



Town of Ladysmith

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Government Services Committee held in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Duck Paterson	Steve Arnett
Scott Bastian	Jill Dashwood
Lori Evans	Mayor Rob Hutchins
Bruce Whittington	

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli	Sandy Bowden
Rebecca Kalina	Patrick Durban
Felicity Adams	Joe Friesenhan

The Chair, Councillor Duck Paterson, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

2009-042: It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Government Services Committee meeting of Monday, March 16, 2009 be approved as circulated.

DELEGATIONS

Councillor L. Evans arrived in Council Chambers at 5:37 p.m.

FOOD ACTION COORDINATING TEAM (FACT)

John Anderson and Linda Ireland, of the Food Action Coordination Team (FACT), made a presentation to the Committee on a proposed community garden on the Vancouver Island Health Authority property at the corner of 3rd Avenue and Symonds Street. FACT requested Council's support for this initiative, to identify a possible second site and the possibility of financial assistance. The Chair thanked Mr. Anderson and Ms. Ireland for their presentation.

REPRESENTATIVES OF IVY GREEN MOBILE HOME PARK

Lynne Courtney, of the Residents Association of the Ivy Green Mobile Home Park, made a presentation to the Committee on the closure of the Ivy Green Mobile Home Park for redevelopment and the challenges of relocation faced by residents of Ivy Green and other mobile home parks. The Chair thanked Ms. Courtney for her presentation.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager presented the Committee with a brief update on operational activities.

TOURISM CONTRACT RESOURCES

2009-043: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that staff be directed to issue an RFP for contract services for the implementation of tourism management and coordination assistance as outlined in the report and funded by a UBCM Phase 2 grant.

SNOW REMOVAL - SIDEWALKS

2009-044: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the map, as presented in the March 10, 2009 Staff Report from J. Friesenhan, Director of

Public Works, be adopted as the major pedestrian route for snow clearing with the inclusion of High Street and Roberts Street from Third Avenue to Sixth Avenue.

2009-045: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the issue of adopting a policy of clearing snow and ice from sidewalks (major pedestrian routes) be referred to the 2009 budget process.

VEHICLE PURCHASE

2009-046: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that Staff be authorized to purchase a Prius for the total price of \$30,154.85 (taxes included), with the details of the vehicle to be provided at the April 6, 2009 Council meeting.

GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE AND UTILITY FEES

2009-047: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the request from the Ladysmith Golf Course Society to eliminate the golf course maintenance and utility fees be supported and referred to the 2009 budget process.

CORRESPONDENCE

2009-048: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the letter from D.A. Harrison, Vice President, Ladysmith Ratepayers Association regarding the Ivy Green Mobile Home Park be received.

NEW BUSINESS

IVY GREEN MOBILE HOME PARK

2009-049: It was moved, seconded and carried that the report from the Residents Association of the Ivy Green Mobile Home Park be referred to Staff for review in conjunction with the report on affordable housing.

ADJOURNMENT

2008-050: It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting adjourn. (6:55 p.m.)

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chair (Councillor D. Paterson)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)