



TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, JULY 16, 2012
5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Steve Arnett, Chair
Councillor Bill Drysdale
Mayor Rob Hutchins

Councillor Jill Dashwood
Councillor Gord Horth
Councillor Glenda Patterson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Duck Paterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
Felicity Adams
John Manson

Sandy Bowden
Erin Anderson
Joanna Winter

CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Arnett called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councillor Arnett requested Council's consideration of the following additions to the agenda:

- 7.1 Animal Control at Transfer Beach
- 7.2 Sidewalks on First Avenue South of Roberts Street
- 7.3 Waterfront Landscaping in the Vicinity of Black Press Building

GS 2012-066

It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Government Services Committee meeting of July 16, 2012 be adopted as amended.

MINUTES

GS 2012-067

It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the Government Services Committee meeting held June 18, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

**STAFF/ADVISORY
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

City Managers Report

The City Manager and Directors provided a verbal report to the Committee and responded to questions on progress regarding staff work plans and priorities.

Revitalization Tax Exemption -- Economic Revitalization

- GS 2012-068** It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that economic revitalization be confirmed as a priority for the Town of Ladysmith.
- GS 2012-069** It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that property classes 4, 5 and 6 be designated to receive an economic revitalization tax exemption.
- GS 2012-070** It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that the economic revitalization exemption program for Classes 4 and 5 apply to all appropriately zoned lands in the Town of Ladysmith.
- GS 2012-071** It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that staff be directed to develop recommendations with respect to geographic areas in the Town of Ladysmith in which an economic revitalization exemption for class 6 would apply.
- GS 2012-072** It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that the value of construction, demolition and reconstruction of a project be set at \$200,000 in order for the project to be eligible for an economic revitalization tax exemption.
- GS 2012-073** It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that the period of eligibility for an economic revitalization tax exemption be set at five years.

Opposed: Councillors Dashwood and Drysdale.

Revitalization Tax Exemption – Brownfields

Motion Referred:

- GS 2012-074** It was moved and seconded that the Committee recommend to Council that the Town of Ladysmith pursue a Revitalization Tax Exemption for Brownfields Revitalization, including designation of a geographic area to receive this exemption, the value of the construction or renovation and consideration of properties registered on the province's Contaminated Sites Registry.
- GS 2012-075** It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the matter of a Town of Ladysmith Revitalization Tax Exemption for Brownfields Revitalization, including designation of a geographic area to receive this exemption, the value of the construction or renovation and consideration of properties registered on the province's Contaminated Sites Registry, be referred to the 2013 work plan.

Revitalization Tax Exemption – Social Programs

Motion Defeated:

GS 2012-076 It was moved and seconded that the Committee recommend to Council that a Revitalization Tax Exemption for Social Revitalization be pursued in the Town of Ladysmith.

Opposed: Mayor Hutchins and Councillors Arnett, Dashwood, Drysdale, Horth and G. Patterson.

Financial Update to June 30, 2012

GS 2012-077 It was moved, seconded and carried that the Financial Plan Update for the Town of Ladysmith to the end of June 2012 be received.

Staff were requested to provide an additional column noting percentage of expenditures versus total budget for major expenditure categories.

Building Inspector's Report

GS 2012-078 It was moved, seconded and carried that the Building Inspector's Report for June 2012 be received.

Trolley Report

GS 2012-079 It was moved, seconded and carried that the Trolley Report for June 2012 be referred to staff to correct trolley ridership figures as required.

Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Report

GS 2012-080 It was moved, seconded and carried that the Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Report for June 2012 be received.

Coastal Animal Control Services – Pound Report

GS 2012-081 It was moved, seconded and carried that the Pound Report from Coastal Animal Control Services for June 2012 be received.

Visitor Information Centre Report

GS 2012-082 It was moved, seconded and carried that the Ladysmith Visitor Information Centre Report for June 2012 be received.

NEW BUSINESS

Animal Control at Transfer Beach

Staff were requested to provide to the Animal Control Officer a list of public events the Town would like him to patrol.

Sidewalk on First Avenue South of Roberts Street

The Committee was advised that a risk assessment was carried out in early July 2012 on the sidewalks along First Avenue between Baden Powell and Symonds Streets, and that staff will report back to the Committee with the findings of the report, including any recommendations for repairs or improvements.

Landscaping on the Waterfront in the Vicinity of the Black Press Building

Staff were requested to ensure that landscaping of buildings along Oyster Bay Drive is completed in accordance with the development permits.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GS 2012-083

Request for Council Consideration of a Cat Bylaw

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that consideration of a cat bylaw for the Town of Ladysmith be referred to the 2013 work plan.

ADJOURNMENT

GS 2012-084

It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting of the Government Services Committee be adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Chair (Councillor S. Arnett)

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)