



LADYSMITH

TOWN OF LADYSMITH  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF  
THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Rob Hutchins	Councillor Steve Arnett	
Councillor Jillian Dashwood	Councillor Lori Evans	Councillor Duck Paterson
Councillor Bruce Whittington		

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councillor Scott Bastian

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Ruth Malli	Felicity Adams	Joe Friesenhan
Chris Trumpy	Joanna Winter	

**CALL TO ORDER** Councillor Paterson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** Councillor Paterson requested the Committee’s consideration of the following addition to the agenda:

- Increasing Trolley Ridership

**2010-083** It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda be adopted as amended.

**MINUTES**

**2010-084** It was moved, seconded and carried that the Government Services Committee minutes of September 20, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

**DELEGATION**

**Alex Stuart, Gene Pearce  
My Safe Ride Home Program**

Mr. Stuart and Mr. Pearce requested Council’s endorsement of and participation in the Safe Ride Home Card program in the Town of Ladysmith, and requested Council’s consideration of volunteering to be a pilot community should the provincial government implement a pilot program in conjunction with the new drinking and driving legislation.

The Committee agreed to consider the requests from Mr. Stuart and Mr. Pearce under New Business.

**CITY MANAGER'S  
REPORT**

**2010-085**

It was moved, seconded and carried that the City Manager's Report for the Third Quarter of 2010 be received.

**DIRECTORS' THIRD  
QUARTER REPORTS**

**2010-086**

**Director of Corporate Services**

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Third Quarter Report from the Director of Corporate Services be received.

**2010-087**

**Director of Development Services**

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Third Quarter Report from the Director of Development Services be received.

**2010-088**

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that staff be directed to prepare recommendations for Council regarding a strategy and process for development of a Secondary Suite Bylaw.

**2010-089**

**Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture**

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Third Quarter Report from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture be received.

**2010-090**

**Director of Public Works**

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Third Quarter Report from the Director of Public Works be received.

**2010-091**

**Raising Backyard Hens in Residential Zones**

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that Staff be directed to pursue the issue of allowing the harbouring of a maximum of four hens in zones that permit single family residential use, excluding the MP-1 (Mobile Home Park) Zone, in order to permit the raising of the hens on Single Family lots 460 square metres and greater in area, and that information be made available to the public in this regard.

Councillors Arnett and Dashwood were opposed.

**2010-092**

**Sewage Treatment – Solids Handling Phase II**

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend that Council:

1. Authorize the purchase of two Salsnes Filters; and
2. Authorize the design and tender for the installation of the Salsnes Filters at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in a location separate from the existing ATADs.

The Government Services Committee recommended that the project engineers, Dayton and Knight, be invited to address Council at the earliest possible opportunity.

**2010-093**      **Hydraulic Energy Recovery Options**  
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that consideration of hydraulic energy recovery be included in the 2011 Financial Plan process.

**2010-094**      **Holland Creek Water Main Crossing**  
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that improvements to the Holland Creek water supply be referred to the 2011 Financial Plan process.

**2010-095**      **Sign Permitting Process**  
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that a two-phase process for simplifying the permitting process for business signage be pursued.

**2010-096**      **Recess**  
It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting of the Government Services Committee recess at 7:52 p.m. and that it reconvene following the Regular Council meeting.

P. Durban and J. Friesenhan left the meeting.

**2010-097**      It was moved, seconded and carried that the Government Services Committee meeting reconvene at 7:44 p.m.

**2010-098**      **Dunsmuir's Rail Car**  
It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that staff be requested to pursue negotiations with the Port Alberni Museum for a possible exchange of artefacts.

**2010-099**      **Fire Chief's Report – September 2010**  
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Fire Chief's Report for September 2010 be received.

**2010-100**      **Building Inspector's Report – September 2010**  
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Building Inspector's Report for September 2010 be received.

**2010-101**      **Trolley Report – September 2010**  
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Trolley Report for September 2010 be received.

**2010-102**      **Coastal Animal Control Services – September 2010 Pound Report**  
It was moved, seconded and carried that the report from Coastal

Animal Control Services for September 2010 be received.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Donna Blyth  
Height Restrictions on Hedges**

**2010-103**

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that staff be requested to prepare a report on the issues regarding the height of hedges contained in the letter from Donna Blyth received on October 8, 2010, including investigating other municipalities' practices in this regard.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ladysmith Trolley**

**2010-104**

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that a meeting of the Trolley Committee be convened to conduct a review of routes and ridership; to investigate ways to increase ridership on regular routes, to work with stakeholder community groups, and to consider options for renting out the Trolley for community events.

**2010-105**

**My Safe Ride Home Program**

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that staff be requested to investigate the My Safe Ride Home Program and report back at the next Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2010-106**

It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting of the Government Services Committee be adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Chair (Mayor R. Hutchins)

**CERTIFIED CORRECT**

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Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)