



Town of Ladysmith

Minutes of a Meeting of Council of the Town of Ladysmith, held in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, November 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rob Hutchins (Chair) Duck Paterson
 Jillian Dashwood Lori Evans
 Bruce Whittington

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli Felicity Adams
 Joanna Winter

Mayor Hutchins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2009-548

It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting retire into Executive Session (6:00 p.m.) pursuant to Section 90(1) of the Community Charter to consider the following items:
 - personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
 - the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality

The Regular Session of Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

RISE AND REPORT

Council reported on the following matters from the Executive Session of Council:

-- That the vision, mission and value statements be adopted as follows:

Vision

Ladysmith is a spirited community that values its small town quality of life, where we work together as stewards of our heritage, environment and economy.

Mission

To ensure a safe, caring and vibrant community.

Values

We lead with courage, respect, and integrity for a strong community.

and that the vision, mission and value statements be incorporated into the Town of Ladysmith Strategic Plan for 2010-2014.

-- That Council accept with regret the resignations of Allan Burrows from the Economic Development Commission and Bryan Henderson from the Environment Commission, and that advertising for replacements take place.

AGENDA APPROVAL

2009-550

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

MINUTES

2009-551

It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the October 19, 2009 Council meeting be adopted as circulated.

DELEGATIONS

ONE SKY CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF SUSTAINABLE LIVING -- Kim Struthers, Godwin Unimke and Juliet Olory.

Council heard a presentation on the results of Ladysmith's participation in One Sky's Energetic Olympics competition. Mr. Unimke and Ms Olory spoke to Council about community development in their country of Nigeria, and how energy consumption cuts in Ladysmith can make a difference in other countries and contribute to sustainable living on

a global scale.

BYLAWS (OCP/ZONING)

Councillor Dashwood vacated Council Chambers for the following item at 7:03 p.m..

2009-552

It was moved, seconded and carried that Council give first and second reading to Bylaw 1700 cited as "Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2003, No. 1488, Amendment Bylaw (No.28), 2009, No.1700", and Bylaw 1701 cited as "Town of Ladysmith Zoning Bylaw 1995, No. 1160 Amendment Bylaw (No.77), 2009, No.1701", and that a public hearing be scheduled for Bylaw 1700 and Bylaw 1701 on December 7, 2009.

Councillor Dashwood returned to Council Chambers at 7:09 p.m.

COUNCIL / COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor D. Paterson reported that the Celebrations Committee will be holding its Annual General Meeting on November 5. He advised Council that the Festival of Lights committee and volunteers were hard at work to be ready for Light-Up on November 26. Councillor Paterson also expressed his appreciation to all those who worked so hard to showcase Ladysmith to the rest of the world during the October 31 leg of the Olympic Torch Relay.

2009-553

It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be directed to review the scope of the train station rehabilitation project and provide funding options for Council's consideration

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2009-554

It was moved, seconded and carried that the issue regarding the redesign of Symonds Street to reduce the maximum grade be referred to the 2010 budget process and that staff provide a list of projects at that time to afford Council with an opportunity to prioritize the projects

2009-555

It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be requested to apply for grants from Walk BC to a maximum of \$5,000 and from the British Columbia Health Living Alliance (BCHLA) Physical Activity Strategy to a maximum of \$4,000

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2009-556

It was moved, seconded and carried that a two per cent increase to the fees at the Frank Jameson Community Centre for Parks, Recreation and Culture be approved.

2009-557

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Town adopt a water rate structure, for residential users only, of a \$21 base rate for the initial 25 cubic metres of water used, followed by \$0.50 / m³; \$0.60 / m³; \$0.75 / m³; \$1.00 / m³ for each additional increment of 25 cubic metres used, and \$1.35 for each cubic metre used above 125 cubic metres, effective January 1, 2010.

Councillor L. Evans reported that representatives from the Heritage Revitalization Advisory Commission and staff had met with the Ladysmith Chronicle to discuss the Commission's role, and were pleased with the resulting article. Councillor Evans advised Council that the Affordable Housing Directorate of Social Planning Cowichan is working on a regional affordable housing strategy. The Health Advisory Committee is meeting on November 5, and Council was reminded that there is a Community Health Fair on November 7. Councillors Evans and Dashwood will attend the Fair. Councillor Evans also expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to attend the Union of BC Municipalities convention, and provided copies of the notes she took during the sessions.

Councillor B. Whittington reported that the Advisory Design Panel had not met. He reported on the Cities Fit for Children conference he had attended, pointing out that Ladysmith still has challenges to overcome, but has already undertaken a number of initiatives in this area. Councillor Whittington advised that the Environment Commission is preparing a report to Council on a proposed initiative to educate the public on actions to

take to reduce energy consumption.

2009-558

It was moved, seconded and carried that Council adopt the following report from the Environment Commission meeting of October 16, 2009:

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Environment Commission report back to Council that, in accordance with Bylaw 1631, Section #6 (c), the Commission confirms that the Commission mandate, structure and administration are appropriate.

REPORTS

TRANSFER BEACH CLEAN-UP

2009-559

It was moved, seconded and carried that a letter of thanks be sent to the Nanaimo Paddlers Club for the work of their volunteers in cleaning up the shoreline of Ladysmith Harbour from Transfer Beach to the Government Wharf.

HERITAGE STREET SIGNS

2009-560

It was moved, seconded and carried that Council approve the design of the heritage-style street sign blades in the Downtown area as: black background with a gold horizontal border, lower case heritage font in cream colour, with the Town logo and text below the logo "Town of Ladysmith Heritage Area".

TRANSFER BEACH BANNERS--PURCHASING POLICY

2009-561

It was moved, seconded and carried that Council waive the Purchasing Policy and award the contract for the Transfer Beach Banners, designed by the Tourism Advisory Committee, to 'Artopia' Adaptive Display Arts Ltd.

CORRESPONDENCE

LADYSMITH ROTARY CLUB

2009-562

It was moved, seconded and carried that Council support in principle the request from the Ladysmith Rotary Club to construct a "Rotary Walkway" on the new breakwater, and that the matter be referred to staff for further investigation.

BYLAWS

2009-563

It was moved, seconded and carried that Town of Ladysmith Waterworks Regulation Bylaw 1999, No. 1298, Amendment Bylaw 2009, No. 1670, be read a first, second and third time with the following amendments:
to specify the numbers of metres used in each rate block.

ADJOURNMENT

2009-564

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor (R. Hutchins)

Director of Corporate Services (S. Bowden)