



# *Mayor's Report*

*January, 2021*



After a relaxing Holiday Break most municipal and regional Councils and Boards are diving headfirst into their respective budgeting process.

The Town of Lake Cowichan Council is no exception. Staff has presented Council in a previous meeting some of the Capital budget suggestions for Council to consider for 2021. We hope to finish up in February discussing the remainder of the capital items. After that we will meet to analyze the effect of the operational and capital costs contained in the draft budget.

This is where your elected Mayor and Council really get down to business. All of us sitting at this table must do our best to decide the balance of the wants and needs of the community while carefully taking into account what property owners can afford. We who sit at this table are all taxpayers ourselves, so we take this process very seriously. All of our budget meetings will be live on our YouTube channel where comments and questions from the public will be received and answered live or via email.

I wish to thank our entire staff for their input into the budget process, and especially our senior management for prioritizing the capital projects for the upcoming year. Council hopes to have the final budget adopted by March, so we can start the work that needs to be done.

On the COVID -19 front, I am certain the majority of all of us, are anxiously awaiting our turn to be vaccinated. While the vaccine is very near on the horizon, we must continue to follow all the guidelines still in place. We must continue to do our part to slow the spread of the virus until the majority of the population is vaccinated and then Health officials will be able to advise us on how best to stay safe.

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