



LADYSMITH

**TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, JULY 19, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Councillor Steve Arnett (Acting Chair)

Councillor Jillian Dashwood

Mayor Rob Hutchins

Councillor Lori Evans

Councillor Scott Bastian

Councillor Bruce Whittington

ABSENT:

Councillor Duck Paterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli

Joanna Winter

Pat Durban

Sandy Bowden

CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Arnett called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Hutchins requested the Committee’s consideration of the following addition to the agenda:

- To remove "Cowichan Communities Health Network presentation from the agenda.
- To add an item under New Business: Attendance at Union of British Columbia Municipalities 2010 Convention

2010-049

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

MINUTES

2010-050

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Government Services Committee minutes of June 21, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

DELEGATIONS

Cowichan Affordable Housing Directorate – Geri Sera, Miranda Rogers, Scott Heige

Representatives of the Affordable Housing Directorate of Social Planning Cowichan presented Council with draft recommendations for an affordable housing policy in the Cowichan Region.

Ms Sera stated that the top three things the Town of Ladysmith can do to ensure adequate affordable housing in Ladysmith are:

- Create a local Affordable Housing Directorate
- Inventory land available for an affordable housing land bank
- Contribute to a regional housing trust fund (consider setting aside a portion of Development Cost Charges and other development fees for such a fund.)

Council thanked the representatives from the Cowichan Affordable Housing Directorate for their informative presentation.

Mayor Hutchins left the meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

2010-051

It was moved, seconded and carried that the City Manager's report be accepted.

REPORTS

Director of Corporate Services, April – June, 2010

2010-052

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Report from the Director of Corporate Services for the period April to June 2010 be accepted

Councillor Dashwood requested that the question of affordable housing be put on the August 16 Government Services agenda..

Director of Development Services, April – June, 2010

2010-053

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Report from the Director of Development Services for the period April to June 2010 be adopted.

Fire Chief's Report – June, 2010

2010-054

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Fire Chief's Report for the June 2010 be accepted.

Building Inspector's Report – June 2010

2010-055

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Building Inspector's Report for June 2010 be accepted.

Trolley Report – June 2010

2010-056

It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that staff be directed to review trolley ridership and determine if any adjustments to routes and schedules are

required based on ridership patterns.

2010-057 It was moved, seconded and carried that the matter of providing of visitor information to boaters be referred to the Tourism Advisory Committee for review and recommendations.

2010-058 It was moved, seconded and carried that the Trolley Report for June 2010 be accepted.

RCMP Ladysmith Detachment Report – April – June, 2010

Council expressed concern at the increased level of break and enters in the downtown area.

It was requested that Councillor Bastian ask the Protective Services Committee to provide additional information on crime investigations and outcomes, and that S/Sgt. Roger Plamondon be invited to attend the next meeting of the Government Services Committee.

2010-059 It was moved, seconded and carried that the report from the RCMP Ladysmith Detachment for the period April to June 2010 be received.

Coastal Animal Control Services – June 2010 Pound Report

2010-060 It was moved, seconded and carried that the report from Coastal Animal Control Services for June 2010 be received.

MEMBER SUBMISSIONS Attendance at Union of British Columbia Municipalities 2010 Convention

Council members were requested to advise Mayor Hutchins of their interest in attending the 2010 UBCM convention.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jawn Lafratta

Bicycle Racks on Vancouver Island Greyhound Buses

2010-061 It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that Council write to all major transportation carriers on Vancouver Island (including Greyhound Canada, Pacific Bus Lines and VIA Rail) requesting that bicycle racks be installed on their vehicles, and that a copy of the letters be sent to Jawn Lafratta in response to her letter of June 7, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

It was agreed that the issue of invasive plants be considered when Council is determining its strategic priorities.

QUESTIONS

ADJOURNMENT

2010-0062

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Chair (Councillor D. Paterson)

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Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)