



TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF
THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Bill Drysdale (Chair)
Councillor Gord Horth
Councillor Duck Paterson

Councillor Steve Arnett
Mayor Rob Hutchins

Councillor Jillian Dashwood
Councillor Glenda Patterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
John Manson

Felicity Adams
Clayton Postings

Erin Anderson
Joanna Winter

CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Drysdale called the Municipal Services Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

MS 2014-022

Moved and seconded:

It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for this meeting of the Municipal Services Committee be approved with the following additions:

3.1 Delegation: Erik Holbek, ECON Consulting (Stz'uminus First Nation Wood Lot Licence Harvesting Plan)

7.1 Snowplowing

7.2 Adopt-a-Block Program

Motion carried.

MINUTES

MS 2014-023

Moved and seconded:

That the minutes of the Municipal Services Committee meeting held February 17, 2014 be approved.

Motion carried

DELEGATION

Erik Holbek, Econ Consulting

Stz'uminus First Nation Wood Lot Licence Harvesting Plan

E. Holbek presented details of plans for harvesting blocks in Wood Lot Licence 1713 and 1906, including considerations for recreation, public and worker safety, and visual impact. E. Holbek responded to questions from Committee members. The Chair thanked E. Holbek for his presentation and expressed appreciation to the Stz'uminus First Nation for taking into consideration the recreation and viewscape concerns of Council and Town residents.

REPORTS

City Manager's Report

Moved and seconded:

MS 2014-024

That the City Manager's Report for the month of February 2014 be

received.
Motion carried.

Beer Garden and Special Occasion Licence Applications Policy

Moved and seconded:

MS 2014-025

That the Committee recommend that Council consider amending the Beer Garden and Special Occasion Licence Applications Policy:

- To delegate to the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture the authority to approve Special Occasion Licences at the identified facilities for this purpose;
- To remove the deadline for submissions;
- To add Forrest Field, Transfer Beach Park and Aggie Hall and Fields as permitted areas for Special Occasion Licensed use.

Motion carried.

Dogs on Holland Creek Trail

Moved and seconded:

MS 2014-026

That the Committee recommend that Council consider the following recommendation from the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission:

That Council amend Parks Usage Bylaw 1995, No. 1158 (as amended by Bylaw 2000, No. 1396) to state that dogs must be leashed at all times while on the Holland Creek Trail; and

That signage be erected to ensure the general public is aware that dogs are permitted on the trail, but must be leashed at all times.

Motion referred.

Moved and seconded:

MS 2014-027

That the Committee recommend that Council refer the matter of on- and off-leash dogs in Town parks to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for further investigation and to report back to Council.

Motion carried.

Councillor Drysdale invited members of the public to speak to the matter and advised them that the Town would consider a variety of options for seeking public input into the issue.

2014 – 2018 Financial Plan Deliberations

Moved and seconded:

MS 2014-028

That the Committee recommend that Council approve the following dates for the 2014 to 2018 Financial Plan deliberations:

- March 3 – Grants-in-Aid Discussion
- March 24 – Financial Plan Overview (Special Council Meeting)
- April 7 – Ongoing Financial Plan deliberations
- April 14 – Ongoing Financial Plan deliberations (Special Council Meeting)

Fire Chief's Report – January 2014

MS 2014-029 *Moved and seconded:*
That the Fire Chief's Report for the month of January 2014 be received.
Motion carried.

MS 2014-030 **Coastal Animal Control Services – January 2014 Pound Report**
Moved and seconded:
That the Coastal Animal Control Services Pound Report for the month of January 2014 be received.
Motion carried.

The Committee requested that in future, monthly reports from Coastal Animal Control Services include a summary of bylaw enforcement activities carried out and areas visited, as well as hours activities are carried out.

CORRESPONDENCE

Troy Grant
Traffic Calming on Fourth Avenue Extension
Moved and seconded:
MS 2014-031 That the Committee recommend to Council that the correspondence from Troy Grant requesting consideration of traffic calming measures on the Fourth Avenue Extension be referred to the Speed Watch program of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police with a request to monitor traffic in the vicinity and to provide a report to Council.
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Island Corridor Foundation
Committee members discussed efforts by the Island Corridor Foundation to reinstate passenger rail service on Vancouver Island.

ADJOURNMENT

MS 2014-032 *Moved and seconded:*
That this meeting of the Municipal Services Committee be adjourned at 6:25 p.m.
Motion carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair (Councillor B. Drysdale)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)