



Town of Ladysmith

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Government Services Committee held in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Duck Paterson (Chair)
Lori Evans
Bruce Whittington

Scott Bastian
Mayor Rob Hutchins

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Arnett
Jillian Dashwood

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
Felicity Adams
Joe Friesenhan

Sandy Bowden
Patrick Durban
Rebecca Kalina

Councillor Paterson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

8.1 Arbutus Trees - Transfer Beach and Aggie Field

2009-103: It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Government Services Committee meeting of Monday, September 21, 2009 be approved as amended.

DELEGATIONS

LADYSMITH COMMUNITY GARDENS TASK FORCE

Members of the Ladysmith Community Gardens Task Force, Greg Roberts and John Anderson, presented an update on the development of a community garden on the land behind the ballpark adjacent to High Street and 2nd Avenue. The group requested the Town's support including a possible five year lease, vehicle access and water service at a reduced rate. Councillor Paterson thanked Mr. Anderson and Mr. Roberts for their presentation.

2009-104: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that Council approve in principle the establishment of a Ladysmith Community Garden on the open space on High Street and Second Avenue (behind ballpark) subject to confirmation that the Community Commons Committee is no longer interested in the site and further that Staff report to Council on the costs associated with the request from the Community Gardens Task Force for water service and vehicle access to the site.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager presented the Committee with a brief update on operational and strategic activities and responded to questions in this regard.

CORRESPONDENCE

RAIN BARRELS

2009-105: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the correspondence from R. Balboni be referred to the Environment Commission for review and report and if deemed appropriate referred to the budget process.

FIRST RESPONDER SERVICES

2009-106: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that

the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the First Responder Agreement (Consent and Indemnity) between the Province of British Columbia and the Ladysmith Fire Rescue Service.

NEW BUSINESS

2009-107: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that Staff be directed to review the condition of Arbutus trees at Transfer Beach and Aggie Field to determine what action can be taken to determine the health of the trees and the potential issue of removal of trees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2009-108: It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting retire into Executive Session (5:55p.m.) pursuant to Section 90(1) of the Community Charter to consider the following items:
- 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;

RISE AND REPORT

2009-109: It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive Session of the Government Services Committee rise without report.

ADJOURNMENT

2009-110: It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 6:28 p.m

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chair (Councillor D. Paterson)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)