



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY
MINUTES**

**October 9, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, 400 Centre Road, Lions Bay
And Via Zoom Video Conference**

In Attendance: Mayor Ken Berry
Councillor Neville Abbott
Councillor Michael Broughton
Councillor Ron McLaughlin

Staff In Attendance: Chief Administrative Officer, Ross Blackwell
Deputy Corporate Officer, Kristal Kenna
Financial Officer, Joe Chirkoff
Karl Buhr, Director of Operations

1. Call to Order

Mayor Berry called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

2. Closure of Council Meeting

No Closure of the meeting.

3. Reporting out from Closed portion of Meeting

No Closure of the meeting.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Broughton

Seconded by: Mayor Berry

THAT the Agenda of October 9, 2025, Committee of the Whole be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. Public Participation

- none

6. Delegations

- none

7. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

7.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting - October 2, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Broughton

Seconded by: Councillor Abbott

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED

8. Business arising from the Minutes

- none

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 Budget 2026 Discussion

Staff outlined the budget process. Items will be discussed and then approved at the following meeting. The goal is to pass the budget before the end of December 2025. Supplementals will be reviewed in detail for capital projects. Financial Officer Joe Chirkoff will be available during office hours for more granular questions from Council.

A request from Council to receive a summary /worksheet of granular questions to avoid redundancy in information. Request that the budget as a whole be presented in tandem with line items.

Chief Administrative Officer suggested Council consider a Reserve Policy, to reserve a set amount of funds each year towards specific items, which helps create a standard baseline for saving regardless of council tenure.

In the event that significant budgetary requirements come out of the Core Fire Services Review, there will still be opportunity for budget amendments into 2026.

Councillor McLaughlin would like to see a budget reduction of \$200k.

Staff requested that Council make the decisions on cuts as diminishing service levels are political.

10. Reports

- none

11. Resolutions

- none

12. Bylaws

- none

13. Correspondence

- none

14. New Business

- none

15. Public Questions and Comments

- none

16. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Broughton

Seconded by: Councillor Abbott

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

The meeting concluded at 7:53 PM

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Date Adopted by Council: October 16, 2025
