



LADYSMITH

TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2011 – 5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Steve Arnett (Chair)
Councillor Jillian Dashwood
Councillor Bruce Whittington

Mayor Rob Hutchins
Councillor Lori Evans

Councillor Scott Bastian
Councillor Duck Paterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
Joanna Winter

Felicity Adams

Erin Anderson

CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Arnett called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councillor Arnett requested Council's consideration of the following additions to the agenda:

- 6.1 Dog Park
- 6.2 Slack Point Security
- 6.3 Upkeep of Town-owned Lands
- 6.4 LaFF Delegation Request
- 6.5 Dogs at Public Events

2011-055

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

MINUTES

2011-056

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Government Services Committee minutes for the meeting held May 16, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager reported that her priority projects are well underway. These currently include the Annual Report (including Community Profile and Financial Statements), the Grand Opening of the Ladysmith Spirit Square and Community Services Centre, the Town Hall meeting, the Sustainability Implementation Plan and the Final work to complete the Spirit Square and surrounding road work.

REPORTS

Financial Plan Update

It was requested that the Financial Plan report also include a summary of the status of the Town's reserve funds, and the amount of any applicable grants.

2011-057 It was moved, seconded and carried that the Financial Plan Update to the end of May 2011 be received.

Building Inspector's Report for May 2011

2011-058 It was moved, seconded and carried that the Building Inspector's Report for May 2011 be received.

Trolley Report for May 2011

2011-059 It was moved, seconded and carried that the Trolley Report for May 2011 be received.

Fire Chief's Report for May 2011

2011-060 It was moved, seconded and carried that the Fire Chief's Report for May 2011 be received.

Animal Control / Pound Report for May 2011

2011-061 It was moved, seconded and carried that the Animal Control / Pound Report for May 2011 be received.

MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Dog Park

2011-062 It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that the Parks and Recreation Commission consider the temporary use of one or more of the Ball Parks in the off-season as dog parks while the Commission is investigating an appropriate location for a fenced dog park.

Security at Slack Point

2011-063 It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend that Council request staff to consider ways to restrict recreational access to Slag Point due to the potential for fire and shoreline pollution.

Staff were requested to determine who is responsible for erecting appropriate signage.

Upkeep of Town-Owned Lands

Councillor Dashwood noted that some concerns have been expressed about the maintenance of boulevards and certain other Town properties. It was also noted that the regular maintenance schedule will be back in effect after the end of June.

2011-064 **Dogs at Public Events**

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend that Council request the Ladysmith Festival of Lights and Celebrations be requested to investigate effective ways to remind people that dogs are not permitted at public events.

Ladysmith Family and Friends Delegation Request

It was suggested that Ladysmith Family and Friends contact the Town in order to request permission to appear as a delegation.

CORRESPONDENCE

2011-065

Joe Barry, Cowichan Valley Regional District

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend that staff be requested to bring a recommendation for a revised question period procedure that incorporates the recommended Cowichan Valley Regional District policy.

2011-066

Les James

Automatic Residential Sprinkler Controllers

It was moved, seconded and carried that Les James be advised that his suggested plan for watering restriction by day has been implemented effective in June 2011.

2011-067

Mayta Ryn

Request to Introduce Cat Licensing in Ladysmith

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend that the matter of proposed licensing of domestic cats be referred to the upcoming Town Hall meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

2011-068

It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting of the Government Services Committee be adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Chair (Councillor S. Arnett)

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)