



TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Minutes of a Regular meeting of Council

Tuesday, December 20th, 2016

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

STAFF: Joseph A. Fernandez, Chief Administrative Officer
Kari Lingren, Recording Secretary

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Forrest called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. **AGENDA**

No. R.00162/16

Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

No. R.00163/16

(a) Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Day
that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on
November 22nd, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

5. **DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS**

None.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Action Items**

None.

(b) **Information or Consent Items**

(i) The correspondence item from British Columbia Achievement
Foundation on the 2017 BC Community Achievement Awards
was treated as information.

7. **REPORTS**

No. R.00164/16
Finance and Administration

Moved: Councillor Day
Seconded: Councillor McGonigle
that the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee
meeting held on December 13th, 2016 be approved with the
following:

1- Fire Department Incident Report

that Council approve the Lake Cowichan Fire Department's incident report for November, 2016 for expenditures totaling \$10,245.80;

2- Lot 89 Lakeview Avenue

that the lot at 89 Lakeview Avenue be disposed of; and

3- Community Garden

that the policy on the Community Gardens be approved.

CARRIED.

No. R.00165/16
Public Works and
Environmental Services

Moved: Councillor Austin

Seconded: Councillor Day

that the minutes of the Public Works and Environmental Services Committee meeting held on December 6th, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED.

No. R.00166/16
Parks, Recreation and Culture

Moved: Councillor Vomacka

Seconded: Councillor McGonigle

that the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee meeting held on December 6th, 2016 be approved with the following:

1- Centennial Park Upgrade

that the re-design to the Centennial Park upgrade in order to expand the length behind the backstop of the ball field be appropriated for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 dollars that includes the consulting fees.

CARRIED.

No. R.00167/16
Economic and Sustainable
Development

Moved: Councillor Day

Seconded: Councillor Austin

that the minutes of the Economic and Sustainable Development Committee meeting held on December 13th, 2016 be approved with the following:

1- Economic Readiness Assessment

that the proposal from Urbanics Consultants to undertake the Economic Readiness Assessment be accepted.

CARRIED.

Cowichan Lake Recreation

Mayor Forrest informed Council that the next Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission meeting will be on December 21st, 2016. He mentioned the longtime commission members Bill Peters and Dave Darling would be stepping down from their positions and thanked them for their dedication to the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission. Thor Repstock and Terry Akiyama have been appointed to the Commission to replace the retiring members.

Vancouver Island Regional
Library

Councillor Vomacka informed Council that the Annual General meeting will take place on January 21st, 2017. She mentioned that internet use at the library was up 22% while visitor use was down 6%.

Advisory Planning Commission

Councillor McGonigle advised that the next meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission slated for December 22nd, 2016 has been cancelled. He reported that at the last meeting the columbarium, parking in Town, and age specific plans for the community plan were discussed. He also noted that it was the

time of year to apply (or re-apply) for a position with the Advisory Planning Commission.

Community Forest Co-operative

Councillor McGonigle updated Council on the last meeting that took place on November 24th, 2016 for the Community Forest Co-operative. He informed the committee that the forest co-op had a successful year in logging. Councillor McGonigle’s name was put forward again this year and he has accepted the position as vice-president.

(b) Other Reports

Cowichan Valley Regional District Board

(i) Councillor Day gave a verbal report to Council on his attendance at the December, 2016 Cowichan Valley Regional District’s Board meeting.

Community Outreach Team

(ii) Councillor Austin informed Council that the Community Outreach Team’s next meeting will be meeting in January.

Seniors’ Care Facility

(iii) Councillor McGonigle updated council of the last Senior Care Facility meeting that was held on December 19th, 2016. He mentioned that there were not enough in attendance for a quorum.

Community Safety Advisory

(iv) Councillor Austin informed Council on highlights from the last meeting held in December, 2016. The next meeting is scheduled for January, 2016.

(c) Staff Reports

None.

8. BYLAWS

No. R.00168/16
No. 982-2016
Water Regulations and Rates

(a) Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Day
that the “Town of Lake Cowichan Water Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 982-2016” be reconsidered and adopted.

CARRIED.

No. R.00169/16
No. 983-2016
Sewer Regulations and Rates

(b) Moved: Councillor Day
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the “Town of Lake Cowichan Sewer Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 983-2016” be reconsidered and adopted.

No. R.00170/16
No. 984-2016
Waste Collection Regulations and Rates

(c) Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the “Town of Lake Cowichan Waste Collection Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 984-2016” be reconsidered and adopted.

CARRIED.

No. R.00171/16
No. 984-2016
Fees and Charges for Services

(d) Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Day
that the “Town of Lake Cowichan Fees and Charges for Services Bylaw No. 985-2016” be given first and second readings.

CARRIED.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No. R.00172/16

(a) Moved: Councillor McGonigle
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that Mayor Forrest be approved for a leave of absence from Committee meetings of January 3rd, 2017 and January 10th, 2017.

CARRIED.

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor presented his annual report for 2016 which highlighted:

- The Town accessing a \$5 million Federal Gas Tax Grant from the Federal Government through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, to complete the mandated water treatment upgrades for the Town's drinking water supply;
- Construction having started on the Centennial Park ball diamonds and soccer field by Western Watershed Designs Inc. for a tender price of \$1,152,900 (including all taxes). The grant funding from the Federal Government in the amount of \$500,000 was and was the stimulus behind this project;
- The recent announcement that Lake Cowichan was also successful in obtaining grant funding under the new Clean Water and Wastewater Fund for water main upgrades in the amount of \$1,129,093. The Federal government is providing 50% of this funding (\$680,177), the Province 33% (\$448,916) and the Town will fund the remaining 17% (\$231,261);
- Once again, the delegation from our sister city of Ohtaki, Japan visited Lake Cowichan. Many new friendships were formed between the 13 students and 7 adults from Ohtaki who stayed with their respective homestay families; and
- This spring, the "Still Standing" CBC show about small Canadian towns finding ways to re-invent themselves was filmed in Lake Cowichan. It is one of 13 small towns to be featured during the next summer.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

12. MEDIA/PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

13. IN CAMERA

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

No. R.00173/16
Adjournment

Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that we adjourn (6:54 p.m.).

CARRIED.

Certified correct _____.

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor