

AGENDA

TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

**Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee meeting to be held on
Tuesday, June 7th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**



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1. CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS (if applicable)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (a)** Centennial Park Upgrades – Update.
- (b)** Beaver Creek bridge.
- (c)** Water Park Planning.
- (d) Ongoing Items Still Being Addressed:**
 - (i)** Riverfront Walkway and Trail Connection Opportunities:

4. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a)** Denise Allen- Re: Cowichan Lake Lady of the Lake Society Float.

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6. REPORTS

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- (a)** Pickle Ball / Tennis Courts.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

9. PUBLIC RELATIONS ITEMS

10. MEDIA/PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

11. IN CAMERA

12. ADJOURNMENT

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May 31, 2016

Cowichan Lake Lady of the Lake Society
PO Box 47
Lake Cowichan, BC
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Dear Mayor Forrest,

Recently, the Lady of the Lake Society has been given verbal notice from Joe Fernandez that we will have to move our float out of town hall sometime in July.

Did you know that Cowichan Lake is one of three only, on Vancouver Island, and two only, on the lower Mainland to continue to have "ambassadors" representing our area.

Cowichan Lake's, "Lady of the Lake" program, is held annually, to teach young women, in Grade 11, self-development, poise and public speaking and to have the girls represent and support their community locally and throughout BC by volunteering and attending events.

In 1989 a permanent travelling float was completed, a 16 foot trailer was donated and, over time, the Lady of the Lake and her princesses began to help create, construct and dismantle the float after each parade. In 2001, the Lady of the Lake Society was formed as an independent committee to support a float and pageant activities, completing a new portable float. For the first twelve years the float was stored at the Town of Lake Cowichan works yard, which would be an ideal place to store the float again. The current float is now supported by donations from local service groups, businesses, and by fundraising efforts by the Lady of the Lake Society. Grants in aid are also received from CVRD Area's I & F, and the Town of Lake Cowichan. The funds raised typically cover the ambassador program, float, and travel expenses.

In June of 2015, we crowned our 70th Lady of the Lake and ambassador team, a tradition we are very proud of. The top three scored candidates travel extensively throughout British Columbia and into Washington State promoting the Cowichan Lake area. Parades attended off Vancouver Island include Penticton Peachfest, Seattle Torchlight (televised), Tacoma Daffodil Festival (televised), and the Omak Stampede. Local parades include Nanaimo, Duncan, Ladysmith, Sidney Canada Day, Victoria's May (televised) and Christmas Light up (televised), Honeymoon Bay, Youbou, and Lake Cowichan. Our float has won over 150 ribbons and trophies over the 25 years that it has taken part in parades. The float's highest recognition was awarded at the 2015 and the 2016 Tacoma Daffodil Festival where we won *Best International Float*, an award that has never been won by Cowichan Lake's float.

Having said all of that, we are hopeful the town has an alternative storage facility for our float, as we know yourself, Mr. Mayor, council members and town staff are huge supporters of Lady of the Lake.

We can make ourselves available for a meeting, at your convenience, to discuss options.

Best regards,



Denise Allan – Chair of the Lady of the Lake Society

Jane Casey – Secretary

Rob Frost – Float Co-ordinator

Tanya Kaul – Treasurer

Cindy Batyi – Royalty Co-ordinator

Mary Batyi – Director – Current British Columbia Ambassador

Emily Pastor – Director – Current Candidate for British Columbia Ambassador