



LADYSMITH

**TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011 – 5:30 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Steve Arnett (Chair)
Councillor Jillian Dashwood

Mayor Rob Hutchins
Councillor Lori Evans

Councillor Scott Bastian
Councillor Bruce Whittington

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Duck Paterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
Joe Friesenhan

Sandy Bowden
Joanna Winter

Erin Anderson

CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Arnett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

- 8.1 Council Compensation
- 8.2 Union of British Columbia Municipalities 2011 Convention
- 8.3 Liquid Waste Management Plan Public Input Form
- 8.4 Playing Field Signage
- 8.5 Dog Control

2011-069

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

MINUTES

2011-070

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Government Services Committee minutes for the meeting held June 20, 2011 be adopted as amended to note the absence of Councillor Evans.

DELEGATION

Mary Lowther gave a presentation to Council requesting their support to oppose the installation of ‘Smart Meters’ by BC Hydro, citing health, security and cost concerns.

2011-071

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that the proposed moratorium on BC Hydro smart meters be referred to staff to further investigate concerns regarding smart meters, and BC Hydro’s responses to those

concerns, and that staff report back to the Committee.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager reported that the Ladysmith Spirit Square and Community Services Centre project is complete, that the Sustainability Implementation Plan project will be formally launched later this month, and that work continues on projects identified as priorities by Council for 2011.

Council was advised that the website design is substantially complete and that the new site could be launched by the end of the summer. It was suggested that the site be tested with a focus group of key users.

REPORTS

- 2011-072** **Financial Plan Update**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Financial Plan Update to the end of June 2011 be received.
- 2011-073** **2010 Water Report**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that the Town of Ladysmith 2010 Water Report be approved.
- 201-074** **Proposed Building Bylaw Amendment – Low Consumption Toilets**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that staff be directed to prepare an amendment to Section 6.12, Water Consumption, of the Town of Ladysmith Building and Plumbing Bylaw 1994, No. 1119 to reduce the average water consumption of a water closet or direct flush urinals from 6 litres per flush cycle to 4.8 litres per flush cycle, and from 3.8 litres per flush cycle to 1.9 litres per flush cycle respectively.
- 2011-075** **Building Inspector's Report for June 2011**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Building Inspector's Report for June 2011 be received.
- 2011-076** **Trolley Report for June 2011**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Trolley Report for June 2011 be received.
- 2011-077** **Fire Chief's Report for June 2011**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Fire Chief's Report for June 2011 be received.
- 2011-078** **Animal Control / Pound Report for June 2011**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the June 2011 Pound

Report for June 2011 be received.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2011-079 Council Remuneration**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that staff be requested to prepare a report for the August 2011 Government Services meeting on Council remuneration in other communities of a similar size, and that the report also include a history of Council remuneration in Ladysmith.
- 2011-080 Union of BC Municipalities 2011 Convention**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that Councillors Arnett, Evans and Whittington attend the 2011 Convention of the Union of British Columbia municipalities.
- 2011-081 Liquid Waste Management Plan Public Input Form**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that the proposed public input form and information regarding the Liquid Waste Management Plan be approved in principal, subject to a final review by the Liquid Waste Management Committee.
- Playing Field Signage**
Staff were requested to report back to Council on the status of the signs that are to be installed in the vicinity of playing fields.
- 2011-082 Gatacre Alley Traffic Control**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that staff be requested to investigate and develop recommendations for traffic control options in the 100 block of the Gatacre alley, including ways to make the speed bump more visible and installing speed limit signs.
- 2011-083 Dog Control**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that staff be requested to report back to the Committee regarding bylaw definitions of 'at large' in the Dog Licencing and Control Bylaw.

ADJOURNMENT

- 2011-084** 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)

Subject to Adoption