

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission held in the Cowichan Lake Sports Arena Curling Lounge, 311 South Shore, Lake Cowichan BC, on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: T. Repstock
R. Wise
S. Day
Acting Mayor T. McGonigle
Director I. Morrison
Director K. Kuhn

ALSO PRESENT: J. Elzinga, General Manager, Community Services Department
L. Blatchford, Manager, Cowichan Lake Recreation
M. Johnson, Acting Facility Coordinator, West Cowichan
L. Bowery, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: E. Fearon
C. Bath

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1. Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission Meeting of January 23, 2020

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission meeting of January 23, 2020 be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION

I1. CVRD CLR Recreation Safety Plan

REPORTS

R1. Verbal Report from M. Johnson, Acting Facility Coordinator, West Cowichan Re: Painting the Centennial Hall: and Termination of Outdoor Lighting on Public Lands

Staff and contractors have been busy painting. The arena, floors, COVID barriers and parking lot lines have been done. The Centennial Hall has had the exterior painted. In addition to the Youbou main hall, the meeting room and bathrooms have been painted. The Mesachie Lake Hall has had the lobby painted. Honeymoon Bay Hall has had the dining room floors waxed and regular maintenance is being kept up daily in all the facilities.

BC Hydro will be switching out private 400w mercury vapor lights to LED. Lights attached to poles on private property will be changed for customers that still require outdoor lighting for a fee.

R2. Report from L. Blatchford, Manager, Cowichan Lake Recreation Re: HBCA and YCA Free Hall Use

It was moved and seconded that the rental fees be waived for the Honeymoon Bay Community Society's hall use from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021 for the following:

- 1. Twelve board meetings, one event planning meeting and one AGM;**
- 2. Fifty-seven walking club visits;**
- 3. Twelve movie nights; and**
- 4. Seven community events (Craft Fair; Christmas Dinner; Valentines Dinner; Volunteer Appreciation; Senior Information Day; Cabin Fever Event; and Canada Day).**

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that the rental fees be waived for the Youbou Community Society for hall use from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021 for the following:

- 1. Twelve YCA board meetings, and one AGM;**
- 2. Twelve YESS, Emergency Preparedness Meetings;**
- 3. Three Euchre Card Events; and**
- 4. Three community events (Crab Fest plus two still to be determined).**

MOTION CARRIED

R3. Verbal Report from L. Blatchford, Manager, Cowichan Lake Recreation Re: M. Johnson's New Position; Grant Application for Cladding and Condenser; Program Update Including Curling, Hockey and Bowling During COVID; Cancellation of 50 Anniversary Celebration; Budget 2021 Board Mandate and Change of Budget Meeting Date; and USW Ratified 4 Year Contract 2020-2023

M. Johnson was the successful applicant accepting the position of West Cowichan Facility Coordinator. We welcome him to his new position and wish him well in this role.

The CVRD's new Capital Projects Coordinator & Transit Supervisor has applied on behalf of Cowichan Lake Recreation for an "Investing in Canada Infrastructure (ICIP) – Community, Culture and Recreation grant. The grant application is for the replacement of the arena refrigeration condenser and the exterior arena complex cladding. Project cost is estimated at \$180,000 for the condenser and \$475,000 for the cladding with 26.7% or \$175,000 funded by Cowichan Lake Recreation capital reserve funds or through short term borrowing. The deadline for the grant application is October 1, 2020. The province is expecting to respond to applicants by the summer of 2021.

Curling is starting October 5, 2020. We surveyed the curlers to see if there was enough interest, during the pandemic, to run curling this year. 88% of the curlers surveyed responded that they would like to curl, some have not responded yet and we have a number of new to curling participants signing up as we speak. We expect to have the same number of curlers as the past season. A new COVID Curling Guidelines/Safety Plan has been written and approved.

Hockey started on August 4, 2020. All teams are required to submit safety plans to Cowichan Lake Recreation that align with BC Hockey, ViaSport BC and the CVRD's Cowichan Lake Recreation Safety Plan. Ice is booked from morning to night with a 30-minute cleaning buffer between user groups.

Bowling opened in August for Family Bubble Bowling bookings only. We are writing safety plans for the safe re-start of bowling leagues which we hope to start at the end of October.

The 50 Anniversary celebration of the Cowichan Lake Sports Arena scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2020 has been cancelled due to Covid-19. We hope to reschedule at a later date.

The CVRD Board has mandated a 0% requisition increase for the 2021 budget. The Cowichan Lake Recreation budget meeting has been moved to November 26, 2020.

The CVRD and the USW have ratified a four-year contract 2020 – 2023.

R4. Verbal Report from Director I. Morrison and Director K. Kuhn Re: Board Updates

There is a 0% increase mandate on requisition amounts for 2021.

There are strict guidelines for meetings like those at Mellow Hall in Duncan. These strict guidelines make it difficult for people to host in person meetings and for volunteers to meet.

The Vancouver Lamprey or Cowichan Lamprey is an endangered species which is only found here in Lake Cowichan and Mesachie Lake.

R5. Verbal Report from Acting Mayor T. McGonigle Re: Town of Lake Cowichan Update

There is an all candidates meeting coming up on October 8, 2020 in the Centennial Hall.

The Town has made an application to the Canada Infrastructure Program. Funding from this program would be applied to phase II of the Centennial ballfield upgrades.

Electrical will be done to provide lights at the combination tennis and pickleball court.

There is concern that we will be going back to COVID stage 2 based on increasing numbers of infections.

Tubing activities have resulted in numerous complaints including social distancing concerns, parking, and drinking just to name a few. The Town has no jurisdiction over the river and can't simply shut it down. They are only able to police entry/exit points.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____