27 pm)

CARRIED.

Certified correct _____.

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor