

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LADYSMITH WILL BE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL ON MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013 7:30 p.m.

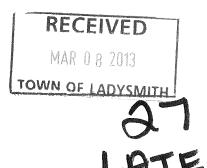
## AGENDA

## CALL TO ORDER

| 1. | <b>A</b> GEI                             | NDA APPROVAL  |         |  |
|----|--|---|---------|--|
| 2. | 2013 - 2017 FINANCIAL PLAN DELIBERATIONS |   |         |  |
|    | 2.1.                                     | Grant-in-Aid Application – Ladysmith Celebrations Society   | 2-8     |  |
|    | 2.2.                                     | Town of Ladysmith Waterworks Regulations Bylaw 1999, No. 1298, Amendment Bylaw 2013, No. 1821 May be read a first, second and third time. | 9 - 10  |  |
|    |  | The purpose of Bylaw 1821 is to establish water rates for 2013 as directed by Council.  |         |  |
|    | 2.3.                                     | Town of Ladysmith Sanitary Sewer Rates Bylaw 1999, No. 1299, Amendment Bylaw 2013, No. 1822 May be read a first, second and third time.   | 11 - 12 |  |
|    |  | The purpose of Bylaw 1822 is to establish sewer rates for 2013 as directed by Council.  |         |  |
|    | 2.4.                                     | Review of Discussions to Date   |         |  |
|    | 2.5.                                     | Public Questions and Input  |         |  |
| 3. | Pro                                      | POSED PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE  | 13 - 15 |  |

## **A**DJOURNMENT





March 7, 2013

Town of Ladysmith Mayor and Councilors,

On behalf of Ladysmith Celebrations Society, I wish to thank you for your willingness to consider our late grant application to fund the annual tradition of Ladysmith Days.

As I know you all understand the busy schedule of being one who volunteers, this was an unfortunate circumstance where a deadline was missed by miscommunication and human error. We hope you can see past our temporary insanity and still see the value that funding Ladysmith Days will bring to the community.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and all your previous support.

Jocelyn Dewar

Treasurer, Ladysmith Celebrations Society



## **GRANTS-IN-AID APPLICATION**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Each year, Council makes a limited number of grants to support social, cultural and recreational special events and services that are provided on behalf of residents of the Town of Ladysmith. The main purpose of the Town's Grants-in-Aid is to assist groups to organize themselves around community issues and projects.

To be eligible for a grant, the applicant must be a not-for-profit organization, and must complete the attached application and include any necessary supporting documents. Grants may be provided for both new and existing programs and services. Applicants may be invited to appear before Council to answer questions with respect to program services, finances, or other aspects of the grant application.

Programs and services will be evaluated on the basis of need, relevance and demonstrated effectiveness. All grants are for a one-year period (or less). **Please note**: When applying for a Grant-in-Aid, it is important to be aware that receiving a grant may limit your organization's eligibility to receive a Permissive Tax Exemption.

In addition to completing the attached Grant-in-Aid application form, you are encouraged to submit any additional information that you feel would add to the understanding of your service. Please ensure you answer all questions on the application form. The Grant-in-Aid application due date is <u>February 22, 2013</u>. Applications should be returned to Kari-Anne McLennan, Financial Services Coordinator, Town of Ladysmith, Box 220, Ladysmith, B.C., V9G 1A2. For further information, please contact Erin Anderson, Director of Financial Services, at 250-245-6402. Applications received after the due date may not be considered.

| 1. Name of Organization | Ladysmith Celebrations Society |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Address                 | 70 Box 1273 Ladysmith BC       |
| Postal Code             | V96 1A9                        |
| Email Address           | NA.                            |

| 2. | President/Chairman                    | Barry Frech  |
|----|---------------------------------------|--|
|    | Address                               | Box 1095 243 4th Ave Ext.  |
|    | Postal Code                           | Ladysmith BC V961A7  |
| 3. | Treasurer                             | Socelyn Dewar  |
|    | Address                               | Socelyn Dewar<br>941 MALONE Rd Unit 58   |
|    | Postal Code                           | Ladysmith BC V98 153   |
| 4. | OFFICERS (Names only)                 | Darleene Kelt, Melody Smythies,<br>Jimmy Patrick   |
| 5. | Contact Person                        | Joselyn Dewar  |
|    | Address                               | See ABOUE  |
|    | Business Phone                        | 250-245-6386   |
|    | Residence Phone                       | 250-510-0220   |
| 6. | Amount Requested                      | # 10,000   |
| 7. | How will the community benefit? (Aim) | Ladepmith Days is an annual tradition bringing family and friends teather for own 40 years. Well bratise the abundant pool of resident entertainers in Ladysmith with an existing line-up of musicians, since I and dancers, along with games and dancers, along with games and own annual parade, Ladysmith Days always entertained both yours and old alite! |

