



Town of Ladysmith

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jan Christenson
Donald Fyfe-Wilson
Duck Paterson

Doug Fraser
Mayor Rob Hutchins
Rob Johnson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Scott Bastian

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
Felicity Adams
Joe Friesenhan

Rebecca Kalina
Patrick Durban
Pat Leitch

The Chair, Councillor Duck Paterson, called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2008-001: It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting retire into Executive Session pursuant to Section 90(1) of the Community Charter. (5:46 p.m.)

Item 1: Community Charter Section 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;

Item 2: Community Charter Section 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;

Item 3: Community Charter Section 90(1)(k) 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;

ARISE AND REPORT

2008-002: It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive Session of Monday, January 21, 2008 arise without report (6:08 p.m.)

F. Adams, Manager of Development Services arrived in Council Chambers at 6:28 p.m.

Councillor Donald Fyfe-Wilson arrived in Council Chambers at 6:29 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

2008-003: It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Government Services Committee meeting of Monday, January 21, 2008 be approved as circulated.

MINUTES

2007-004: It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the Government Services Committee meeting of Monday, December 10, 2007 be approved as circulated.

DELEGATIONS

Bill MacGougan, Assessor, Vancouver Island Region, BC Assessment presented to the Committee on the 2008 property assessments and reviewed the appeal process. He directed property owners to use the BC Assessment website which has a property owners tool kit that is very informative.

2008-005: It was moved, seconded and carried to allow members of the audience to ask questions of Mr. MacGougan from BC Assessment.

Audience members declined to ask questions.

Chairperson Duck Paterson thanked Mr. MacGougan for his presentation.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

R. Malli, City Manager gave a power point presentation on her LGMA Manager's Exchange to New Zealand and gave an overview of her 2007 Annual Report.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

P. Leitch, P. Durban, J. Friesenhan, F. Adams and R. Malli briefly reviewed their written 2007 Annual Reports for the Departments of Finance, Parks, Recreation and Culture, Public Works, Development Services and Corporate Services.

REPORTS

2008-006: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that authorization be given for the proposed works to proceed on the archive facility, with the funds (\$59,400.) to come from the Archive Reserve.
(Opposed Vote - Councillor R. Johnson)

2008-007: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that branch pickup be eliminated as a service from the Town's spring clean up program, as the service is now available at no cost through the regional district.
(Opposed Vote - Councillor D. Fyfe-Wilson)

2008-008: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the Ladysmith Fishermen's Wharf Association breakwater repair work (placement of large loads of rock at low tide, running of a truck and excavator) to be undertaken between February 1 and 28, 2008 be given an exemption from the Town of Ladysmith Noise Suppression Bylaw 2003, No. 1478.

2008-009: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that changes be made to the Fine Schedule (Schedule A) of the Town of Ladysmith Streets and Traffic Bylaw 2007, No. 1619, Amendment Bylaw, 2008, No. 1636.

CORRESPONDENCE

2008-010: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the letter from the Seguin's and D. Johnson regarding noise pollution (fire siren) be forwarded to the Fire Chief for his consideration and report to Council on use of a 24 hour fire siren.

2008-011: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the quality of highways road and bridge maintenance services provided by the Ministry of Transportation has a significant impact on the safety of our publicly owned highways; and

WHEREAS the provision of quality highways road and bridge maintenance services not only ensures safe road conditions for those traveling our highways but also ensure the maximum life span of our highways infrastructure can be realized; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation has introduced a self regulatory model by contracted service providers to assess compliance with required work standards;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Ministry of Transportation be called upon to ensure that contracted highways road and bridge maintenance providers fulfil their contractual obligations through enhanced monitoring and audits of work performance of contractors conducted by the Ministry of Transportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ministry of Transportation provide regular accident reports for the service area, conduct comprehensive contractor performance assessments and report any findings semi-annually to key community stakeholders such as local government, school boards, emergency services, chambers of commerce and other relevant stakeholders in the service area; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM be called upon to adopt this resolution and urge the Ministry of Transportation to act on it as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

2008-012: It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting adjourn. (8:01p.m.)

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chair (Councillor D. Paterson)

Acting Manager of Corporate Services (R. Malli)