



TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016
PART ONE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALL TO ORDER 5:00 P.M.
PART TWO: LADYSMITH EAGLES HALL, 921 FIRST AVENUE
CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Aaron Stone	Councillor Steve Arnett	Councillor Cal Fradin
Councillor Joe Friesenhan	Councillor Carol Henderson	Councillor Rob Hutchins
Councillor Duck Paterson		

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli	John Manson (entered at 7:00 p.m.)
Erin Anderson (left at 7:00 p.m.)	Joanna Winter
Sue Bouma (entered at 7:00 p.m.)	

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stone called this Special Meeting of Council to order at 5:01 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2016-088

Moved and seconded:

That Council approve the agenda for the Council meeting of March 14, 2016.

Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Grants in Aid

Council reviewed the requests for grants-in-aid for 2016.

Councillor Paterson left the meeting for the following discussion, citing a potential conflict of interest as Chair of the Ladysmith Show and Shine.

CS 2016-089

Moved and seconded:

That Council waive Item Four under Conditions of Funding (reporting requirements) in the Town's Grant-in-Aid Policy for consideration of Grants-in-Aid for 2016.

Motion carried.

Councillor Paterson returned to the meeting.

Council agreed to revisit the Grant-in-Aid Policy prior to the 2017 Budget deliberations.

CS 2016-090 *Moved and seconded:*
That Council write Island Health to express deep concern at the urgent need for the provision of services for families and youth in crisis and at risk in Ladysmith and the unacceptable waiting periods for such services.
Motion carried.

Council members expressed their ongoing frustration that Areas G and H of the Cowichan Valley Regional District do not contribute their share of funds to support Victims Services programs that residents of those areas continue to access.

CS 2016-091 *Moved and seconded:*
That Council include in its deliberations the request from the Stz'uminus First Nation for a Grant-In-Aid to support Aboriginal Day festivities, which was received after the application deadline.
Motion carried.

Councillor Paterson excused himself from the meeting during consideration of the Grant-in-Aid for the Ladysmith Show and Shine, citing a possible conflict of interest as he is the Chair of the organization's Board of Directors, and returned following discussions on the matter.

Council members expressed their ongoing concern that the Town is supporting important services delivered by the Ladysmith Resources Centre, which are a provincial responsibility and should be funded by the province.

Council made preliminary allocations of Grants-in-Aid, and revisited its recommendations when it was determined the recommendations exceeded the budget by \$5,400.

CS 2016-092 *Moved and seconded:*
That Council increase the Grant-in-Aid budget for 2016 by \$5,000.
Motion withdrawn.

CS 2016-093 *Moved and seconded:*
That Council reduce the recommended Grant-in-Aid for the Ladysmith Festival of Lights by \$1,500, to \$13,500.
Motion carried.

CS 2016-094 *Moved and seconded:*
That Council reduce the recommended Grant-in-Aid to the Ladysmith Archives by \$1,500, to \$13,500.
Motion carried.

OPPOSED:
Mayor Stone, Councillor Hutchins.

CS 2016-095

Moved and seconded:

That Council increase the Grant-in-Aid budget for 2016 by \$2,400, to \$114,400.

Motion carried.

Council made the following recommendations with respect to Grants-in-Aid for 2016. The recommendations will be brought forward for approval at an upcoming meeting of Council.

Organization	2016 Preliminary Approval
Arts Council of Ladysmith & District	1,500
Cowichan Family Caregivers Support Society	750
Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association	0
Festival of Lights Society	13,500
Ladysmith & District Historical Society	
Archives	13,500
Museum	10,000
Preservation Committee	2,000
Ladysmith Ambassador Program	1,500
Ladysmith and District Marine Rescue Society	2,500
Ladysmith Celebrations Society	8,000
Ladysmith Citizens on Patrol	1,500
Ladysmith Community Gardens Society	1,500
Ladysmith Downtown Business Association	
Old Tyme Christmas	1,500
Shop Locally	1,500
Ladysmith Family and Friends (LaFF)	2,500
Ladysmith Fire Rescue	1,200
Ladysmith Little Theatre	500
Ladysmith Maritime Society	
Festival	1,500
Ladysmith Resources Centre Association	
Family Support	8,000
General Programs	8,000
Victim Services	12,000
Volunteer Counselling	1,500
Youth at Risk	8,000
Ladysmith Search & Rescue Society	5,000
Ladysmith Sec School - Frank Jameson Bursary	1,500
Ladysmith Show & Shine	500
Old English Car Club Central Island Branch	250
St John the Evangelist Church	500
Stz'uminus First Nation Aboriginal Day	1,200
Vancouver Island Crisis Society	500
Waiving of Fees	2,500
TOTAL	114,400