| 8.   | List full and part-time paid positions  | None  |
|------|---|---|
|      | (use separate sheet if necessary)   |   |
|      |   |   |
| 9.   | Number of individual participants (clients) who will receive your service.                        | Participation is estimated to rival last years attendance of                                  |
|      | Number of volunteers  | 15  |
|      | Volunteer hours/week  | 3   |
| 10.  | Is your organization a registered society?  | Ye5   |
|      | Number:   | 5-0010984   |
|      | Is your organization a charitable institution?  | No  |
|      | Number:   |   |
| 11.  | What other efforts have been made to obtain funding? (include list of grants received or pending) | we are currently fundraising with other local business, but have none confirmed at this time. |
| 12   | Please attach:  |   |
| 12.  | (total local organization budget)   |   |
| A)   | Audited Financial Statement and/or<br>Year End budget   |   |
| B)   | Current Year Projections  |   |
| C)   | Statement of Assets and Liabilities   |   |
| The  | e information included in this application i  | s true and correct to the best of my knowledge.   |
|      | nature  | Jocel Dewon   |
| Pos  | ition/Title   | Treasurer   |
| Date | e   | March 7th, 2013   |
|      | APPLICATION DUE   | FERRILARY 22 2013   |

# **Ladysmith Celebrations Society Budget 2012**

# Created by Jocelyn Dewar

| <u>Income</u>               |             | <u>Expenses</u>     |              |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Donations                   | \$19,875.00 | Administration      | -\$316.09    |
| Vendors & Talent Entry Fees | \$770.00    | Insurance           | -\$2,457.50  |
| Fundraising                 | \$1,922.60  | Citizen of the Year | -\$188.45    |
| Miscellaneous               | \$101.00    | Entertainment       | -\$9,338.76  |
|                             | \$22,668.60 | Advertizing         | -\$1,273.47  |
|                             |             | Prizes              | -\$140.00    |
|                             |             | Fundraising         | -\$734.40    |
|                             |             | Venue Needs         | -\$2,039.36  |
|                             |             | Fireworks           | -\$9,600.00  |
|                             |             | Thanks You/Misc     | -\$110.86    |
|                             |             | Outstanding         | \$0.00       |
|                             |             | Total Expenses      | -\$26 198 89 |

# **Ladysmith Celebrations Society Budget 2013**

## Created by Jocelyn Dewar

| <u>Income</u>               |             | <u>Expenses</u>     |              |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Donations                   | \$20,000.00 | Administration      | -\$300.00    |
| Vendors & Talent Entry Fees | \$800.00    | Insurance           | -\$2,500.00  |
| Fundraising                 | \$2,000.00  | Citizen of the Year | -\$200.00    |
| Miscellaneous               |             | Entertainment       | -\$5,500.00  |
|                             | \$22,800.00 | Advertizing         | -\$1,400.00  |
|                             |             | Prizes              | -\$140.00    |
|                             |             | Fundraising         | -\$400.00    |
|                             |             | Venue Needs         | -\$2,500.00  |
|                             |             | Fireworks           | -\$9,600.00  |
|                             |             | Thanks You/Misc     | -\$200.00    |
|                             |             | Outstanding         | \$0.00       |
|                             |             | Total Expenses      | -\$22,740.00 |

| <u>Assets</u>        |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| LCS Chequing Account | \$7,004.68 |
| LCS Gaming Account   | \$1,859.69 |
|                      | \$8 864 37 |

