



## Town of Lake Cowichan

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To: Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities Members  
Union of BC Municipalities Members  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities Members

Council for the Town of Lake Cowichan passed the following motion and wished to seek your support on this worthwhile initiative.

That the Town of Lake Cowichan supports the *Elect Respect* pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online,
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct.

THAT the Town of Lake Cowichan, calls on elected officials, organizations, and community members to support the *Elect Respect* campaign and sign the online pledge at <https://electrespect.ca/>; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, Union of BC Municipalities, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Yours truly,

Tim McGonigle  
Mayor  
Town of Lake Cowichan