



TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Minutes of a Regular meeting of Council

Tuesday, January 22nd, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Rod Peters
Councillor Carolyne Austin
Councillor Lorna Vomacka
Councillor Kristine Sandhu

ABSENT: Councillor Tim McGonigle

STAFF: Joseph A. Fernandez, Chief Administrative Officer
Ronnie Gill, Director of Finance
Jill Walters, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC: 11

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. AGENDA

No. R.001/19

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

Reports:

8 (b)(iii) Island Corridor Foundation; and
8 (b)(iv) Our Cowichan;

Business Arising and Unfinished Business:

(a) Water Treatment Plant;

Correspondence:

7 (b)(i) Brookside Garbage Pickup; and

In Camera:

s.90(1)(f) law enforcement issues affecting the municipality.

CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

No. R.002/19

(a) Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on
December 18th, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) The issue of the Public Works Department having the proper qualifications to operate the new Water Treatment Plant was discussed.

5. DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

None.

**6. VERBAL COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC ON A
SUBSEQUENT ITEM ON THE AGENDA**

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Action Items

(b) Information or Consent Items

- (i)** The letter of thanks from the residents of Brookside regarding their garbage pick-up was treated as information.

8. REPORTS

(a) Council and other Committee Reports

No. R.003/19
Finance and
Administration

- (i)** Moved: Councillor Vomacka
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on January 8th, 2019 be approved with the following:

1—Liaison for Our Cowichan

that Councillor Sandhu be appointed as the liaison for Our Cowichan, with Councillor Austin as the alternate representative.
CARRIED.

No. R.004/19

- (ii)** Moved: Councillor Vomacka
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that the minutes of the Public Works and Environmental Services Committee meeting held on January 15th, 2019 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

No. R.005/19

- (iii)** Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee held on January 15th, 2019 be approved with the following:

1—75 and Beyond Society and Use of Saywell Park

that the use of Saywell Park and Parking Lot by the 75th Birthday Society on the dates of August 16th-18th, 2019 be approved;

2—75 and Beyond Society and Use of Town Square

that the use of the Town square for the 75th Birthday Society garage sale being held on May 25th, 2019 be approved;

3—Lake Cowichan Connecting Communities Project

3- that staff apply for the grant under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for the Lake Cowichan Connecting Communities Project;

4—Kate’s Park

that the green space by King George Roundabout be named Kate’s Park; and

5—Absence from Meeting

that Councillor McGonigle’s absence be approved from the January 22nd, 2019 meeting.

CARRIED.

Cowichan Lake
Recreation

- (iv)** Mayor Peters reported on the 2019 inaugural meeting of the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission held on January 21st, 2019. Thor Repstock was elected Chair of the Committee with Rocky Wise Sr. elected as Vice-Chair.

- Vancouver Island Regional Library (v) Councillor Vomacka reported on the January 19th, 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Vancouver Island Regional Library. Highlights of this meeting were:
- The budget for 2019 was discussed;
 - Cost comparisons were done on building Modular Libraries in smaller communities vs. building new buildings; and
 - January 27th, 2019 is Family Literacy Day at the local Library.
- Advisory Planning Commission (vi) The minutes of the three working groups their last meetings were reviewed. The Official Community Plan Open House is to be held on January 31st, 2019 between 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the Centennial Hall. The next Advisory Planning Commission meeting is January 24th, 2019.
- Community Forest Co-op (vii) There was no report from the Community Forest Co-op.
- Cowichan Valley Regional District Board (b) **Other Reports**
(i) Councillor Sandhu will attend the upcoming CVRD meeting in Councillor McGonigle's absence.
- Community Outreach Team (ii) Councillor Austin reported the following highlights from the January 17th, 2019 meeting:
- Cowichan Lake Community Services Hamper Day was well attended, despite the power outage;
 - Seniors Wellness Pop-up Event was a success;
 - Project ideas for the New Year such as an affordable housing, info session at the library and a community block party and Emergency/Disaster Preparedness were discussed;
 - Emergency Preparedness Meeting was held on January 23rd, 2019 at Centennial Hall;
 - Late fees for children are being eliminated at the Library;
 - The arena has lost a fitness instructor. It is looking for a new facilitator to keep programs running;
 - Kaatza Health Unit will have a new Facebook page; and
 - The next meeting of the Community Outreach Team is to be held on Thursday February 21st, 2019.
- Island Corridor Foundation (iii) Councillor Austin and Councillor Vomacka attended the January 17th, 2019 meeting of the Island Corridor Foundation. Highlights of this meeting included:
- Weekly checks of the rails are performed;
 - The goal is to have Tourist and Commuter trains;
 - Islanders are stakeholders;
 - Letters will be sent to the public to gather their opinions; and
 - The Island Corridor Foundation is to work on a

program called "Rails to Trails".

Our Cowichan (iv) Councillor Sandhu and Councillor Austin attended the January 10th, 2019 meeting of Our Cowichan. Our Cowichan is a group of different bodies of health care that are seeking solutions for the new hospital. They are looking to the Provincial Government for funding some of the new programs. As of now there has been no contact with the doctors in the Cowichan Valley and the Government and Vancouver Island Health Association. The new hospital is anticipated to have 135 beds.

(c) **Staff Reports**

(i) The Director of Finance' report on Metered Water Billings was dealt with the same time as the item from B. Kitagawa who questioned his utility charge of \$2.82 that went back to July 2017. Staff was requested to respond in writing.

9. BYLAWS

No. R.006/19 (a) Moved: Councillor Austin
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the "Town of Lake Cowichan Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1016-2018" be given third reading. CARRIED.

No. R.007/19 (b) Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the "Town of Lake Cowichan Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1016-2018" be reconsidered and adopted. CARRIED.

No. R.008/19 (c) Moved: Councillor Sandhu
Seconded: Councillor Vomacka
that the "Town of Lake Cowichan Fees and Charges Services Bylaw No 1017-2018" be reconsidered and adopted. CARRIED.

10. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Sgt. Foster of the Lake Cowichan RCMP detachment presented the RCMP quarterly report to Mayor and Council. He reported that there was a significant reduction in assaults. The amount of property-related offences stayed the same. The Priority Property Initiative has had a positive effect on property related incidents and priority offenders.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor presented his report for January 2019 with the following highlights:

- He has been Mayor for 12 weeks now;
- He feels that it has gone well, with minimal controversy;
- Council has supported him to date; and
- Budget decisions are ahead. He hopes to find answers to appease the public.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

13. QUESTION PERIOD

14. IN CAMERA

No. R.009/19

Moved: Councillor Vomacka
Seconded: Councillor Austin
that the Committee close the meeting to the public to deal with issues that deal with litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality and that fall under section 90(1) (f) of the Community Charter dealing with law enforcement issues affecting the municipality.
(6:45 p.m.)

CARRIED.

15. ADJOURNMENT

No. R.0010/19

Moved: Councillor Vomacka
Seconded: Councillor Sandhu
that we arise and adjourn (8.12 p.m.), without report.

CARRIED.

Certified correct _____.

Confirmed on the _____ day of _____, 2019.

Mayor