Town of Ladysmith Grants in Aid 2013 Requests

| Organization   | 2012<br>Requested | 2012<br>Approved       | 2013<br>Requested       | Interim<br>Approvals | Packet<br>Number |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
|  |                   |                        |                         |                      |                  |
| Arts on the Avenue   | 1,500             | 1,000                  | 1,000                   | 1,000                | . 5              |
| Ladysmith & District Historical Society Archives   | 25,000            | 20,000                 | 25,000                  | 20,000               | 4                |
| Ladysmith & District Historical Society Museum   | 12,000            | 10,000                 | 12,000                  | 10,000               | 3                |
| Ladysmith Celebrations Society   | 8,000             | 8,000                  | 10,000                  |                      | LATE 27          |
| Festival of Lights Society   | 22,000            | 18,000                 | 12,000                  | 12,000               | 2                |
| Ladysmith Fire Rescue Auto Exvolutions   | -                 |                        | 2,500                   | 1,500                | 8                |
| Ladysmith Fire Rescue Santa Parade   | 1,800             | 1,000                  | 1,800                   | 1,000                | 9                |
| Ladysmith Show & Shine   | 1,000             | 500                    | 1,000                   | 500                  | 13               |
| Total Celebrations   | 71,300            | 58,500                 | 65,300                  | 46,000               |                  |
| Ladysmith & District Marine Rescue Society   | 1,500             | 1,500                  | 5,000                   | 1,500                | 23               |
| Ladysmith Maritime Society Festival Events   | 5,000             | 1,500                  | 5,000                   | 1,500                | 25               |
| Ladysmith Maritime Society Heritage Initiatives  | 5,000             | 1,000                  | 5,000                   | 1,000                | 26               |
| Total Harbour Functions  | 11,500            | 4,000                  | 15,000                  | 4,000                |                  |
| Ladvamith Passaurasa Centra Asan, Conoral Programming  | 17,860            | 8,000                  | 12,000                  |                      | 22               |
| Ladysmith Resources Centre Assn - General Programming  | 17,000            | 11,000                 | 14,000                  | 11,000               | 20               |
| Ladysmith Resources Centre Assn - Victim Services Ladysmith Resources Centre Assn - Family Support | 12,000            | 8,000                  | 12,000                  | 11,000               | 21               |
|  | 11,000            |                        |                         |                      | 19               |
| Ladysmith Resources Centre Assn - Youth at Risk  |                   | 8,000<br><b>35,000</b> | 12,000<br><b>50,000</b> | 11,000               | 19               |
| Total Resource Centre  | 57,860            | 35,000                 | 50,000                  | 11,000               |                  |
| Arts Council of Ladysmith & District   | 1,000             | 1,000                  | 1,000                   | 1,000                | 10               |
| Arts Council of Ladysmith & District (Disability access)   | -                 | · -                    | 5,000                   | 2,500                | 11               |
| Ladysmith Citizens on Patrol   | 1,500             | 1,500                  | 1,500                   | 1,500                | 16               |
| Ladysmith Community Gardens Society  | -                 | _                      | 1,500                   | 1,000                | 1                |
| Ladysmith RCMP Community Policing  | 1,000             | 1,000                  | 1,000                   | 1,000                | 6                |
| Ladysmith & District Accountability Program (Restorative Justice)                                  | -                 | · -                    | 1,000                   | 1,000                | 7                |
| Ladysmith Sportsmen's Club   | 500               | 500                    |                         |                      |                  |
| People in Pain Network   | -                 | _                      | 3,500                   |                      | 12               |
| Royal Canadian Legion #171   | 10,000            | 3,000                  |                         |                      |                  |
| Cowichan & District SPCA   | 10,000            |                        |                         |                      |                  |
| Ladysmith Senior Advisory Council  | 950               | 950                    |                         |                      |                  |
| St John the Evangelist Anglican Church   | -                 | -                      | 3,600                   | 500                  | 18               |
| Total Other  | 24,950            | 7,950                  | 18,100                  | 8,500                |                  |
| Vancouver Island Crisis Society  | 1,000             | 500                    |                         |                      |                  |
|  | 750               | 750                    | 750                     | 750                  | 15               |
| Cowichan Family Caregivers Support Society  Total Social Services                                  | 1,750             | 1,250                  | 750                     | 750<br><b>750</b>    | 13               |
| Total Social Services  | 1,750             | 1,230                  | 750                     | 750                  |                  |
| Boys & Girls Club  |                   |                        |                         |                      |                  |
| Ladysmith Ambassador Program   | 2,500             | 1,000                  | 2,500                   | 1,000                | 14               |
| Ladysmith Sec School - Frank Jameson Bursary   | 1,500             | 1,500                  | 1,500                   | 1,500                |                  |
| Ecole Davis Road Parents Advisory Council  | 2,000             | 1,500                  |                         |                      |                  |
| Ladysmith Intermediate School PAC  | 5,000             | _                      | 4,000                   | 1,000                | 24               |
| Royal Canadian Air Cadets  | 3,000             | 1,000                  |                         |                      |                  |
| Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association  | 5,000             | _                      | 5,000                   | 1,000                | 17               |
| Total Youth, Education & Sport   | 19,000            | 5,000                  | 13,000                  | 4,500                |                  |
| Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce  | 200               | 200                    |                         |                      |                  |
| Ten Percent Shift Program (already funded)   | 1,200             | 1,200                  |                         |                      |                  |
| Stz'mainus Canoe Festival (Nat'l Sport Trust Fund)   | 1,000             | 1,000                  |                         |                      |                  |
| Total applications received after deadline   | -                 | 2,400                  |                         |                      | 4                |
| TOTAL  | \$ 186,360        | \$ 114,100             | \$ 162,150              | \$ 74,750            |                  |
| TOTAL  | ψ 100,300         | φ 114,10U              | \$ 102,130              | \$ 74,750            |                  |

