



SUBJECT TO ADOPTION Town of Ladysmith

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Government Services Committee held in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, October 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Duck Paterson
Jan Christenson
Mayor Rob Hutchins

Scott Bastian
Doug Fraser

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rob Johnson

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
Sandy Bowden
Joe Friesenhan
Mark Hermanson

Felicity Adams
Patrick Durban
Rebecca Kalina

The Chair, Councillor Duck Paterson, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

2008-154: It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Government Services Committee meeting of Monday, October 20, 2008 be approved as circulated.

MINUTES

2008-155: It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the Government Services Committee meeting of Monday, September 15, 2008 be approved as circulated.

REPORTS

The Committee received written reports on departmental activities from the City Manager; Directors of Parks, Recreation and Culture, Public Works, Corporate Services and the Manager of Development Services.

2008-156: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the contractor for the Chemainus Road upgrade be authorized to extend working hours for the project to Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily beginning as soon as possible;

AND THAT the residents of Chemainus Road be advised of the change of hours of construction prior to Saturday, October 25th.

2008-157: It was moved, seconded and carried that the request to reduce or eliminate maintenance and utility costs for the Ladysmith Golf Club be referred to staff to provide an in depth analysis of costs associated with the operation of the Ladysmith Golf Course and report back to the Government Services Committee with a recommendation.

2008-158: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the issue regarding the draft Tree Protection Bylaw be referred back to staff and that staff be requested to prepare a report on the feasibility of implementing regulations pertaining to tree retention on bare land.

2008-159: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that staff not pursue a Green Municipal Fund Transportation grant for the purchase of two electric trolleys for the Town of Ladysmith given the new information provided regarding the grant/loan program.

2008-160: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that staff be requested to apply for funding under the Innovative Clean Energy Fund Program in the amount of one-third (approximately \$200,000) of the total estimated costs of

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specific technical applications of the trolley system for the following objectives:

- i. Develop public transit in Ladysmith.
- ii. Increase the accessibility and quality of life for current and prospective residents.
- iii. Reduce carbon emissions from transportation.

2008-161: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that staff be requested to apply for funding under the Real Estate Foundation of BC Grant program in the amount of \$100,000 for the following objectives:

- i. Acquire environmentally friendly electric trolleys.
- ii. Administrative and planning costs.
- iii. Community awareness and engagement initiatives.

2008-162: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that staff be directed to prepare a revitalization tax exemption bylaw for new hotels that are issued building permits in 2009.

2008-163: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that Town representatives meet with local sports groups to consider options for proposed improvements to Aggie Field.

CORRESPONDENCE

2008-164: It was moved, seconded and carried that the letter from Premier Gordon Campbell, Board Member of the British Columbia Achievement Foundation, regarding the British Columbia Community Achievement Awards request for nominations be received and referred to Council for further consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

2008-165: It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting adjourn. (7:12 p.m.)

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chair (Councillor D. Paterson)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)