



# 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 20, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

### COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

### STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli	Sandy Bowden
Felicity Adams	Joe Friesenhan
Rebecca Kalina	

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The Chair, Councillor Duck Paterson, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

The Chair requested the Committee's consideration of the following addition to the agenda:  
- Additional Information regarding 5.1 OCP Amendment and Rezoning Application - Letter from Developer

2009-086: It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Government Services Committee meeting of Monday, July 20, 2009 be approved as amended

### REPORTS

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager presented the Committee with her written report on the second quarter of 2009.

2009-087: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the City Manager's Report, dated July 15, 2009, regarding the second quarter of 2009 be received.

#### DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORTS

Written reports from the Director of Public Works, the Manager of Development Services, the Director of Corporate Services and the Director of Parks Recreation and Culture were presented outlining activities of the second quarter of 2009 in their respective departments.

2009-088: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the 2009 second quarter reports from the Director of Public Works, dated July 14, Manager of Development Services, dated July 13, 2009, the Director of Corporate Services, dated July 14, 2009, and the Director of Parks Recreation and Culture, dated July 16, 2009 and the report on the Status of the Top 25 Strategic Priorities be received.

Councillor J. Dashwood vacated Council Chambers at 5:48 p.m. due to a potential conflict of interest regarding the following agenda item.

#### OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT AND REZONING APPLICATION

2009-089: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that Staff be directed to process Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw amendment application 3360-09-03.

2009-090: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that Staff be directed to proceed with the following Official Community Plan consultation pursuant to S. 879 of the Local Government Act for OCP and Zoning Bylaw amendment application 3360-09-03 (Holland Creek Holdings - Kolk):

(i) Refer the application to the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) and the Advisory Design Panel (ADP) for review and comment prior to Council direction on the development of amending bylaws, and;

(ii) Undertake first nations' consultation by referring the application to the Stz'uminus First Nation for comment given that the location of the subject property is in the vicinity of Holland Creek.

Councillor J. Dashwood returned to Council Chambers at 5:52 p.m.

#### COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT REGIONAL RECREATION PROPOSAL

2009-091: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) be requested to participate with the Town of Ladysmith in a year-long study to determine where users of Frank Jameson Community Centre reside and how often they use the facility, in order to assist the CVRD in determining the most appropriate regional recreation funding model.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY

2009-092: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that Council authorize the expenditure of \$30,000 for the Environmental Impact Study for the sewage treatment facility with the funds to be allocated from the Sewer Utility Reserve Fund, and that the financial plan be amended accordingly.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### BROWN DRIVE PARK FENCE

2009-093: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the letter from D. Mackie dated June 8, 2009 regarding the Brown Drive Park fence be referred to Staff for review and recommendation.

#### CANADIAN UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS

2009-094: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the Council support the following Canadian Union of Postal Workers' resolution regarding post office closures in rural and small towns.

WHEREAS the report also recommends that rural mailbox delivery be reconsidered.

WHEREAS these recommendations, if implemented by the federal government, would undermine public postal service and jobs in our community and fundamentally change the nature of Canada Post's retail and delivery network.

WHEREAS the report proposes that Canada Post's highly inadequate community consultation process be used when closing or "rationalizing" a post office/outlet and that a similar process be used when replacing rural mailbox delivery with delivery to a community box, green box or post office.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Ladysmith write to Rob Merrifield, the Minister responsible for Canada Post, and request that the government preserve public postal service and jobs in our community by rejecting CPCS recommendations that would:

1. Put an end to the moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns and give Canada Post the flexibility to close post offices covered by the current moratorium or convert these public post offices to private outlets
2. Cut delivery to rural mailboxes without exploring all options or properly consulting with residents or the representatives of rural delivery workers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we request that Minister Merrifield consult with the public, postal unions and other major stakeholders to develop a uniform and democratic process for making fundamental changes to Canada Post's retail and delivery network.

Councillor Whittington - Opposed

2009-095: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that Staff be directed to contact the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding the correspondence dated June 2009 from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers regarding rural mail delivery and small post offices and request their input on the issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

2009-096: It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting be adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Chair (Councillor D. Paterson)

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Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)