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#### **BYLAW NO. 1821**

A bylaw to amend the Water Services Rates of the Town of Ladysmith.

WHEREAS pursuant to the *Community Charter*, The Municipal Council may, by bylaw, regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to municipal services:

**NOW THEREFORE** the Municipal Council of the Town of Ladysmith in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

### **Amendment**

- 1. Schedule "A" of "Waterworks Regulations Bylaw 1999, No. 1298, Amendment Bylaw 2010, No. 1726 is hereby replaced with the attached Schedule A.
- 2. The provisions of this bylaw shall become effective and be in force as of the 2nd day of April 2013.

### Citation

3. This bylaw may be cited as "Town of Ladysmith Waterworks Regulations Bylaw 1999, No. 1298, Amendment Bylaw 2013, No. 1821".

| READ A FIRST TIME  | on the | day of                  | , 2013              |
|--------------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| READ A SECOND TIME | on the | day of                  | , 2013              |
| READ A THIRD TIME  | on the | day of                  | , 2013              |
| ADOPTED            | on the | day of                  | , 2013              |
|                    |        |                         | Mayor (R. Hutchins) |
|                    |        |                         | • \ \               |
|                    |        | Director of Corporate S | ervices (S. Bowden) |

## SCHEDULE "A"

## TOWN OF LADYSMITH

Waterworks Regulations Bylaw 1999, No. 1298, Amendment Bylaw 2013, No. 1821

# SCHEDULE OF RATES

| Metered Service (Quarterly) for Each Individually     Metered Single Family Dwelling Unit   | \$22.45 base rate per quarter<br>\$0.50/m³ for next 26 m³ to 50 m³<br>\$0.60/m³ for next 51 m³ to 75 m³<br>\$0.75/m³ for next 76 m³ to 100 m³<br>\$1.00/m³ for next 101 m³ to 125 m³<br>\$1.35/m³ for >126 m³ |
|---|---|
| 2. <u>Metered Service (Quarterly) for All Other Users</u>   | \$22.45 base rate per quarter (includes up to 25 cubic meters) and \$0.45/cu.m. for any use over 25 cubic meters  |
| 3. Non-Metered Service (Quarterly)  | \$39.80 flat rate, per unit, per quarter  |
| <ol> <li>Service Connection Rates         <ol> <li>Where a service connection has not been previously provided to a parcel but where the Public Waterworks System fronts or abuts the parcel:</li> <li>(a) 19 mm (3/4") service connection including meter, meter box, meter setter, check valves, shut-off valves and any other related appurtenances</li> <li>(b) larger than 19 mm (3/4") shall be at cost but not less than</li> <li>Where a service connection has been previously provided to a parcel:</li> <li>(a) and that service connection includes a meter, meter box, meter setter, check valves, shut-off valves and any other related appurtenances and is the requested size</li> <li>(b) any upgrading of that service in size including installation of a water meter, meter box, meter setter, check valves, shut-off valves and any other related appurtenances shall be at cost, but not less than</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | \$2,400.00<br>\$2,400.00<br>\$ 100.00<br>\$2,400.00   |

#### **BYLAW NO. 1822**

A bylaw to amend the Sanitary Sewer Rates Bylaw 1999, No. 1299 of the Town of Ladysmith.

