



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 19, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Duck Paterson (Chair)
Lori Evans
Bruce Whittington

Jillian Dashwood
Mayor Rob Hutchins

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Arnett
Scott Bastian

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
Rebecca Kalina
Patrick Durban

Sandy Bowden
Felicity Adams
Joe Friesenhan

Councillor Paterson called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

- 9.1 Kinsmen Park Playground Equipment

2009-110: It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Government Services Committee meeting of Monday, October 19, 2009 be approved as amended.

MINUTES

2009-111: It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the Government Services Committee meeting of Monday, September 21, 2009 be approved as circulated.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager presented the Committee with a written report on her top 5 strategic priorities of 2009.

DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORTS

The Director of Public Works, the Manager of Development Services, the Director of Corporate Services and the Director of Parks Recreation and Culture responded to questions regarding their written reports outlining the status of their departmental Top 5 strategic priorities of 2009.

TRAIN STATION REHABILITATION FEASIBILITY REVIEW

2009-112: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that staff be directed to review the scope of the train station rehabilitation project and provide funding options for Council's consideration.

WATER RATES

2009-113: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the Town adopt a water rate structure, for residential users only, of \$21 base rate for the initial 25 cubic metres of water used, followed by \$0.50, \$0.60, \$0.75, \$1.00 and \$1.35 for each additional increment of 25 cubic metre effective January 1, 2010.

SYMONDS STREET RECONSTRUCTION

2009-114: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the issue regarding the redesign of Symonds Street to reduce the maximum grade be referred to the 2010 budget process and staff provide a list of projects at that time to afford Council with an opportunity to prioritize the projects.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

2009-115: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that staff be requested to apply for the Walk BC Grant to a maximum of \$5,000 and the British Columbia Healthy Living Alliance (BCHLA) Physical Activity Strategy for up to \$4,000.

FEES AND CHARGES FOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

2009-116: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that a two-percent increase to the fees at the Frank Jameson Community Centre for Parks, Recreation and Culture be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

KINSMEN PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

2009-117: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that, after consultation with the Kinsmen Club, staff be directed to remove the Kinsmen Park playground equipment due to the compromised safety of the existing structure.

ADJOURNMENT

2009-118: It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chair (Councillor D. Paterson)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)