



Town of Ladysmith

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Government Services Committee held in Council Chambers at City Hall
on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Duck Paterson	Scott Bastian
Jan Christenson	Doug Fraser
Donald Fyfe-Wilson	Mayor Rob Hutchins
Rob Johnson	

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli	Rebecca Kalina
Felicity Adams	Joe Friesenhan
Pat Leitch	Felicity Adams

The Chair, Councillor Duck Paterson, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2008-059: It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting retire into Executive Session pursuant to Section 90(1) of the Community Charter. (6:04 p.m.)

Item 1: CC Sec. 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

Item 2: cc Sec. 90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

ARISE AND REPORT

2008-060: It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive Session of Monday, April 21, 2008 arise without report (6:24 p.m.)

AGENDA APPROVAL

Additional Items:

- 12.2 Logger Sports
- 12.3 Economic Development Commission Terms of Office

2008-061: It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Government Services Committee meeting of Monday, April 21, 2008 be approved as amended.

MINUTES

2008-062: It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the Government Services Committee meeting of Monday, March 17, 2008 be approved as circulated.

DELEGATIONS

Pat Moore, Brian Bancroft and Alex Stuart of the Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce delivered a presentation regarding the Business Improvement Area (BIA) Initiative that the Chamber is working on. A request was made to have a member of Council appointed to the BIA. The Chair, D. Paterson, thanked Mr. Moore, Mr. Bancroft and Mr. Stuart for their presentation.

Geoff Millar, Economic Development Manager for the Cowichan Region presented to the Committee the results of two recent UBCM Tourism projects 1.) Tourism Cowichan Regional Visitor Services and Tourism Development 2.) Highways and Roads Tourism Signage Program for the Cowichan Region. The Chair, D. Paterson, thanked Mr. Millar for his informative presentations.

2008-063: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommend to Council that the Economic Development Commission be requested to recommend to Council a local representative to serve on the Cowichan Region Signage Committee.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Malli, City Manager answered questions from the Committee regarding her Work Plan Report dated April 16, 2008 outlining Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 projects.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Director of Public Works, J. Friesenhan; Director of Financial Services P. Leitch; and Manager of Development Services, F. Adams answered questions from the Committee regarding their Quarter 1 Work Plan reports dated April 14, 2008.

F. Adams, Manager of Development Services, vacated Council Chambers at 8:24 p.m.

2008-064: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that approval be given for the lease of a portion of the storage building at the public works yard to the Celebrations Society and that staff be requested to negotiate a lease and arrange for access to the storage area.

2008-065: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that Town vehicles display stickers that state the Town supports anti-idling.

CORRESPONDENCE

2008-066: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Ministry of Transportation asking that an additional speed study be done on the Trans Canada Highway between South Davis Road and North Davis Road with, particular attention to vehicle speeds in the intersection at North Davis Road and the Trans Canada Highway.

2008-067: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to L. Anderson thanking her for her concerns regarding Chemainus Road construction, outline the proposed plans for the upgrade and confirm that the Town will monitor the situation on the road when the upgrades are complete.

2008-068: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the name of "McIntyre" be added to the approved list of street names for the Town of Ladysmith.

2008-069: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that staff be requested to provide the unit price for purchase and installation of a single garbage receptacle, and pricing for weekly pickup of refuse by staff;

AND THAT the purchase and possible location(s) for the receptacles be reviewed by Council once the cost estimate has been received.

2008-070: It was moved, seconded and carried that a reply be sent to the Ladysmith Sportsmen's Club outlining recycling services available at the CVRD's Peerless Road drop off centre and confirming that the Town will request that the CVRD increase advertising of services and hours of operation at Peerless Road.

NEW BUSINESS

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

P. Leitch, Director of Financial Services, vacated Council Chambers at 8:52. p.m.

2008-071: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the Town host a series of community meetings during the month of May and June based on the following themes: development, infrastructure and parks recreation issues.

2008-072: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that an ad hoc committee consisting of two members of Council and two members of staff be established to facilitate the hosting of a series of community meetings.

2008-073: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that proceeds from the sale of firewood (from the felled logger sports spar trees at the

amphitheatre) be used to offset the costs of the repair to any cracked bricks, the removal of the remainder of the spar trees, and / or the repair of the birling pond lid.

2008-074: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that a letter of thanks be sent to Island Timberlands for the donation of two spar trees for the logger sports area at the amphitheatre.

2008-075: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the Economic Development Commission Bylaw 1548 be amended such that 4 (four) members be appointed for a two year term and 3 (three) members be appointed for a three year term and that at the end of three years all appointments will be for two years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2008-076: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that a representative from Council be appointed to the Business Improvement Area Exploratory Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

2008-077: It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting adjourn. (8:58 p.m.)

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chair (Councillor D. Paterson)

Manager of Administrative Services / Deputy Corporate Officer (S. Morden)