



TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Minutes of a Public Hearing

Held and transmitted electronically via the temporary Council Chambers located at 38 King George Street, Lake Cowichan, BC on Tuesday, March 28th, 2023

PRESENT:	Mayor Tim McGonigle Councillor Carolyne Austin Councillor Kristine Sandhu Councillor Lorna Vomacka
ABSENT:	Councillor Aaron Frisby
STAFF:	Joseph A. Fernandez, Chief Administrative Officer Ronnie Gill, Director of Finance
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Mayor McGonigle called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

1. OPENING REMARKS

- (a) The Mayor explained the process for the public hearing.

The purpose of the hearing was to give the public an opportunity to provide input on the proposed amendments to the Town of Lake Cowichan Zoning Bylaw No. 1055-2021.

The Mayor established the rules for the conduct of the hearing. Mayor McGonigle reviewed the means for public participation at the virtual public hearing which included the following:

- ✓ By phone directly the municipal hall directly at 250-749-6681, extension #108.

Mayor McGonigle then asked if there were questions on the process he had laid out for the public hearing. He added that the input should be strictly on the bylaw that is the subject of the public hearing.

Hearing no questions on the process, Mayor McGonigle then called on the Chief Administrative Officer to introduce the amending bylaw.

2. BYLAW NO. 1087-2023

- (a) The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the amendment proposed for the Town of Lake Cowichan Zoning Bylaw No. 1087-2023.

The proposed Town of Lake Cowichan Zoning Bylaw No. 1087-2023 is intended to amend the Town of Lake Cowichan Zoning Bylaw No. 1055-2021.

The Chief Administrative Officer further advised the following:

The public notices as required under the *Local Government Act* had been issued and all statutory requirements have been met and no written submissions have been received by the close of the business day.

The public has had the opportunity to review documentation relating to the bylaw amendments, in the meantime.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor McGonigle invited verbal public input. He stated that for the record, full name and street address of the speaker must be provided and that each speaker would be afforded a maximum of three minutes.

Council members were afforded an opportunity to ask questions of the proponent.

- (a) The Chair issued the first call for public input.

Erika Pamelon
Parent and Teacher at
Palsson Elementary

Erika Pamelon, 590 Castley Road, parent and teacher at Palsson School expressed her full support of the rezoning amendment bylaw and stated that Lake Cowichan needed more child care facilities. In closing, she shared that the daycare has had a waitlist since the Fall.

Alisha Neumann
Inquiring Little Minds
Daycare

Alisha Neumann from Nanaimo, BC on behalf of the Inquiring Little Minds daycare stated that she has been working closely with the School District to get the childcare centre opened at the Palsson School site. She stated that a needs assessment study in the area had been undertaken which shows Lake Cowichan is in high need of infant and toddler care. She is excited to bring the facility into the community to provide such a much-needed service.

- (b) The Chair issued a second call for public input for verbal submission.

None.

- (c) The Chair issued a third call for public input for verbal submission.

Hearing no further input, the Chair stated that no further submissions would be accepted after the meeting.

4. BYLAW NO. 1088-2023

- (a) The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the amendment proposed for the Town of Lake Cowichan Zoning Bylaw No. 1088-2023.

The proposed Town of Lake Cowichan Zoning Bylaw No. 1088-2023 is intended to amend the Town of Lake Cowichan Zoning Bylaw No. 1055-2021.

The Chief Administrative Officer further advised the following:

The public notices as required under the *Local Government Act* had been issued and all statutory requirements have been met and two (2) written submissions have been received by the close of the business day. A report from the Contract Planner is attached to the agenda for the Regular meeting of Council.

The public has had the opportunity to review documentation relating to the bylaw amendments.

5. PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor McGonigle invited verbal public input. He stated that for the record, full name and street address of the speaker must be provided and that each speaker would be afforded a maximum of three minutes.

Nasim Charania
Proponent

Nasim Charania, #303-650 Dobson Street, Duncan spoke to Council on her proposed plan and usage for the subject property at 149 Cowichan Lake Road, once land use is changed.

Council members were afforded an opportunity to ask questions of the proponent.

- (a) The Chair issued the first call for public input.

None.

(b) The Chair issued a second call for public input for verbal submission.

None.

(c) The Chair issued a third call for public input for verbal submission.

Hearing no further input, the Chair stated that no further submissions would be accepted after the meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGonigle declared the public hearing for the proposed amending Bylaws No. 1087-2023 and 1088-2023 closed and advised that the bylaws would be returned to Council for further consideration (6:18 pm).

Certified correct _____.

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2023.

Mayor