



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 CENTRE ROAD, LIONS BAY
AND VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING

In Attendance: Mayor Ken Berry
Councillor Neville Abbot (via Zoom)
Councillor Michael Broughton
Councillor Marcus Reuter

Staff: Ron Miller, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer
(Acting CAO/CFO)
Karen Jeffery, Acting Municipal Clerk
Karen Miller, Raincoast Ventures Ltd. (via videoconference) (Recorder)

1. Call to Order

The Special meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the agenda for the February 15, 2023, Special Council Meeting for the Village of Lions Bay be adopted as amended to remove Item 6 and 7.

CARRIED

3. Public Participation

- A. A citizen observed that the meeting agenda format used an unnatural flow with open and closed sections, and suggested that an outside Chief Elections Officer be utilized.
- B. A citizen noted concerns that a recent reminder to be respectful and kind was not being followed. The former CAO was terminated seemingly without cause and left staff without direction, Village updates have been biased to imply the former CFO was incompetent and that Village funds were in danger, and there was disrespect shown to former staff members.

Council members commented on procedural missteps and challenges with misinformation shared.

- C. Tamara Leger (via Zoom) questioned Mayor Ken Berry's Form 4300 Section 31 declaration of professional services in the amount of \$7,993. Concern was expressed that the professional services may have been provided by an individual who was recently hired to an unadvertised Village administrative position; and further that they could be considered for an election position.

Mayor said no four times. Clearly stated that this was incorrect. Mayor Berry denied allegations.

- D. Alison Dudley emphasized the importance of election officers being impartial and non-partisan and perceived as such. True conflicts of interest and perceptions must be considered. It was observed that one staff member was engaged in election debates and it was clear which candidate that staff member preferred.

Mayor Berry informed that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs has offered assistance. It was preferred that outside, independent individuals are chosen for the role.

4. Resolutions

Mayor Berry noted the Ministry of Municipal Affairs had offered to provide and pay for assistance with the by-election.

Karen Jeffery, Acting Municipal Clerk, advised that the notice of nomination must be posted today – February 15, 2023.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council allow staff to post the notice of nomination on February 15, 2023 and February 21, 2023 on the Post Office notice board, the Village website, and the Special Village Update.

DEFEATED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Mayor Berry contact the Ministry of Municipal Affairs on February 16, 2023 to schedule a meeting as soon as possible between Council and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to assist with moving forward with the by-election.

CARRIED

5. Public Questions & Comments

- A. A citizen queried whether Ron Miller was appointed by Council, noting that the CAO's job description indicated that the CAO must request/recommend/ask Council to appoint a CFO. It was not clear whether the appointment took place.

- B. Penny N. stated that in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, if a resolution is passed in an open meeting, it must be rescinded in an open meeting.

6. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

THAT the February 15, 2023, Special Council Meeting for the Village of Lions Bay be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor

A/CAO

Date Adopted by Council:	March 21, 2023
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