**WHEREAS** pursuant to the *Community Charter*, The Municipal Council may, by bylaw, regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to municipal services:

**NOW THEREFORE** the Municipal Council of the Town of Ladysmith in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

### Amendment

- 1. Schedule "A" of "Sanitary Sewer Rates Bylaw 1999, No. 1299" is hereby replaced with the attached Schedule A.
- 2. The provisions of this bylaw shall become effective and be in force as of the 2nd day of April 2013.

#### Citation

3. This bylaw may be cited as "Town of Ladysmith Sanitary Sewer Rates Bylaw 1999, No. 1299, Amendment Bylaw 2013, No. 1822".

| READ A FIRST TIME  | on the | day of | , 2013 |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| READ A SECOND TIME | on the | day of | , 2013 |
| READ A THIRD TIME  | on the | day of | , 2013 |
| ADOPTED            | on the | day of | , 2013 |

| Mayor (R. Hutchir | ıs) |
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Director of Corporate Services (S. Bowden)

## SCHEDULE A

## TOWN OF LADYSMITH

Sewer Rates bylaw 1999, No. 1299, Amendment Bylaw 2013, No. 1822

## **Schedule of Rates**

|  | LASSIFICATION   | Sewer Rental Charge Per Month           |
|--|---|---|
| C  | TO MORE   |   |
| Residences or Apartments:                            | Single Family<br>Two Family<br>Multi-Family, including apartment units            | \$14.30<br>\$14.30/unit<br>\$14.30/unit |
| Motels & Auto Courts:                                | Premises of owner or operator For each rental unit                                | \$14.30<br>\$ 2.20                      |
| Mobile Home Parks:                                   | Public rest rooms and/or service rooms For each mobile home with sewer connection | \$14.30<br>\$14.30                      |
| Hotels:  | Owners or managers quarters<br>Per apartment for rent<br>Per room for rent        | \$14.30<br>\$14.30<br>\$ 2.20           |
| Beer Parlours, Pubs, Licensed<br>Cabarets & Lounges: | For each separately licensed area   | \$30.85                                 |
| Cafes, Restaurants & Dining Rooms                    |   | \$30.85                                 |
| Offices, Shops and Stores:                           | (per office, shop & store unit not otherwise specified)                           | \$14.30                                 |
| Store(s) and Suite(s) combined:                      | Per store unit<br>Per suite   | \$14.30<br>\$14.30                      |
| Store(s) and Office(s) combined:                     | Per store unit<br>Per office unit   | \$14.30<br>\$14.30                      |
| Office Building: Per off                             | ice unit  | \$14.30                                 |
| Laundry or Laundromat                                |   | \$49.60                                 |
| Service Stations and Garages:                        | Without car wash<br>With car wash   | \$14.30<br>\$33.05                      |
| Public or Social Club with licensed bar              |   | \$30.85                                 |
| Church Hall, Public Hall or Lodge Room               |   | \$11.05                                 |
| Hospitals - per bed                                  |   | \$ 6.65                                 |
| Schools - per classroom, auditorium or office        |   | \$14.30                                 |



## Town of Ladysmith

## STAFF REPORT

To: Ruth Malli, City Manager

From: John Manson, PEng, Director of Infrastructure Services

March 25, 2013

Date: File No:

### Re: Purchase of a Nissan Leaf Electric Vehicle for Public Works

## **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

The Council authorize waiving the purchasing policy for the acquisition of a Nissan Leaf Electric Vehicle as one of the scheduled vehicle replacements for 2013.

## PURPOSE:

To replace one of Public Works' existing pickup trucks with a smaller, more efficient vehicle for in-town use.

#### INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

The Town maintains a 'revolving' equipment replacement reserve which funds the scheduled replacement of vehicles. The fund operates through a 'chargeback system' whereby the fund charges out vehicles and equipment on an hourly rate sufficient to eventually replace the vehicles at the end of their useful (economic) lifetime. In 2012, three pickup trucks were scheduled for replacement, two for Public Works, and one for Parks, Recreation and Culture – these three replacements were put on hold pending a staff review of the fund's operation. That review is under way, and will be completed by end of spring 2013.

