



LADYSMITH

TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010 - 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli	Sandy Bowden	Rebecca Kalina
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchins called the meeting to order 4:35 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The Mayor requested Council's consideration of the following changes to the agenda:

Additions

- 2 - Grant In Aid – Request from Dragon Boat Team
- 13.3 – Rotary Club Request for Letter of Support
- 15.1 – Wild Salmon – Alexandra Morton

Deletion

- 12.3 – Contract Award - Artificial Turf – Lot 108 Sports Fields

2010-198

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

2010 GRANT IN AID APPLICATIONS

Councillor S. Bastian arrived in Council Chambers at 5:49 p.m.

Council considered the 2010 Grant In Aid applications and directed staff to include \$93,750 in the 2010 budget for the grants, to be distributed as follows:

Arts on the Avenue	\$ 1,000
Ladysmith and District Historical Society	20,000
Ladysmith Celebrations Society	8,000
Ladysmith Festival of Lights	12,000
Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Santa Parade	1,000
Ladysmith and District Marine Rescue Society	1,500

Ladysmith Maritime Society Festival	1,500
Ladysmith Maritime Society Museum	1,000
Ladysmith Resources Centre Association (LRCA)	12,500
LRCA Police Based Victims Services	11,000
LRCA Youth at Risk	11,500
Arts Council of Ladysmith and District	1,000
Cowichan Family Caregivers Support Society	750
Citizens on Patrol	1,500
Community Gardens Society	5,000
Ladysmith Sportsmen Club	500
Central Vancouver Island Crisis Society	500
OPT Education	1,000
Ladysmith Ambassador Committee	1,000
Ladysmith Secondary School – Frank Jameson Bursary	1,500

The Regular Session of Council recessed at 6:08 p.m. for the Executive Session of Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2010-199

It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting retire into Executive Session at 6:29 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;
- law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment;
- 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.

RISE AND REPORT

The Executive Session of Council rose with report on the following item:

- That staff be requested to submit an application for Brownfield Renewal Funding for Lot 8, District Lot 147, Oyster District, Plan VIP85271 (Christie/Grouhel) to fulfill requirements under the *Environmental Management Act*.
- That staff be requested to submit an application for Brownfield Renewal Funding for further environmental investigation/activities on the Ladysmith Waterfront Lands.

- That the Purchasing Policy be waived and that staff be requested to contract with Golder and Associates for the environmental investigation on Lot 8, District Lot 147, Oyster District, Plan VIP85271 (Christie/Grouhel).

The Regular Session of Council resumed at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

2010-200

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Council minutes of April 19 and 26, 2010, be adopted as circulated.

DELEGATION

LODGE ON 4TH

Staff, family members and residents of the Lodge on 4th were in attendance to present to Council their concerns regarding 'contracting out' of services at the Lodge and their worries about quality/consistency of care with Health Employees Union employees being replaced by contract workers. They requested that Council support them by adopting a resolution regarding the quality of care of seniors and informing Vancouver Island Health Authority, the Premier and the Ministry of Health of their support.

2010-201

It was moved, seconded and carried that:

WHEREAS how we care for seniors is an important benchmark in measuring how our society treats its citizens;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ladysmith has an interest in ensuring that Ladysmith care facilities provide a high level of service to Ladysmith citizens;

AND WHEREAS Ladysmith, like other parts of Vancouver Island, is a retirement destination for seniors who will require quality care, and demand for quality seniors' care facilities in the region is only going to increase in the future;

AND WHEREAS the contracting out of seniors' care at other seniors' care facilities in the Cowichan Valley and on the Island has already been shown to be harmful and disruptive for seniors;

AND WHEREAS continuity of care is extremely important to seniors living in care facilities, and staff and clients often develop very close relationships built on care and trust;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Ladysmith

write letters to the offices of the Premier and Minister of Health Services of BC stating its opposition to the contracting out of seniors' care and urging the provincial government to work with all concerned parties to address the deterioration of seniors' care in Ladysmith and the Cowichan Valley.

2010-202

It was moved, seconded and carried that a letter be sent to Vancouver Island Health Authority, and copied to the Premier and the Ministry of Health, requesting that VIHA honour the agreement entered into with the Town of Ladysmith and the Ladysmith Hospital health care workers to continue to be employed at the Lodge on 4th when it opened.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Hutchins proclaimed May 16 – 22, 2010 as 'National Public Works Week' in the Town of Ladysmith.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor S. Bastian reported that at its April 13, 2010 meeting the Advisory Planning Commission reviewed Bill 27 regarding the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, as well as the proposed Official Community Plan amendment which proposes a three phase approach to greenhouse gas reduction. He further advised that the next meeting of the Protective Services Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at the Ladysmith Ambulance Station.

