

TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Minutes of a Regular meeting of Council held on
Tuesday, January 26th, 2016



PRESENT: Mayor Ross Forrest
Councillor Carlyne Austin
Councillor Tim McGonigle
Councillor Lorna Vomacka

REGRETS: Councillor Bob K. Day
(with prior approval)

STAFF: Joseph A. Fernandez, Chief Administrative Officer
Ronnie Gill, Director of Finance
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.003/16

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

Correspondence – Action Items

- Cowichan Shoreline Stewardship Project re: Letter of Support;

Correspondence – Information or Consent Items

- Cowichan Valley School District re: Closure of Schools;

Reports – Staff

- Chief Administrative Officer re: Request for Capital Expenditure.

CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

No. R.004/16

(a) Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on
December 22nd, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED.

No. R.005/16

(b) Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on
January 5th, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

5. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

No. R.006/16
Request for Relief of Noise
Bylaw

- (a) Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that Council approve Catalyst Paper’s request for relief from the Town of Lake Cowichan Noise Control Bylaw so it may pump-out water from the Cowichan Lake through the use of ten generators into the Cowichan River in the event of an extreme drought.

CARRIED.

Staff is to investigate how the use of the generators would impact sound levels.

No. R.007/16
Letter of Support

- Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that Council send a letter of support for the Cowichan Shoreline Stewardship Project (CSSP) being undertaken by the Cowichan Lake River and Stewardship Society to slow and reverse the trend in lakeshore habitat destruction.

CARRIED.

- (b) The correspondence item received from the Union of BC Municipalities regarding payment for the upgrade of the Lake Cowichan Waste Water Treatment Plant – phase 1 project was treated as information.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the total funding received on the project was \$1.35 million and that the project came in under its \$1.7 million dollar budget.

The correspondence item received from the Cowichan Valley School District regarding the public consultation process for school closure in the district was treated as information.

7. REPORTS

No. R.008/16
Finance and Administration

- Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on January 12th, 2016 be approved with the following recommendations ratified:

1—Fire Department Incident Report – December, 2015

that the Fire Department Monthly Incident Report for December, 2015 and payment in the amount of \$8,783.36 be approved;

2— Lake Cowichan Fire Department – Pager Purchase

that purchase of 10 pagers for the Lake Cowichan Fire Department be approved prior to the adoption of the 2016 budget for a total cost of \$5,000; and

3— Municipal Type Service Agreement

that approval be given for the execution of the municipal type service agreement between the Town of Lake Cowichan and the Lake Cowichan First Nation for municipal services.

CARRIED.

No. R.009/16
Public Works and
Environmental Services

Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that the minutes of the Public Works and Environmental
Services Committee meeting held on January 5th, 2016 be
approved as presented.

CARRIED.

No. R.0010/16
Parks, Recreation and Culture

Moved: Councillor Vomacka
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture
Committee meeting held on January 5th, 2016 be approved with
the following recommendations ratified:

1—Little League Irrigation Project

that Council approve the re-budgeting for the irrigation project
for the Little League Park which is to be completed prior to the
adoption of the 5-Year Plan.

CARRIED.

No. R.0011/16
Economic and Sustainable
Development

Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the minutes of the Economic and Sustainable Development
Committee meeting held on January 12th, 2016 be approved
with the following recommendations ratified:

1—Economic Development Workshop

that those Committee members that wish to attend the
Economic Development Workshop to be held January 28th,
2016 in Tofino, BC be authorized to attend.

CARRIED.

Cowichan Lake Recreation

The minutes of the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission
meeting held on December 17th, 2016 were treated as
information.

Mayor Forrest advised of the recent appointments to the
Recreation Commission which included Lori Johnson and Ted
Gamble for the Town of Lake Cowichan, Cory Bath and Dave
Darling for Electoral Area "F" and Eva Fearon and Bill Peters for
Electoral Area "I". He also reported that the next meeting of
the Commission was scheduled for Thursday, January 28th,
2016.

Vancouver Island Regional
Library

Councillor Vomacka reported on the recent annual general
meeting held by the Library Board and advised that 38 libraries
will be receiving defibrillators from the Heart and Stroke for
installation at those locations.

Ohtaki Twinning Committee

Mayor Forrest advised that correspondence has been received
from Ohtaki, Japan on its visit in October, 2016 with a decision
on travel dates still to be determined.

Advisory Planning Commission

Councillor McGonigle reported that the Advisory Planning
Commission was meeting on Thursday, January 28th, 2016 and
would be discussing the gateway signage improvements and
were making revisions to the subdivision bylaw.

Community Forest Co-
operative

Councillor McGonigle advised that plans were well underway for
the Forest Co-op to welcome nearly 100 delegates into the
Cowichan Lake for the annual meeting to be held May 26th
through to 28th, 2016.

Cowichan Valley Regional District Board

(b) Councillor McGonigle advised that he would be attending the working session beginning at 11:00 a.m., followed by the regional engineering and regional services meetings for the Regional District on Wednesday, January 27th, 2016.

Social Planning Cowichan

Councillor Austin gave a verbal report on her attendance at the Social Planning Cowichan Committee meeting held January 11th, 2016.

Community Safety Advisory

Councillor Austin advised that she would not be able to attend the next Community Safety Advisory meeting because of a prior commitment.

No. R.0012/16
Capital Expenditure – Public Works

(c) Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that Council approve the capital expenditure of \$8,000 plus GST prior to the approval of the 2016 budget to allow for the construction of a covered truck bay at the Public Works yard.
CARRIED.

8. BYLAWS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor presented his report for January, 2016 with the following highlights:

- Goals and objectives of the Town revolve around the sole intent of enhancing the community in making it safer and more desirable to live in;
- Optimism and excitement about improvements and proposed upgrades for 2016;
- Additional stimulus for growth and prosperity with the Laketown Ranch project;
- Shared a quote “we can embrace as a possible opportunity for growth or reject with the possibility of missing a great opportunity”;
- Encouraged that new residents are looking for ways to help serve the community as volunteers;
- Hosting of the BC Community Forest Association by the Lake Cowichan Forest Co-operative and Pacheedaht First Nation on May 26th to 28th, 2016 in Lake Cowichan and with 100 delegates expected from all over BC;
- Recent meeting regarding a Senior’s Care facility attended by 35 people and the formation of a steering committee; and
- Recognizing and welcoming Buzzcuts Multimedia which used various locations in Lake Cowichan for the shooting of a horror-thriller movie called Dashcam.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

12. IN CAMERA

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

No. R.0013/16
Adjournment

Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that we adjourn (6:44 p.m.).

CARRIED.

Certified correct _____.

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2016.

Mayor