



LADYSMITH

Subject to Adoption

**TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010 - 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Councillor Duck Paterson, Chair
Mayor Rob Hutchins

Councillor Jillian Dashwood
Councillor Bruce Whittington

Councillor Steve Arnett

ABSENT:

Councillor Lori Evans

Councillor Scott Bastian

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
Felicity Adams

Sandy Bowden
Joe Friesenhan

Rebecca Kalina

CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Paterson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

2010-014

It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda be adopted as circulated.

MINUTES

2010-015

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Government Services Committee minutes of February 15, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

DELEGATION

Geri Sera, Affordable Housing Strategy Coordinator, Social Planning Cowichan discussed with the Committee her report regarding housing in Ladysmith and the CVRD, which she distributed. The Chair thanked Ms. Sera for her informative presentation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager, R. Malli, presented the Committee with a brief verbal update on operational and strategic activities.

REPORTS

“GREEN POLICY” OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN (OCP)
AMENDMENT

2010-016

It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that staff be directed to proceed with Official Community Plan ‘green policy’ amendments, as a strategic priority, in three phases:

- (i) Phase 1: Bill 27 - Greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, actions, and strategies;
- (ii) Phase 2: Riparian Areas Regulation and Council environmental policy directions; and
- (iii) Phase 3: Bicycle Plan.

2010-017

It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the following Official Community Plan consultation pursuant to S.879 of the Local Government Act be supported for the ‘green policy’ OCP review (6480-30/40/50):

- (i) Refer each phase to the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) for review and comment.

TOILET REBATE PROGRAM

2010-018

It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the toilet rebate program be extended until December 31, 2010 and that staff be directed to include \$20,000 in the 2010 water utility operating budget.

ARBUTUS WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT

2010-019

It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the expenditure of \$12,000 be authorized for the replacement of the watermain across Dogwood Drive by the North end of Arbutus Crescent, with the funds to come from the Water Utility Reserve Fund.

SWEEPER REPLACEMENT

2010-020

It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the tendering policy be waived and the Town enter into a purchase agreement with Vimar Equipment for a 2004 Elgin Crosswind J sweeper at a net cost of \$85,000 (taxes extra) with the funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Reserve.

PROPOSAL TO CONTRACT OUT TROLLEY ADVERTISING PROGRAM

2010-021

It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that Staff be directed to issue a limited distribution Expression of Interest directed to local (Ladysmith) non-profit community organizations for the management of a Trolley Advertising Program.

MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT – PARKLAND ACQUISITION

Mayor Hutchins reported that the CVRD Budget for 2010 has raised the Parkland Acquisition Levy to approximately \$12 per household for Town of Ladysmith.

CORRESPONDENCE

ACCESSIBILITY OF GREYHOUND VEHICLES

2010-022

It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the correspondence dated January 13, 2010 from Janice McDougall be received and referred to staff to assess the accessibility of the First Avenue bus stop and to provide recommendations at a future Government Services Committee meeting.

VANCOUVER ISLAND ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

2010-023

It was moved, seconded and carried that the letter from the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance regarding their invitation to join their organization be referred to the next meeting for review.

COWICHAN ENERGY ALTERNATIVES

2010-024

It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that a letter of support be provided to the Cowichan Energy Alternatives Society regarding their Vancouver Island Bio-Fuel Network (VIBN) Project.

LEADERSHIP – TEAM TOMORROW

2010-025

It was moved, seconded and carried that the letter from Team Tomorrow (Leadership BC) regarding an invitation to the “Total Physical Response – Hul’qumi’num for Beginners” workshop being held on Monday, May 17, 2010 be received.

ADJOURNMENT

2010-026

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Chair (Councillor D. Paterson)

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)