Councillor J. Dashwood extended an invitation to Council to attend the second Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) Open House on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at Aggie Hall from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. She noted that she attended the Cowichan Valley Regional District Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting in April. She further reported that the Downtown Business Association's 'Outrageous' fundraiser on May 1, 2010 was a success and 'Thursday Night Live' will begin in June in downtown Ladysmith.

Councillor S. Arnett reported that the Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament will take place in June and that they felt their Home and Garden Show in April was a success. He noted that he attended the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) conference in April and distributed information for Council's review. He also attended a series of three workshops entitled 'Get on the Train' regarding the Island Corridor train system and its economic implications for communities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

2010-203

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Economic Development Commission become a member of the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance for an annual cost of \$500.

Councillor D. Paterson advised that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission discussed the possibility of a dog park in Kinsmen/Brown Drive Park; at the next PRCC meeting members will visit the park to review its suitability for a dog park. He also noted that he attended the Ladysmith and District Credit Union Annual General Meeting, the Aboriginal Film Festival and the Yacht Club Sail Past.

Councillor L. Evans reported that she attended the April meeting of Social Planning Cowichan – Affordable Housing Directorate and informed Council that Geri Sera the Affordable Housing Strategy Coordinator, will be meeting with developers in the Cowichan Valley to discuss barriers to affordable housing. She also noted that the Heritage Revitalization Advisory Commission heritage street signs will be installed in the near future.

Councillor B. Whittington informed Council that at the recent Ladysmith Early Years Committee meeting three of the member agencies reported concerns about provincial funding cuts. He reported that the Environment Commission had two guests at their April 21, 2010 meeting: Brian Epps of the Ministry of Environment and Domenico Iannidinardo of TimberWest. Councillor Whittington noted that he attended the Nanaimo Airport Commission Annual Entities Meeting on behalf of the Mayor.

STAFF REPORTS

HERITAGE BUILDING BROCHURE

2010-204

It was moved, seconded and carried that up to \$2000 from the Heritage Strategic Plan Implementation budget for 2010 be allocated to the production and publishing of the heritage building brochure and that the brochure be referred to staff for review in conjunction with the Town's Communications Plan.

CONTRACT AWARD – FRANK JAMESON COMMUNITY CENTRE LIGHTING

2010-205

It was moved, seconded and carried that the contract for the lighting upgrade at the Frank Jameson Community Centre be awarded to Elm Electric in the amount of \$10,630.

RCMP – 2010 FIRST QUARTER REPORT

2010-206

It was moved, seconded and carried that the 2010 First Quarter Report from S/Sgt. R. Plamondon. RCMP, be received.

CORRESPONDENCE

BIG BIKE RIDER FUNDRAISER – HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION

2010-207

It was moved, seconded and carried that approval be granted to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC and Yukon to use First Avenue from Dunsmuir Square to the roundabout to hold their Big Bike Ride fundraiser on June 17, 2010.

ROTARY CLUB REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT

2010-208

It was moved, seconded and carried that a letter of support in principal be provided to the Rotary Club of Ladysmith for their gazebo project to be located on the new breakwater and that the letter writers be advised to contact the approving agencies to obtain authorization prior to building.

BYLAWS

2010-209

It was moved, seconded and carried that Town of Ladysmith Zoning Bylaw 1995, No. 1160 Amendment Bylaw (No. 81), 2010, No. 1714 be adopted.

2010-210

It was moved, seconded and carried that third reading of Town of Ladysmith Waterworks Regulation Bylaw 1999, No. 1298, Amendment Bylaw 2010, No. 1726 be rescinded.

2010-211

It was moved, seconded and carried that Town of Ladysmith Waterworks Regulation Bylaw 1999, No. 1298, Amendment Bylaw 2010, No. 1726 be amended by replacing Schedule A with the Schedule A circulated with the Agenda.

2010-212

It was moved, seconded and carried that Town of Ladysmith Waterworks Regulation Bylaw 1999, No. 1298, Amendment Bylaw 2010, No. 1726 be read a third time as amended.

2010-213

It was moved, seconded and carried that Town of Ladysmith Community Centre and Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw 2010, No. 1728 be read a first, second and third time.

NEW BUSINESS

2010-214

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Town of Ladysmith extend a welcome to Alexandra Morton during her walk through Ladysmith, and wish her success in her continued quest for the preservation of the wild salmon resources on the west coast.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2010-215

It was moved, seconded and carried that the letter dated March 17, 2010 from the BC Coalition for Action on Alcohol Reform be received.

QUESTIONS

Council entertained questions from the audience regarding accessory buildings in the Town of Ladysmith

ADJOURNMENT

2010-216

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Mayor (R. Hutchins)

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)