



**TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALL TO ORDER 6:00 P.M.
CLOSED MEETING 6:01 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rob Hutchins
Councillor Bill Drysdale
Councillor Glenda Patterson

Councillor Steve Arnett
Councillor Gord Horth

Councillor Jillian Dashwood
Councillor Duck Paterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
Joanna Winter
Felicity Adams

Sandy Bowden
John Manson

Erin Anderson
Clayton Postings

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchins called this Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:01 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

CS 2014-115

Moved and seconded at 6:02:

That Council retire into Closed Session in order to consider the following items:

- 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
- litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality
- law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment.

Motion carried.

RISE AND REPORT

Council rose from Closed Meeting at 6:52 p.m. without report.

REGULAR OPEN MEETING

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2014-116

Moved and seconded:

That the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of April 7, 2014 be approved as amended with the following changes:

13.1 Zoning Bylaw Update

Motion carried.

MINUTES

CS 2014-117

Moved and seconded:

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Monday, March 24, 2014 be approved.

Motion carried.

DELEGATIONS

Lori Iannidinardo, Nick Versteeg

Cittaslow Cowichan Bay

CVRD Area D Director Lori Iannidinardo and Nick Versteeg, President of Cittaslow Cowichan Bay gave a presentation regarding the international Cittaslow sustainability and slow foods movement, and the local organization in Cowichan Bay, pointing out that Cowichan Bay was the first community in North America to achieve Cittaslow designation from the international organization.

Council asked questions about the program and thanked Ms. Iannidinardo and Mr. Versteeg for their presentation.

Rodney Szasz

Motorized Vehicles in Ladysmith Watershed

Rodney Szasz reviewed a letter he had written to Council outlining his concerns about the effects of motorized vehicles, especially all-terrain vehicles, in the Ladysmith watershed. He reviewed a series of photographs that he had taken to illustrate the damage done by vehicles, as well as garbage dumping in the area.

CS 2014-118

Moved and seconded:

That Council request staff to review the matter of vehicle/ATV use in the Ladysmith watershed, as well as the recommendations contained in the correspondence from Rodney Szasz received on March 24, 2014, in consultation with the Ladysmith Sportsmen's Club and other trail users, and in the context of Oliver Brandes' "Blueprint for Watershed Governance in British Columbia".

Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Hutchins proclaimed the month of April 2014 as Safe Digging Month in the Town of Ladysmith.

FINANCIAL PLAN DELIBERATIONS

Capital Plan

The Director of Financial Services reviewed the proposed Capital Budget for 2014 and for the period 2014 to 2018, and responded to questions from Council and members of the public. Council requested that:

- Signage improvements in the downtown area be made a priority for 2014
- A portion of the funds allocated for an off-leash dog park in 2015 be moved to the 2014 capital plan

- Funds allocated to the walkway to the Ladysmith Maritime Society Community Marina be moved from 2015 to 2014, with additional funds allocated in 2015
- Consideration be given to lighting upgrades at the Frank Jameson Community Centre in 2014
- Replacement of the chairs at Aggie Hall be included in the capital plan
- Expanded parking at Aggie Hall be discussed at a future budget meeting.

Council will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, April 14 to further consider the 2014 to 2018 Financial Plan.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Services Committee Recommendation

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-119

That Council direct staff to create a property tax prepayment plan bylaw which will automatically debit an agreed-upon installment amount from a property owner's bank account with the amount to be applied against the next property tax bill.

Motion carried.

Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Recommendations

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-120

That Council write to School District 68 requesting that playground equipment at Davis Road School remain at this site.

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-121

That Council refer the recommendation from the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, to designate a portion of the Holland Creek Trail as an on-leash area, to staff in order to consider the implications of this recommendation with respect to current policies, bylaws, education, enforcement and other off-leash areas such as Mackie Park.

Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Results of the Alternative Approval Process on Boundary Extension Application

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-122

That Council request staff to prepare a report concerning options for proceeding to referendum on the matter of the boundary extension application from TimberWest/Couverdon once the climate modelling for the watershed has been completed.

Motion carried.

