



**TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
4:30 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rob Hutchins	Councillor Steve Arnett	Councillor Jillian Dashwood
Councillor Bill Drysdale	Councillor Gord Horth	Councillor Duck Paterson
Councillor Glenda Patterson (entered later)		

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli	Felicity Adams	Erin Anderson
John Manson	Clayton Postings	Joanna Winter

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Hutchins called this Meeting of Council to order at 4:31 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2013-220 It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Council Meeting of June 17, 2013 be approved.

MINUTES

CS 2013-221 It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 3, 2013 be approved.

CS 2013-222 It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held June 10, 2013 be approved.

STAFF REPORTS

Statement of Financial Information for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012

CS 2013-223 It was moved, seconded and carried that the Statement of Financial Information for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 be approved.

Councillor G. Patterson entered the meeting (4:36 p.m.)

CS 2013-224 It was moved, seconded and carried that the Statement of Financial Information for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 be amended in Section 3, Line A to read \$84,644.

CS 2013-225 It was moved, seconded and carried that the Statement of Financial Information for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 be approved as amended.

BYLAWS Town of Ladysmith Fees and Charges Bylaw 2008, No. 1644,

CS 2013-226

Amendment Bylaw 2013, No. 1826

It was moved, seconded and carried that Town of Ladysmith Fees and Charges Bylaw 2008, No. 1644, Amendment Bylaw 2013, No. 1826 be adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

CS 2013-227

School District #68 Enhanced Facilities Plan – Report and Recommendations

Whereas the Board of School Trustees of School District #68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) has for over three decades established and provided for the majority of its students a learning environment that seeks to ensure children stay in a single school setting as long as possible, K-7 (elementary) and 8-12 (secondary), and experience a minimal number (one) of school changes;

And whereas the Board of School Trustees has established optimal school size guidelines of Elementary – 200-400 and Secondary – 600-1200;

And whereas the Board of School Trustees is facing challenges throughout the school district including: declining enrollment, underutilization of some school facilities, aging infrastructure, and budgetary constraints;

And whereas the Board of School Trustees of School District #68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) is considering implementing a “Proposed 10-Year Enhanced Facilities for Learning Plan” that for Ladysmith children in the short-term and the long-term does not reflect the long-established model of K-7 and 8-12 learning environment, or SD#68 optimal school size guidelines, and seeks to place all Ladysmith students on a single site with no room for growth;

And whereas the Town of Ladysmith is a growing community with significant areas for considerable growth in both the south and the north (south and north of Holland Creek);

And whereas the Ladysmith Sustainability vision articulated by the citizens of Ladysmith supports schools in neighbourhoods within walking or biking distance;

And whereas the Early Development Instrument has consistently shown in excess of 30% of Ladysmith children have one or more area of vulnerability;

And whereas Council has strong concerns about safety of students in schools concentrated along Sixth Avenue in the vicinity of police and fire/rescue stations and about the negative effect on property values, the economy and the desirability of Ladysmith as a community due to the proposed centralization and proposed

configuration of education facilities in Ladysmith;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Ladysmith convey to the Board of School Trustees its strong objections to the following components contained within the “Proposed 10-Year Enhanced Facilities for Learning Plan”:

- a. The closure of a south Ladysmith neighborhood school Ecole Davis Road with no plans to replace it in the same vicinity;
- b. The transfer of elementary grade students (grades six and seven) to Ladysmith Secondary School and LSS becoming grades 6-12;
- c. The requirement that Ladysmith Primary School children will experience three school changes during their elementary school years;
- d. The creation of a single large elementary school (K-5) at the Ladysmith Primary School site which according to provincial guidelines has an inadequate land area for such a school population;
- e. The concentration of Ladysmith schools along Sixth Avenue, which is also a corridor for emergency vehicles;
- f. The proposed exclusion of North Oyster students from the Ladysmith Secondary School catchment area

And that Town Council strongly encourages the Board of School Trustees to:

- a. Adopt a plan that will see the continuation of a K-7 school (200-400 students) south of Holland Creek;
- b. Seek to establish a K-7 school (200-400 students) at the Ladysmith Primary School site or work collaboratively with the Town to acquire another elementary school site in a nearby location that will serve as a neighborhood elementary school for the north end of or community;
- c. Maintain Ladysmith Secondary School as an 8-12 school and strive to utilize its present excess capacity by facilitating alternative educational opportunities, providing adult education opportunities, daycare space, etc., and work with the Town’s Parks, Recreation and Culture Department to facilitate community programming opportunities and other efficiencies.

QUESTION PERIOD

R. Johnson enquired about the average cost of benefits for exempt staff and union staff.

R. Johnson was advised that a payout of unused vacation time requires Council approval and that this has not happened in several years.

R. Johnson enquired about the wages paid to the former Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture in 2012. He was advised that the

Statement of Financial Information Report was prepared in accordance with the regulations..

R. Johnson was advised that the budget for 2013 includes salaries for all exempt staff positions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CS 2013-228

It was moved, seconded and carried at 4:59 p.m. that this session of Council recess and that it resume at 7:00 p.m., and that Council retire into Executive (Closed) Session in order to consider the following item:

- Litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

E. Anderson left the meeting.

RISE AND REPORT

Council arose from Executive (Closed) Session at 5:25 p.m. with report on the following item:

- That the Town request that the Ministry of Environment investigate whether the area of Forward Road in the vicinity of 203 Dogwood Drive should be declared a contaminated site under the *Environmental Management Act*.

J. Winter, C. Postings and J. Manson left the meeting.

The Regular Meeting of Council resumed at 7:04 p.m.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

CS 2013-229

Temporary Use Permit (TUP) Application – Tycor Holdings Ltd.

Lot 2, District Lot 24, Oyster District, Plan 4580 (930 Ludlow Road)

It was moved, seconded and carried that Temporary Use Permit 3340-13-01 be approved to allow a mobile food service use to be located at 930 Ludlow Road (Lot 2, District Lot 24, Oyster District, Plan 45800) for two years subject to the conditions of the Temporary Use Permit.

ADJOURNMENT

CS 2013-230

It was moved, seconded and carried that this Special Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor (R. Hutchins)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)