



**TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rob Hutchins
Councillor Gord Horth

Councillor Jillian Dashwood
Councillor Duck Paterson

Councillor Bill Drysdale
Councillor Glenda Patterson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Councillor Steve Arnett

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli

Joanna Winter

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchins called this Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2014-039

Moved and seconded:

That the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of February 3, 2014 be approved as amended with the following addition:
10.3 Ladysmith Tour de Rock 2014

Motion carried.

MINUTES

CS 2014-040

Moved and seconded:

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, January 20, 2014 be approved.

Motion carried.

CS 2014-041

Moved and seconded:

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Tuesday, January 28 be approved.

Motion carried.

DELEGATIONS

Kathleen Sheppard, Glenn Calder, Social Planning Cowichan

K. Sheppard, Executive Director, and G. Calder, Board Member, provided an overview of Social Planning Cowichan's 2013 Annual Report and the organization's priorities for 2014. Council thanked Ms. Sheppard and Mr. Calder for their informative presentation, offered support and assistance, and expressed appreciation for the growing inclusion of Ladysmith in Social Planning Cowichan activities and initiatives.

Aaron Stone, Cheryl Onciul, Ecole Davis Road Parents' Advisory Council

A. Stone and C. Onciul provided a detailed analysis of the options under consideration by the Board of Trustees of School District 68 with regard to the configuration of schools in the Ladysmith zone, showing that the most viable option is the one known as Option C. Council expressed their appreciation to Mr. Stone, Ms. Onciul and all members of the Ecole Davis Road PAC for their hard work and passion on behalf of all school-age children in the community.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Hutchins provided Council with a presentation outlining the 2014 budget process and principles for the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

Municipal Services Committee Recommendations

CS 2014-042
Moved and seconded:
That Council direct staff to amend the financial plan to accommodate the replacement of eleven pieces of aging cardio equipment at the Frank Jameson Community Centre.
Motion carried.

CS 2014-043
Moved and seconded:
That the correspondence received from Shawn O'Toole regarding the establishment of Holland Creek Trail as an area where dogs must be leashed be referred to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission and that the Commission be requested to consider the Committee's recommendation that the Holland Creek Trail be deemed an on-leash area.
Motion defeated.

OPPOSED:
Councillors Horth, Dashwood and G. Patterson

CS 2014-044
Moved and seconded:
That the correspondence received from Shawn O'Toole regarding the establishment of Holland Creek Trail as an area where dogs must be leashed be referred to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission and that the Commission be requested to consider the suitability of the Holland Creek Trail as an on-leash area.
Motion withdrawn.

Councillor D. Paterson advised that the question of dogs on the Holland Creek Trail has already been brought to the attention of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.

Councillor Dashwood advised that a homelessness count will take place in Ladysmith on February 17 and 18, and that volunteers

are needed. Councillor Dashwood reported that the Chamber of Commerce would be moving to new premises at 25 Roberts Street.

Councillor D. Paterson expressed thanks to the volunteers who helped take down the Town's Christmas Lights.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-045

That Mayor Rob Hutchins be appointed as alternate representing the Town of Ladysmith on the Cowichan Valley Regional District Transit Review Committee.

Motion carried.

Mayor Hutchins reported that Councillor Arnett has been elected to the Executive of the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board.

STAFF REPORTS

Community Heritage Register Update Project

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-046

That Council approve the Statements of Significance for the following 13 properties:

- Comox Logging and Railway Shops Building (610 Oyster Bay Drive)
- The Old Post Office (340 Esplanade)
- Temperance Hotel (32 High Street)
- Convent School (210 Buller Street)
- Jones Hotel (12 Gatacre Street)
- 516 First Avenue Building (516 First Avenue)
- Eagles Hall (921 First Avenue)
- Coburn/Verchere House (641 Third Avenue)
- Jessup's Drug Store (18 High Street)
- Music Hall (18 Roberts Street)
- Masonic Hall (26 Gatacre Street)
- Johnson Shoes (528 First Avenue)
- Ladysmith Railway Station

Motion carried.

Appointment to Cowichan Valley Regional District Sport Tourism Working Committee

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-047

That Council appoint John Perry to serve on the Cowichan Valley Regional District Sport Tourism Working Committee, as recommended by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.

Motion carried.

B.C. Family Day Grant and Special Event

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-048 That Council receive the staff report on the BC Family Day Grant and Special Event, dated January 28, 2014, for information.
Motion carried.

2014 Low Flush Toilet Rebate Program

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-049 That Council direct staff to include \$10,000 for the Low-Flush Toilet Rebate Program in the 2014 Financial Plan, with \$6,000 of that amount to be funded from the prior year, and that any surplus from prior years be reallocated to continue funding the program in subsequent years.
Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

S/Sgt. Dave Herman, Ladysmith RCMP Detachment

Letters of Recognition for Ladysmith Fire/Rescue and Ladysmith Search and Rescue

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-050 That Council write letters of congratulations to Ladysmith Fire Rescue and Ladysmith Search and Rescue for the ongoing contributions their members make to the community and to law enforcement.
Motion carried.

Dot Neary, Board of School Trustees, School District 68

Acknowledgment of Correspondence and Notice of Special Board Meeting

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-051 That Council write to the Board of Trustees, School District 68, expressing its disappointment that the Board declined Council's invitation for a facilitated meeting and its strong disagreement with the recommendations for the Ladysmith Zone contained in the report from Superintendent Dave Hutchinson dated December 18, 2013, and reiterating its support for Option C as presented by the Ladysmith Working Group.
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce Home, Garden and Business Show

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-052 That Council reserve a booth in the Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce Home, Garden and Business Show on March 28 and 29, 2014.
Motion carried.

Ladysmith Food Bank – Request for Letter of Support

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-053

That Council provide a letter of support for the Ladysmith Food Bank's application to Food Banks Canada for funds to support a community kitchen to provide both meals and skill development for those in need in the community.

Motion carried.

Ladysmith Tour de Rock Committee

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-054

That the Town write to School District 68 requesting consideration of a change in date for the Professional Development Day scheduled for September 29, 2014 in order to permit school participation in the Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock activities in Ladysmith and other District communities on that day.

Motion carried.

QUESTION PERIOD

Rob Johnson enquired about Council's position on video and audio recording of Council meetings, the reason there are no dates associated with Closed Meeting resolutions reported in the minutes of the January 20, 2014 Council Meeting, the re-opening date for the renovated and expanded Peerless Road Recycling Facility, notice to property owners about Statements of Significance and a proposed survey of Cowichan Region youth.

Nita Grant enquired whether there are funds available for restoration of buildings listed in the Community Heritage Register.

CLOSED MEETING

Moved and seconded at 9:17 p.m.:

CS 2014-055

That Council retire into Closed Meeting after a two minute recess.

Motion carried.

ARISE AND REPORT

Council arose from the Closed Meeting without report.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-056

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Motion carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor (R. Hutchins)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)