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TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

BYLAW NO. 1129-2026

A Bylaw to provide for alternative means of publishing statutory notices

WHEREAS THE *COMMUNITY CHARTER* and the *Local Government Act* require local governments to provide advance public notice of matters of public interest; and

WHEREAS public notices inform the public of opportunities to participate in local government decision-making or share their views, or both; and

WHEREAS pursuant to section 94.2 of the *Community Charter*, a municipality may adopt a Bylaw to provide alternative means of publishing a public notice; and

WHEREAS the Council has determined to provide public notice by alternative means which it considers to be reliable, suitable, and accessible, as prescribed by the *Public Notice Regulation B.C. Reg. 52/2022*.

THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Lake Cowichan, in open meeting assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

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2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Bylaw is to provide for alternative means of publishing a notice instead of publishing the notice in a newspaper.

3. TITLE

The Bylaw may be cited as the “Public Notice Bylaw No. 1129, 2026.”

4. DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 **“Town”** means the Town of Lake Cowichan;
- 4.2 **“Town Hall”** means the Town of Lake Cowichan Town Hall located at 39 South Shore Road, Lake Cowichan, British Columbia;
- 4.3 **“Town’s Website”** means the Town’s official website of the Town of Lake Cowichan, www.lakecowichan.ca;
- 4.4 **“Public Notice Posting Places”** means the notice boards at Town Hall and the Town’s website.

5. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

- 5.1 Any notice required to be given or published in accordance with section 94 of the *Community Charter* shall be posted to the Town’s Public Notice Posting Places, and subject to any prescribed notice periods, as least 10 days before the date of the matter for which notice is required via the following additional means of publication:
 - a) by posting the first notice on the Town’s social media with a link to the Town’s online public notice posting place, and
 - b) by posting the second notice in the local newspaper.
- 5.2 Nothing in this Bylaw restricts the Town from providing information in addition to the notices under Section 5.1 of this Bylaw. Such information shall not be construed to be notices under Section 5.1 of this Bylaw.
- 5.3 If any portion of this Bylaw is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed, and the remainder of the Bylaw shall be deemed to have been enacted without the invalid portion.

6. LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE

- 6.1 This bylaw shall take effect on XXXX.

READ A FIRST TIME on the ___ day of April, 2026.

READ A SECOND TIME on the ____ day of April, 2026.

READ A THIRD TIME on the ____ day of _____, 2026.

RECONSIDERED, FINALLY PASSED and ADOPTED by the Municipal Council of the
Town of Lake Cowichan on the ____ day of May, 2026.

X

Tim McGonigle
Mayor

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John Thomas
Corporate Officer

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