



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF LADYSMITH
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL ON
MONDAY, JULY 16, 2012**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rob Hutchins
Councillor Jillian Dashwood

Councillor Steve Arnett
Councillor Gord Horth

Councillor Bill Drysdale
Councillor Glenda Patterson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Duck Paterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
John Manson

Sandy Bowden
Joanna Winter

Felicity Adams

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchins called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Hutchins requested Council's consideration of the following additions to the agenda:

10.1 Proposed privatization of British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch

CS 2012-242

It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Regular Session of Council for July 16, 2012 be approved as amended.

MINUTES

CS 2012-243

It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 3, 2012 be approved as circulated.

**DEVELOPMENT
APPLICATIONS**

Temporary Use Permit Application - Oak Development Ltd. – 11 High Street (Lion Rampant Ventures—Bruce Findlay)

CS 2012-244

It was moved, seconded and carried that:

- staff be directed to coordinate the statutory notice for Temporary Use Permit application 3340-12-01 with the referral from the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch;
 - Temporary Use Permit application 3340-12-01 (11 High Street) be referred to a joint meeting of the Advisory Planning commission, the Advisory Design Panel and the Heritage Revitalization Advisory Commission for review and comment;
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- the conditions of the issuance of the neighbourhood pub temporary use permit 3340-12-01 be finalized following the public input stage and consideration of the referral from the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch and that a condition be that the establishment participate in the local “Bar Watch” program;
- staff be directed to develop a budget for landscape improvements to the planter located in front of 11 High Street and the installation of bicycle parking in the vicinity of High Street and to report back to Council; and
- staff be directed to report back to Council with recommendations for upgrading the public parking directional signage in the Downtown.

CS 2012-245 It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be directed to proceed with the statutory notice for a Temporary Use Permit to permit a 100 seat “neighbourhood pub use, including micro-brewery” at 11 High Street for a two year period with one renewal.

CS 2012-246 It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be directed to prepare a bylaw to amend the Official Community Plan within the next twelve months to increase the period of time allowed for a Temporary Use Permit to three years with one renewal.

CS 2012-247 It was moved, seconded and carried that the off-street parking requirement for the neighbourhood pub Temporary Use Permit 3340-12-01 be deferred for the duration of the temporary use permit until the rezoning application stage.

J. Manson left the meeting.

Signage Development Variance Permit Application – Global Vocational Services, Lot A, District Lot 24 and 56, Oyster District, Plan 703A (#11, 740 First Avenue)

CS 2012-248 It was moved and seconded that staff be directed to proceed with the statutory notice for a Signage Development Variance Permit to permit a maximum size of 1.5 m² for suspended signs at 740 First Avenue.

Motion defeated.

CS 2012-249 It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be directed to proceed with the statutory notice for Signage Development Variance Permit for application 3090-12-02 at #11, 740 First Avenue.

**STAFF / ADVISORY
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

F. Adams left the meeting.

Town of Ladysmith 2011 Annual Report

R. Johnson enquired about several aspects of the 2011 Town of Ladysmith Annual Report and was advised of the following:

- Council is considering a recommendation to combine the Economic Development and Environment Commissions
- the staff union contract wage increase is included in the estimated inflationary rate contained in the Financial Statements
- the draft report on the implementation of the Town's Vision is expected shortly and will be made available for public review and input
- Town-owned properties listed for sale are posted on the Town's website and a letter has recently been sent to residents in the vicinity of 900 Russell Road advising them of the Town's plan to issue a Request for Proposals for development of that property
- the review of the vision for the Town's waterfront will begin after the Town has received the results of the environmental assessment, and the public will be involved in the review.
- the status of the Tourism Advisory Committee will be determined when Council has decided on the allocation of funds set aside in the 2012 budget for economic development
- the majority of job postings processed in 2011 were for part-time, casual and seasonal staff
- the pool by the Chicken Ladder Dam water system intake on Holland Creek has been fenced off to protect water quality for at least three years

P. Williams enquired about a number of matters concerning the 2011 Town of Ladysmith Annual Report and was advised of the following:

- the Annual Report has been amended to clarify population figures published in an earlier draft
- the figure for wages and benefits in the 2011 Financial Statements is net of policing costs
- the figures regarding wages and benefits in the Financial Statements are correct

Staff will provide the following information at a future Council meeting, in response to enquiries:

- The number of full time equivalent employees in 2011.
- A breakdown of revenues for the Frank Jameson Community Centre

- The turnover rate among permanent full time staff

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Annual Report for the Town of Ladysmith for the year ending December 31, 2011 be approved as circulated.

CS 2012-250

CORRESPONDENCE

**Darlene Kelt, Ladysmith Celebrations Society
Request for Waving of Trolley Rental Fee for Ladysmith Days**

CS 2012-251

It was moved, seconded and carried that the request from the Ladysmith Celebrations Society for waiver of the trolley rental fee for use of the trolley as a shuttle during Ladysmith Days on Sunday August 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. be denied.

**Christian Walli, Tree Canada
Funding Approval for Bayview Avenue Multi-Use Connector**

CS 2012-252

It was moved, seconded and carried that the grant from Tree Canada/BC Hydro in the amount of \$6,240 for the purchase of trees and shrubs for the Bayview Avenue Multi-use Connector be accepted.

**Hon. Kevin Falcon, Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier
Expert Panel of Business Taxation and Municipal Revenue
Sources Review**

CS 2012-253

It was moved, seconded and carried that the correspondence from the Honourable Kevin Falcon, in response to Council's letter regarding the provincial expert panel review of business taxation and the municipal revenue sources review, be received.

BYLAWS

Town of Ladysmith Development Procedures Bylaw 2008, No. 1667, Amendment Bylaw 2012, No. 1806

CS 2012-254

It was moved, seconded and carried that Town of Ladysmith Development Procedures Bylaw 2008, No. 1667, Amendment Bylaw 2012, No. 1806 be adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

B.C. Liquor Distribution Branch—Proposed Sale

CS 2012-255

It was moved, seconded and carried that:

Whereas the provincial government, without public consultation or business case, has announced plans to privatize the Liquor Distribution Branch distribution system and sell off its warehouses, which is the first step in the full privatization of our public liquor system, including the retail stores;

and

Whereas the sale of this profitable, socially responsible and proven public asset that generates almost a billion dollars a year in net income for health, education and other public services, will lead to reduced revenues, higher consumer prices, less selection and a host of social problems associated with liquor privatization that may fall on local governments to deal with;

Therefore be it resolved that Council urge the provincial government to put a moratorium on the privatization of the Liquor Distribution Branch and provide a formal vehicle for public discussion and community input into these issues.

QUESTION PERIOD

R. Johnson was advised that trees for the Bayview Multi-use Connector will be purchased with the funds from the Tree Canada/BC Hydro grant

R. Johnson was advised that the title of the Manager of Development Services position was changed to Director in November 2009.

Staff will provide the following information at a future Council meeting in response to questions:

- The grandfathering of parking provisions for the building at 11 High Street
- Results of a trolley rider count to determine how and when fares are paid
- Trolley advertising revenues for 2012

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CS 2012-256

It was moved, seconded and carried at 8:41 p.m. that Council retire into Executive Session in order to discuss the following items in accordance with Section 90(1) of the Community Charter:

Item 1

personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality

Item 2

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.

Item 3

Negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

RISE AND REPORT

Council arose without report at 10:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

CS 2012-257

It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting of Council be adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor (R. Hutchins)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)