Proposed Amendments to Town of Ladysmith Dog Licencing, Control and Pound Bylaw 1995, No. 1155

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-123

That Council direct staff to amend Town of Ladysmith Dog Licencing, Control and Pound Bylaw 1995, No. 1155 to delete Section 13 and include reference to the prohibition of dogs being at large on private property in Section 14 of the bylaw.

Motion carried.

2013 Water Report and Filtration Recommendation

The Director of Infrastructure Services presented the 2013 Water Report for the Town of Ladysmith, including a recommendation that Council consider pursuing water filtration as the method of secondary water treatment for the Town of Ladysmith.

Council requested that the Water Report and accompanying recommendations be placed on the agenda for the April 14 Special Council Meeting.

BYLAWS

Councillor D. Paterson declared a conflict of interest with the following agenda item due to his employment, and excused himself from the meeting.

Town of Ladysmith Zoning Bylaw 1995, No. 1160, Amendment Bylaw (No. 97) 2014, No. 1848

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-124

That Town of Ladysmith Zoning Bylaw 1995, No. 1160, Amendment Bylaw (No. 97) 2014, No. 1848 be adopted.

Motion carried.

Councillor D. Paterson returned to the meeting.

Town of Ladysmith Delegation Bylaw 2007, No. 1614, Amendment Bylaw 2014, No. 1850

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-125

That Town of Ladysmith Delegation Bylaw 2007, No. 1614, Amendment Bylaw 2014, No. 1850 be adopted.

Motion carried.

Town of Ladysmith Dog Licencing, Control and Pound Bylaw 1995, No. 1155, Amendment Bylaw 2014, No. 1852

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-126

That Town of Ladysmith Dog Licencing, Control and Pound Bylaw 1995, No. 1155, Amendment Bylaw 2014 No. 1852 be read a first, second and third time.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

**Kay St. Denis, Ladysmith Girl Guides
Request for Waiver of Trolley Rental Fee**

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-127

That the trolley rental fee be waived for the Girl Guides of Canada in order to permit the Guides and assistants to travel to Gourlay

Janes Park on Saturday, April 26, 2014, where they will plant items which they have donated, and that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Girl Guides for their generous donation of plants and their hard work at Gourlay Janes Park.

Motion carried.

**Adriana McMullen BC Transit
Schedule Adjustment to Cowichan Valley Regional Transit Routes
31, 32, 26, 33, 34 and 35 (Ladysmith)**

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-128

That Council receive the correspondence from BC Transit, dated March 21, 2014, outlining changes to Ladysmith transit routes 26, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 and advise BC Transit that the Town supports the proposed route changes.

Motion carried.

**Jennifer Jones, Rob Hutchins, Our Cowichan – Communities
Health Network**

Request for Town to Include E-Cigarettes in No-Smoking Policies

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-129

That Council direct staff to investigate the suitability of amending the relevant no-smoking regulations in order to include the use of electronic cigarettes in its current enforcement of regional smoking regulations, as requested by the Cowichan Communities Health Network in their correspondence dated March 25, 2014.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Bylaw Update

Council was advised that a public Open House on the proposed new Zoning Bylaw will be scheduled within the next few weeks, and that it is anticipated the new Zoning Bylaw will be brought before Council for readings and a Public Hearing in June.

QUESTION PERIOD

D. Judson, Ladysmith Sportsmen's Club, offered to take part in discussions regarding motor vehicle damage and refuse dumping in the Ladysmith Watershed.

In response to a question from the public, it was noted that heating is required in the public washrooms at Transfer Beach to prevent pipes from freezing.

R. Armour was advised that the Town and citizens of Ladysmith are interested in urging School District 68 to keep the playground equipment at the Ecole Davis Road school site as the equipment was purchased with funds raised by the School Parent Advisory Council and a \$10,000 donation from the Town, to help ensure that there is a playground south of Holland Creek.

R. Johnson was advised that when Council anticipates attendance at a Council meeting will exceed the posted capacity of Council Chambers, the meeting will be moved to an alternative location.

ADJOURNMENT

CS 2014-130

Moved and seconded:

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Motion carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor (R. Hutchins)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)