



TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012
5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Steve Arnett, Chair
Councillor Bill Drysdale
Mayor Rob Hutchins
Councillor Glenda Patterson

Councillor Jill Dashwood
Councillor Gord Horth
Councillor Duck Paterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
Erin Anderson
Patrick Durban
Joanna Winter

Sandy Bowden
Felicity Adams
John Manson

CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Arnett called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

- 7.1 Farrell Road
- 7.2 Underpass

GS 2012-038

It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Government Services Committee meeting of May 22, 2012 be adopted as amended.

MINUTES

GS 2012-039

It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the Government Services Committee meeting held April 16, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

DELEGATIONS

**Tom Anderson, Manager of Planning & Development, Cowichan Valley Regional District
Integrated Regional Sustainability Plan**

Tom Anderson, Manager of Planning and Development with the Cowichan Valley Regional District, discussed the Regional District's proposed Regional Sustainability Plan. It is intended that the Plan will integrate sustainability planning that has already been

implemented by CVRD member municipalities such as the Town of Ladysmith, including energy planning and sustainability planning. Engagement with the public and clear targets are key to the long-term success of the plan.

T. Anderson responded to questions. Committee members suggested that consideration be given to involving Vancouver Island University in the process.

Dr. Paul Hasselback, Medical Health Officer for Central Vancouver Island, Vancouver Island Health Authority

Local Health Authority Health Issues

Dr. P. Hasselback provided information to Council on the health issues in the Local Health Area 67 – Ladysmith, including Chemainus, Saltair and North Oyster, and responded to questions. Council thanked Dr. Hasselback for his information presentation.

**STAFF/ADVISORY
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

GS 2012-040 **Financial Update to April 30, 2012**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Financial Plan Update for the Town of Ladysmith to the end of April 2012 be received.

GS 2012-041 **Public Participation at Regular Council Meetings**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that the current Regular Council Meeting “Question Period Guidelines” be amended by deleting “Questions must relate strictly to matters which appear on the Council agenda at which the individual is speaking.”

GS 2012-042
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that staff be requested to review options for including a “Public Dialogue with Council” during a Council meeting, including investigating practices in other local governments.

GS 2012-043 **Building Inspector’s Report**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Building Inspector’s Report for April 2012 be received

GS 2012-044 **Trolley Report**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Trolley Report for April 2012 be received.

GS 2012-045 **Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Report**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Report for April 2012 be received.

GS 2012-046

Coastal Animal Control Services – Pound Report

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Pound Report from Coastal Animal Control Services for April 2012 be received.

Staff were requested to have year-to-year comparative data and information regarding 'repeat offenders' included in the monthly pound report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Anthea Archer, Fairburn Water Buffalo

Request for Funds to Support BC Farm Women's Seminar

GS 2012-047

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend that Council request staff to investigate the level of regional district participation in the upcoming BC Farm Women's Network Seminar in Cowichan Bay from October 19 to 21, 2012, and to report back to Council with a recommendation as to whether Council should consider supporting the event.

Bill Johns

Proposed Fenced Dog Park at Transfer Beach

GS 2012-048

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend that Council request staff to survey users of the Transfer Beach Dog Park regarding the need for and possible types of fencing for the park, in response to the correspondence from Bill Johns dated April 28, 2012.

Dr. Jill Molnar

Cat Bylaw

GS 2012-049

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend that Council direct staff to obtain a copy of the Cat Bylaw from the Town of Creston for Council's circulation.

GS 2012-050

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that the issue of a Cat Bylaw for the Town be referred to the 2013 strategic planning process.

GS 2012-051

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend to Council that the letter from Dr. Jill Molnar requesting Council's consideration of implementing a Cat Bylaw dated April 20, 2012 be received and Dr. Molnar be advised that the matter was considered at a Town Hall meeting in July of 2011 and was not considered a priority at that time, however Council will continue to monitor the issue and it will be considered during the 2013 strategic planning process.

NEW BUSINESS

Farrell Road

GS 2012-052

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee

recommend that Council direct staff to investigate possible solutions to safety and lighting concerns on Farrell Road.

GS 2012-053

Trans Canada Highway Underpass

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend that Council direct staff to investigate possible solutions, to pedestrian safety in the Trans Canada Highway underpass, including clearing brush.

ADJOURNMENT

GS 2012-054

It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting of the Government Services Committee be adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair (Councillor S. Arnett)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)