



Town of Ladysmith

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Government Services Committee held in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, August 17, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Duck Paterson
Lori Evans
Bruce Whittington

Jillian Dashwood
Mayor Rob Hutchins

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Arnett
Scott Bastian

STAFF PRESENT:

Patrick Durban
Joe Friesenhan

Sandy Bowden
Rebecca Kalina

The Chair, Councillor Duck Paterson, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The Chair requested the Committee's consideration of the following additions to the agenda:

- 3.3 Trolley Arrival Video by Jim Cameron
- 8.1 Kinsmen Club Request for Sewer and Water Connection for Public Washroom facility/Gazebo at the head of the Holland Creek Trail

2009-097: It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Government Services Committee meeting of Monday, August 17, 2009 be approved as amended.

DELEGATIONS

TRAIL OF THE WHISPERING GIANTS

Barbara Fysh, a resident of Ladysmith, presented an invitation to the Committee for the Town to host sculptor Peter Toth to carve a statue for Ladysmith as part of his "Trail of the Whispering Giants" series of sculptures. Ms. Fysh provided a review of the work that Mr. Toth has done and outlined expectations of the community if he is invited to do a sculpture in Ladysmith. The Chair, Councillor D. Paterson, thanked Ms. Fysh for her presentation and stated that her request would be reviewed at a future Government Services Committee meeting and will also be discussed at the next joint Council meeting of the Town of Ladysmith and the Stz'uminus First Nation.

SOLAR HOT WATER HEATER

David Walbank, Past President Ladysmith Rotary Club; Mary Mulrooney, President Ladysmith Rotary Club and Philip Smith, JB Solar presented an offer to donate a Globe Solar Energy Inc. Solar collector GSE ISP-195 hot water heater for City Hall. The installation costs may be donated by the Rotary Club. The Chair, Councillor D. Paterson, thanked Ms. Mulrooney, Mr. Walbank and Mr. Smith for their presentation.

2009-098: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that support in principle be given to the Rotary Club's offer to pay for the installation of a Globe Solar Energy Inc. solar collector GSE ISP-195 hot water heater at City Hall; and that staff be requested to review and report to Council on the proposal to install the GSE ISP-195 hot water heater at City Hall.

TROLLEY ARRIVAL VIDEO - JIM CAMERON

Staff member Jim Cameron presented a video that he created of the Trolley's arrival in Ladysmith. The Chair thanked Mr. Cameron for his excellent video regarding the trolley.

REPORTS**BUILDING CODE UPDATE**

2009-099: It was moved, seconded and carried that the Government Services Committee recommend to Council to support the Building and Safety Branch proposals to include high-efficiency toilets in new construction and solar hot water ready construction for new single family houses in the BC Building Code.

CORRESPONDENCE**DRAINAGE DITCH - METHUEN AVENUE**

2009-100: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommend to Council that the Public Works Department be directed to remove any obstacles in the drainage ditch along Methuen Avenue that cause pooling; and that the Director of Public Works provide a report for the 2010 budget deliberations outlining a phased approach for enclosing the drainage ditch behind Methuen Ave from Third Avenue to First Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor D. Paterson vacated Council Chambers at 6:33 p.m. due to a potential conflict of interest regarding the following item. Mayor Hutchins assumed the Chair of the meeting for the following item.

KINSMEN CLUB REQUEST FOR SEWER AND WATER TO WASHROOM/GAZEBO AT THE HEAD OF HOLLAND CREEK TRAIL

2009-101: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that they authorize the expenditure of \$7,000 for costs associated with the installation of the Ladysmith Kinsmen Club washroom facility/gazebo to be located at the head of the Holland Creek Trail with \$3,500 to be allocated form the Sewer Utility fund and \$3,500 to be allocated from the Water Utility fund; and that the Financial Plan be amended accordingly.

Councillor D. Paterson returned to Council Chambers at 6:34 p.m. and resumed his position as Chair of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

2009-102: That the meeting be adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

 Chair (Councillor D. Paterson)

 Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)