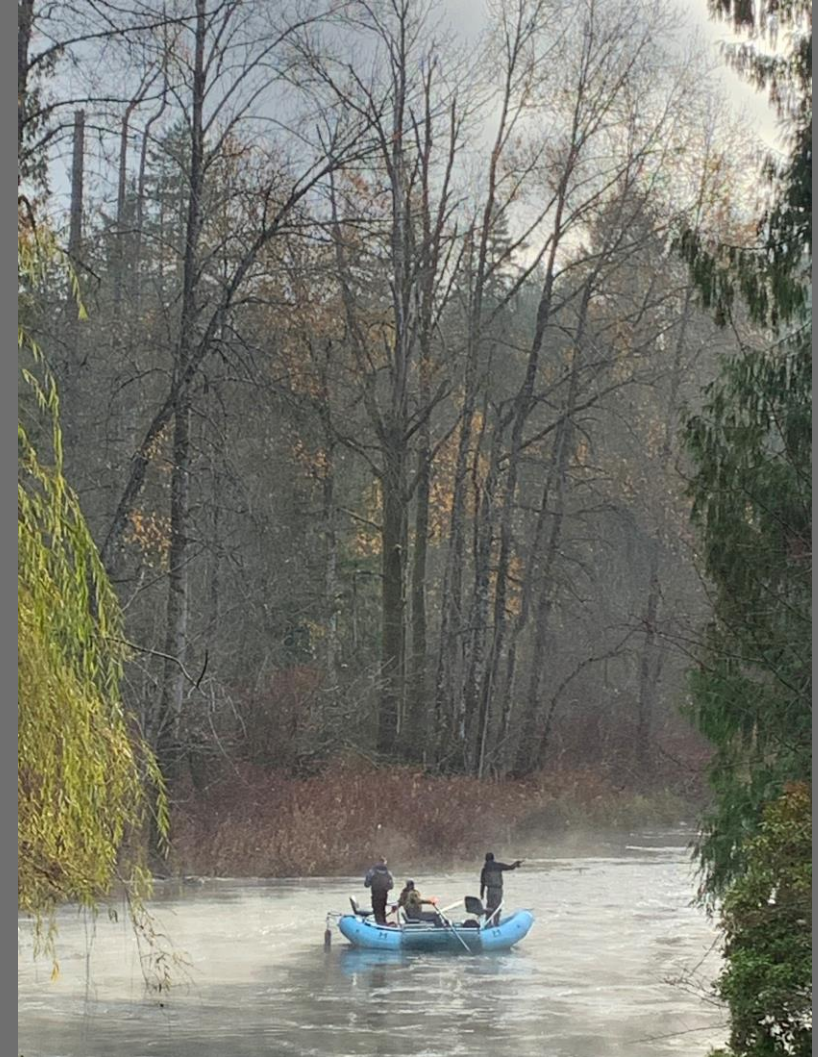




Town of Lake Cowichan

Strategic Plan 2024

QUARTER 4 UPDATE



INTRODUCTION

Quarter 4 Update: October 1st to December 31st, 2024

A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN IS A ROADMAP FOR ITS VISION ON THE FUTURE AND ITS PLANS FOR ACHIEVING ITS GOALS.

THE TOWN OVER THE YEARS HAS MADE REMARKABLE PROGRESS ON ITS PRIORITIES AND THOSE HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED FOR THE MOST PART THROUGH ITS OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN.

OVER THE LAST YEAR A NUMBER OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES HAVE EITHER BEEN ACHIEVED OR SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON SOME HAVE BEEN MADE.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2024:

- **UPGRADE TO THE AUDIO/VISUAL SYSTEM FOR COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS;**
- **IMPROVEMENTS TO THE OHTAKI PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE WITH ADDITIONAL WORK PLANNED IN 2025;**
- **SEWER TREATMENT UPGRADES UNDERWAY WITH PRELIMINARY DESIGN WORK NEARING COMPLETION;**
- **ELECTRONIC PAYMENT SYSTEM AT SANI-DUMP COMPLETED;**
- **WASHROOM UPGRADES AT THE LAKEVIEW PARK CAMPSITE AND CENTENNIAL PARK HAVE BEEN COMPLETED;**
- **SENIORS' EXERCISE EQUIPMENT INSTALLED AT RIVER PARK (DUCK POND); AND**
- **DOG PARK AT CENTENNIAL PARK.**

PLANNED INITIATIVES FOR 2025

- **ENCOURAGE HOUSING DIVERSITY THROUGH ZONING AND OCP CHANGES TO MEET PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL GUIDELINES;**
- **CONTINUED UPGRADES TO THE SEWER TREATMENT PLANT TO ENSURE THAT ITS ECOSYSTEMS IS PROTECTED AND ENHANCED AND NOT ADVERSELY EFFECTED IN ANY WAY;**
- **RECONCILIATION WITH THE TS'UUBAA-ASATX FIRST NATION THROUGH AN UPDATED PROTOCOL AGREEMENT;**
- **IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO MITIGATE HUMAN AND WILDLIFE CONFLICT;**
- **SUSTAINABLE FINANCING FOR STORM WATER INFRASTRUCTURE; AND**
- **FLOATING WALKWAY AT LAKEVIEW PARK.**

ADMINISTRATION 2025-2026

- Protocol Agreement to be endorsed by the Ts'uubaa-asatx First Nation and Town of Lake Cowichan;
- Sustainable financing for storm water infrastructure to be completed in 2025;
- Review of Parcel Taxes to ensure sustainability of all utility infrastructure;
- Reduction of paper files through records management digitization;
- Asset retirement obligation to be updated.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

- Requirement for updating building regulations in 2025.

PUBLIC WORKS 2025-2027

- Prepare a prioritized programme for replacement of sidewalks in concert with planned review of accessibility needs of the population;
- Paving and sidewalk upgrade on portions of North Shore Road;
- Complete the final design and engineering requirements for the wastewater treatment plant with sludge relocation proposed for 2025;
- Complete drawings and engineering for improved capacity in our water system;
- Review and revise, if applicable, speed zones on municipal roads;
- Upgrade of Public Works office;
- Uptown parking study; and
- Joint partnership with Town on water reservoir project for improved waterflow.





FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Replacement of Tender #8 in 2026;
- Continued efforts in mitigating fire risk to the community.

PARKS

- Additional lighting, including use of solar energy, on Ohtaki Park bridge; and
- Possible upgrades to bandshell at Central Park.

COWICHAN LAKE EDUCATION CENTRE AND LAKEVIEW PARK CAMPGROUND

- Waterfront walkway proposal for 2025;
- Solar lighting for washroom at campsite; and
- Electrification of additional sites at Lakeview Park.





Our vision is to create a vibrant, healthy, inclusive, sustainable community that exists in harmony with the natural environment, enjoys a balanced economy, support all generations and provides the opportunities to satisfy diverse social needs.



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