The Town recently installed Level 2 electric vehicle charging stations on First Avenue and at the Public Works yard on Sixth Avenue. The purpose of the installation at the Public Works yard is to provide for the use of fully electric vehicles in the Town's fleet as appropriate, in keeping with the Town's approach to minimize greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs).

One of the tenets of the replacement strategy, as confirmed by Council, is to examine the use of alternate low GHG fuel vehicles whenever possible. Staff have identified that one of the scheduled pickup trucks could be replaced with a fully electric vehicle.

The Provincial Government is currently offering a \$5,000 rebate for the purchase of electric vehicles. This rebate is scheduled to expire at the end of March 2013. It is uncertain whether this rebate will be extended. Accordingly, staff are bringing this

purchase forward to Council for consideration and action prior to the expiration of the rebate offer.

Due to the limited time available, staff has informally approached the following electric vehicle venders for a quote to purchase a new 2012 or 2013 electric passenger vehicle:

| Vender             | Model            | Price, FOB Nanaimo or Duncan |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
|                    |                  | (plus taxes, minus rebate)   |
| Nissan, Nanaimo    | 2013 Nissan Leaf | Up to \$35,000               |
| Laird Wheaton GMC, | 2013 Chevy Volt  | \$43,600.00                  |
| Nanaimo            |                  |                              |
| Brown Bros Ford    | 2012 Ford Focus  | \$39,217.00                  |
| Lincoln, Vancouver |                  |                              |

The Nissan Leaf and Ford Focus are fully electric vehicles, and have a range in the neighborhood of 100+ kilometres between charges. This range is more than sufficient to accommodate daily local use within the Town. The Chevy Volt has a smaller battery pack, capable of about 50 kilometres, but has the advantage of using gasoline to extend the range of the vehicle to about 400 kilometres between "fillings".

The Nissan leaf is the least expensive option, and also features the advantage of a DC Fast Charge receptacle, which will allow the vehicle to be 'fast charged" (20-30 minutes) at filling stations scheduled to be installed in Victoria, Duncan, and Nanaimo this month. This will effectively extend the range of the vehicle to south Vancouver Island without excessive wait times for recharging. For this reason, staff recommend the purchase of a 2013 Nissan Leaf.

## **SCOPE OF WORK:**

Provides for the replacement of one of the Town's pickup trucks scheduled for replacement in 2012/2013.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Town could continue to use the existing pickup truck or replace the vehicle with a traditional acquisition. It has been determined that an electric car will meet the operational needs and that a truck is not required.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS;

The cost of the replacement of the pickup truck is covered under the Town's equipment replacement fund (\$195,000 has been placed in the fund for 2013 for equipment replacements). Due to time constraints related to the provincial rebate program, staff are requesting that Council waive the formal request for proposals tendering process to allow the purchase based on the quotes obtained.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS;

None.

#### CITIZEN/PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

The purchase of an electric vehicle will support the Towns commitment to reducing GHG; and also provides evidence to the public that electric vehicle use is practical and appropriate for 'in town' vehicle use in Ladysmith.

## INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS:

The vehicle will be made available for use by all staff, particularly at events where the Town can demonstrate our commitment to sustainable action.

## **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

No further resource implications.

#### ALIGNMENT WITH SUSTAINABILITY VISIONING REPORT:

Aligns and supports the implementation of the Sustainability Visioning Report.

## ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Aligns with Strategic Direction A-Wise Financial Management.

## SUMMARY:

The Town is currently reviewing the Vehicle Replacement Plan that funds the replacement of vehicles. Staff are recommending that an electric car be purchased to replace a pickup truck scheduled for replacement. There is an opportunity to partially fund the acquisition with a Provincial Grant of \$5,000 if the purchase is made prior to March 31, 2013. It is uncertain whether the grant program is going to be extended beyond the current expiry date. Therefore, staff are recommending that the vehicle be purchased by waiving the purchasing policy. The acquisition of electric vehicles is consistent with the Town's Energy Plan and the Sustainability Visioning Report, which call for the reduction of greenhouse gases in the Town's operations.

Ruth Malli, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

None