CS 2016-096

Moved and seconded:

That this Special Meeting of Council recess at 6:43 p.m. and that it reconvene as scheduled at the Ladysmith Eagles Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried.

E. Anderson left the meeting.

Mayor Stone reconvened this Special Meeting of Council at 6:59 p.m. at the Ladysmith Eagles Hall.

**DEVELOPMENT
APPLICATIONS**

**Development Variance Permit Application – 410 Third Avenue (Forrest)
Lot 1, Block 73, District Lot 56, Oyster District, Plan 703A**

Mayor Stone invited residents both within and outside the Development Variance Permit Application Notice Area to address Council with comments about the application.

Lindy Skutnik, of 676 Hillview, realtor for the Development Variance Permit applicant, summarized the profiles of those who would be interested in purchasing the property at 410 Third Avenue.

Bill Drysdale, of 816 Malone, requested that Council honour the Town's community vision of affordable housing and spoke in support of the application.

April Marrington, of 325 Gatacre, noted that there are many similar two-storey coach houses in the Town, and expressed support of the development variance for 410 Third Avenue.

Nick Ep-Evans, expressed support for the application.

Glenda Patterson, of 920 Third Avenue, commented that the Town has numerous similar structures and expressed support for the application.

Pam Fraser, of 750 Colonia, requested that Council respect coach house development language and deny the application.

Aaron Lafontaine, of 312 Roberts Street, spoke against the application.

Jill Dashwood, of 105-1150 Walkem Road, spoke about the town's vision and the benefits of increased density and spoke in support of the application.

Cathy Gilroy, of 220 Third Avenue, noted that the Town has excellent bylaws in place regarding coach house development and spoke against the application.

Lance Fetchko, of Douglas Place, commented on the placement of the driveway for the accessory building.

Mayor Stone thanked the members of the community for their comments.

CS 2016-097 *Moved and seconded:*
That Council approve the variance of the height of the coach house dwelling in the existing accessory building on Lot 1, Block 73, District Lot 56, Oyster District, Plan 703A (410 Third Avenue) from 6.6 metres to 7.43 metres for Development Variance Permit 3090-15-03.
Motion carried.

OPPOSED:
Councillors Fradin and Arnett

CS 2016-098 *Moved and seconded:*
That Council deny the proposed variance of the floor area of the coach house dwelling in the existing accessory building on Lot 1, Block 73, District Lot 56, Oyster District, plan 703A (410 Third Avenue) for Development Variance Permit 3090-15-03.
Motion carried.

OPPOSED: Councillor Paterson

Development Permit Application – 410 Third Avenue (Forrest) Lot 1, Block 73, District Lot 56, Oyster District, Plan 703A

Having issued Development Variance Permit 3090-15-03 with amendments as noted, Council considered Development Permit Application 3060-14-06 for the same subject property.

CS 2016-099 *Moved and seconded:*
That Council refer Development Permit Application 3060-14-06 to staff to negotiate revisions with respect to overlook and the size of the balcony, and request that staff bring a revised Development Permit to a future meeting of Council.
Motion carried.

OPPOSED:
Councillors Arnett, Fradin and Henderson.

QUESTION PERIOD

Members of the audience enquired about the possibility of using a referendum process to make decisions about grants-in-aid.

ADJOURNMENT

CS 2016-100 *Moved and seconded:*
That this meeting of Council adjourn at 8:47 p.m.
Motion carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Deputy Corporate Officer (J. Winter)



Mayor (A. Stone)