



Town of Ladysmith

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Duck Paterson
Jan Christenson
Donald Fyfe-Wilson

Mayor Rob Hutchins
Doug Fraser
Rob Johnson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Scott Bastian

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
Rebecca Kalina

Sandy Bowden
Mark Hermanson

The Chair, Councillor Duck Paterson, called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councillor R. Johnson vacated Council Chambers at 5:35 p.m. due to potential conflict of interest regarding Item 1 of the Executive Session of Government Services.

2008-107: It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting retire into Executive Session pursuant to Section 90(1) of the Community Charter (5:37 p.m.)

Item 1: 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;

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;

Item 4: Community Charter Section 90(1)(a) 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 5: (Additional Item) 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;

The Executive Session of the Government Services Committee recessed at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Additional Items:

- Sewer Treatment Zones in Ladysmith
- Thursday Night Live First Avenue Street Closure Request

2008-108: It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Government Services Committee meeting of Monday, July 21, 2008 be approved as amended.

MINUTES

2008-109: It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the Government Services Committee meeting of Monday, June 16, 2008 be approved as circulated.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Malli, City Manager answered questions from the Committee regarding her Work Plan Report dated July 16, 2008 outlining Quarter 1 and 2 projects; and projects to be considered after July 1, 2008.

2008-110: It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the City Manager's Work Plan Report for Quarter 2 dated July 16, 2008.

Councillor R. Johnson returned to Council Chambers at 6:37 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Director of Public Works, J. Friesenhan and Director of Corporate Services, S. Bowden answered questions from the Committee regarding their Quarter 2 Work Plan reports.

REPORTS

2008-111: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council to authorize the additional expenditure of \$31,000 for the repair of the spirogester with the funds to be taken out of the sewer utility reserve fund.

2008-112: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the contract for the supply of the rubber tired backhoe be awarded to WAJAX for the low tender price of \$98,237.20 (trade in - \$28,500) with the funds to come from the Equipment Pool Reserve Fund.

2008-113: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the contract for the curb and gutter work on Strathcona Road be awarded to Island Slipform Inc. for the unit prices tendered, \$13,989.48, being low tender.

2008-114: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council to award the annual tender for laboratory services to M.B. Laboratories Ltd. for the various prices quoted.

2008-115: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the Town of Ladysmith set the corporate rate payable for the use of privately owned vehicles driven on authorized Town business in accordance with the rate set by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) effective immediately.

2008-116: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that staff be requested to amend Council Remuneration & Expense Bylaw 2001, No. 1427 and Travel Expenses Policy 05-1790-B to set the kilometric rate for the use of private vehicles on Town business in accordance with the rate established by the Canada Revenue Agency.

2008-117: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that approval be given to the owner of 320 3rd Avenue to close 3rd Avenue between Baden-Powell and the laneway bordering 320 3rd Avenue between noon and 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2008.

2008-118: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that support be given for the closure of First Avenue from Roberts Street to White Street on September 13, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to the First United Church and that they be requested to advise all businesses and residences in the vicinity of the closure.

SUSTAINABILITY VISIONING WORKSHOPS

The draft schedule for the Community Visioning Sustainability Workshops was reviewed and discussed. R. Malli, City Manager, will confirm dates with the consultant working on

the project.

2008-119: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that Option 1 of the proposed colour palate for exterior paint colours for City Hall be approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

2008-120: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that a letter of support be sent to the Canadian Union of Postal Workers outlining that the Town of Ladysmith does not support deregulation of the postal system.

2008-121: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the Town of Ladysmith send a letter to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review opposing deregulation of Canada Post and insisting that the Federal Government hold public hearings on the matter.

2008-122: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that a letter of thanks be sent to the Minister of Community Services for the Towns allocation under the 2008 Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing grant program.

2008-123: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that staff be requested to review if the signage regarding the use of engine brakes in residential areas bordering on the Trans Canada Highway is appropriate and, if not, to work with the Ministry of Transportation to install appropriate signage;

And that the RCMP Highway Patrol be asked to actively enforce the law regulating engine brakes bordering on residential areas on the Trans Canada Highway.

2008-124: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the letter from P. Legacy, President, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #171 Ladysmith, requesting the installation of a disabled parking sign in front of the Legion on First Avenue be referred to the Director of Public Works for review and installation if necessary.

2008-125: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the Director of Public Works be requested to evaluate the existing 15 minute parking spots in Town and make changes as required.

2008-126: It was moved and seconded that the letter from Minister Colin Hansen regarding the Community Mark Program for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games be received and filed.
DEFEATED

2008-127: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that staff be requested to review opportunities and cost involved with the Community Mark Program for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games as outlined in the letter from Minister Colin Hansen dated June 24, 2008.

2008-128: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities asking them to establish a special commission to look into the Provincial fiscal imbalance in response to Mayor Sam Sullivan's letter regarding municipal / provincial fiscal imbalance and the report that was presented to Vancouver City Council.

2008-129: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the 'corner of Gatacre Street and Second Avenue' be added as an option to the list of locations for installation of Town benches;

And that staff be requested review if funds are available in the 2008 Budget to install a bench at that location.

NEW BUSINESS

2008-130: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the Environment Commission be requested to review the environmental impacts of using bottled water.

2008-131: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the Town no longer purchase bottled water for Town events.

2008-132: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that staff be requested to provide a report to Council on the existing legislation that permits sewage treatment in light and heavy industrial zones.

The Committee agreed that they would support the Director of Corporate Services to approve a request from the Downtown Business Association regarding a request for closure of First Avenue from Roberts Street to Gatacre Street at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday Night Live evenings for a Farmer's Market to be held.

The Executive Session of the Government Services Committee resumed at 7:45 p.m.

J. Friesenhan, Director of Public Works, vacated Council Chambers at 7:47 p.m.

ARISE AND REPORT

2007-133: It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive Session of Monday, July 21, 2008 arise without report (8:38 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

2008-134: It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting adjourn. (8:38 p.m.)

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chair (Councillor D. Paterson)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)