

**TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN**

Minutes of a Regular meeting of Council held on  
Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015



PRESENT: Mayor Ross Forrest  
Councillor Bob K. Day  
Councillor Carlyne Austin  
Councillor Tim McGonigle  
Councillor Lorna Vomacka

STAFF: Joseph A. Fernandez, Chief Administrative Officer  
Roni-Lee Roach, Executive Secretary

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Forrest called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. AGENDA**

No. R.136/15

Moved: Councillor McGonigle  
Seconded: Councillor Austin  
that the agenda be approved with the following additions  
under:

**Reports – Staff Reports**

- Chief Administrative Officer re: 2015 Sewer CCTV Inspection and Sewer Rehabilitation Programme; and

**New Business**

- Leave of Absence for Councillor Day.

CARRIED.

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

No. R.137/15

(a) Moved: Councillor Day  
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka  
that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**5. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS**

(a) Mary Batyi spoke on her recent honor at being named a BC Ambassador for 2015. She stated the BC Ambassador programme required six months of preparation for which included two speeches with one being about the community, community table presentation, provincial knowledge exam and formal interview with the judges. She was awarded top marks for placing first in the public speaking, community presentation and BC knowledge exam for which she received bursaries totaling \$2500 with additional bursaries awarded for the BC Ambassador title.

Mayor Forrest presented Ms. Batyi with a floral arrangement and conveyed Council's congratulations on her achievements.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**7. REPORTS**

No. R.138/15  
Finance and Administration

Moved: Councillor McGonigle  
Seconded: Councillor Austin  
that the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be approved with the following recommendations:

**1—Leave of Absence**

that Council give approval to Councillor Day for a leave of absence from the meetings to be held this day;

**2—Letter of Support**

that Council send a letter of support for the application by Tourism Vancouver Island to the Island Coastal Economic Trust for the Vancouver Island Trails Strategy Phase 2 project; and

**3—Saywell Parking Request**

that Council approve closing a portion of the parking area at Saywell Park for September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon to accommodate visitors to the raising of the pole event to be held at the Ts'uubaa-asatx Town Square at 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED.

Public Works and  
Environmental Services

No Report.

Parks, Recreation and  
Culture

No Report.

Economic and Sustainable  
Development

No Report.

Cowichan Lake Recreation

No Report.

Vancouver Island Regional  
Library

Councillor Vomacka reported on the June, 2015 report that was submitted by the local librarian on the library facility and the busy summer schedule for the branch with its summer reading programmes.

Ohtaki Twinning Committee

No Report.

Advisory Planning  
Commission

Councillor McGonigle advised that the Advisory Planning Commission will be holding its next meeting on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Community Forest Co-  
operative

Councillor McGonigle reported on the Forest Co-op meeting to be held on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. He also updated Council on the completion of the signage rehabilitation and that the Forest Co-op was discussing the trail rehabilitation project with the Cowichan Valley Regional District's parks department.

No. R.139/15  
Lake Cowichan Fire  
Department – Incident  
Report

**(b)** Moved: Councillor Vomacka  
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle  
that the Fire Department Monthly Incident Report for July, 2015 and payment in the amount of \$12,894.85 be approved.  
CARRIED.

Councillor McGonigle expressed his praise to the fire fighters for their dedication in protecting our communities from the recent wild fires at Skutz Falls and Lizard Lake.

Cowichan Valley Regional District Board

Councillor Day reported that he had distributed an email to members of Council separately on the site that has been chosen for the new proposed hospital.

Councillor Day further reported on the August 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting which included the following:

- Flood management bylaw receiving 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings;
- Presentation by Nanaimo Airport Authority regarding its recent expansion and future upgrades to the facility;
- Two year renewal for Scouts Canada usage of parkland on Bald Mountain;
- Presentation by residents of Nantree Road for input on a rezoning application; and
- Cowichan Renewable agreement on sale of biodiesel.

Councillor Day read out a statement on the air quality issue in the Cowichan Valley.

Social Planning Cowichan

No Report.

Councillor Austin advised that the Social Planning Cowichan Committee would be holding its next meeting in September, 2015 and that a report through e-mail has been forwarded to members of Council for its information.

Community Safety Advisory

No Report.

No. R.140/15  
Infrastructure Planning  
Grants

- (c) Moved: Councillor McGonigle  
Seconded: Councillor Day  
that Council approve the proposal from Opus DaytonKnight to perform Sewer CCTV Inspection and Sewer Rehabilitation Services in the amount of \$88,768 plus applicable taxes; and

that Council authorize the execution of the contract for the work to be undertaken in the dry weather.

CARRIED.

**8. BYLAWS**

None.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

No. R.141/15  
Leave of Absence

- (a) Moved: Councillor McGonigle  
Seconded: Councillor Austin  
that a leave of absence be approved for Councillor Day for the Committee meetings to be held on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

CARRIED.

Councillor McGonigle expressed his best wishes to former Councillor Franklin Hornbrook and hoped for a speedy recovery.

**10. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor presented his report for August, 2015 with the following highlights:

- Recent induction of Randy Irving and Marg Radcliff to the Cowichan Lake arena's sports wall of fame;
- World record nearly set by two swimmers during the August long weekend;
- Wildfires in British Columbia and in particular the wildfire at Lizard Lake and the poor air quality residents are experiencing;
- Thanks to the Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship and the volunteers for its annual river cleanup event;
- Sewer treatment plant upgrade 60% completed;
- Pedestrian activated crosswalks crossing South Shore Road from the Forest Workers' Memorial Park and Ohtaki Park and fronting the RBC along Cowichan Lake Road have been activated;
- Acknowledgment of Insurance Corporation of BC and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for their general contributions on pedestrian safety infrastructure;
- Informational meeting held by Laketown Ranch on its proposal for development along the Youbou Highway; and
- The totem pole raising event to take place on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with a big crowd anticipated.

**11. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**12. IN CAMERA**

No. R.142/15  
In-Camera

Moved: Councillor Austin  
Seconded: Councillor Day  
that Council close the meeting to the public to deal with issues relating to land matters and negotiation of municipal services under Section 90(1) (e) and (k) of the Community Charter respectively (6:48 p.m.).

CARRIED.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

No. R.143/15  
Adjournment

Moved: Councillor McGonigle  
Seconded: Councillor Austin  
that we arise without report and adjourn ( 7:40 p.m.).

CARRIED.

Certified correct \_\_\_\_\_.

Confirmed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Mayor