

TOWN OF LADYSMITH  
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL  
CALL TO ORDER 4:30 P.M.

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Aaron Stone                      Councillor Cal Fradin                      Councillor Joe Friesenhan  
Councillor Carol Henderson      Councillor Rob Hutchins              Councillor Duck Paterson  
Councillor Steve Arnett (entered at 4:54 p.m.)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

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**CALL TO ORDER**                      Mayor Stone called this Regular Meeting of Council to order at 4:36 p.m.

**CLOSED MEETING**

CS 2015-100

*Moved and seconded:*

That Council retire into closed session at 4:37 p.m. in order to consider the following items in accordance with *Community Charter* Section 90(1):

- discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [*annual municipal report*]
- 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
- 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

*Motion carried.*

**REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Stone reconvened the Open Session of this Special Council Meeting at 6:05 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

CS 2015-101

*Moved and seconded:*

That the agenda for the Council Meeting of March 16, 2015 be approved with the following amendments:

- a) Consider agenda items 7 and 8 (Rezoning of Farrell Road and related bylaw) after item 3

*Motion carried.*

**MINUTES**

**CS 2015-102**

*Moved and seconded:*  
That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 16, 2015 be approved.  
*Motion carried.*

**DEVELOPMENT  
APPLICATIONS**

**Rezoning of 606 Farrell Road (Town-Initiated)**  
Subject Properties: Lot A, District Lot 41, Oyster District, Plan VIP84543 except part in Strata Plan VIS6497 (Phase 1) and Strata Lot 1, Strata Lot 2 and Strata Lot 3, District Lot 41, Oyster District, Strata Plan VIS6497 together with an interest in the Common Property of Strata Plan VIS6497 and Common Property Strata Plan VIS6497

**CS 2015-103**

*Moved and seconded:*  
That Council receive the staff report from the Director of Development Services concerning the proposed rezoning of the property at 606 Farrell Road.  
*Motion carried.*

**BYLAWS –  
OCP/ZONING**

**Town of Ladysmith Zoning Bylaw 1860, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1), 2015, No. 1875**

**CS 2015-104**

*Moved and seconded:*  
That Town of Ladysmith Zoning Bylaw 1860, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1), 2015, No. 1875 be read a first and second time, and a public hearing be scheduled.  
*Motion carried.*

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Stone proclaimed the month of April 2015 as Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Month in the Town of Ladysmith.

**2015 – 2019  
FINANCIAL PLAN  
DELIBERATIONS**

The Director of Infrastructure Services gave a presentation providing an update on sewer and water capital project financing. The City Manager and Director of Financial Services outlined the draft budget for 2015 and the 2015 to 2019 Financial Plan, stressing that this is the preliminary plan reflecting Council's financial plan policy and 2015 strategic priorities. Staff responded to questions from Council.

Members of the public enquired about the original estimate of the cost to construct the new waste water treatment plant; the use of sewage biosolids for compost; the disparity between commercial and residential property tax rates and Council's plans to encourage commercial and economic activity. Members of the public also commented on the importance of property development in expanding the property tax base, and the size of Ladysmith's aging population.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Funding Strategy for Signage Initiatives Project**

**CS 2015-105**

*Moved and seconded:*

That Council:

1. Confirm that the Signage Initiatives Project is included in the 2015 to 2019 Financial Plan
2. Direct staff to apply to the Union of B.C. Municipalities Gas Tax Program—Strategic Priorities Fund for \$230,400 towards the Signage Initiatives Project
3. Support the Town administration with overseeing the management of this grant if successful.

*Motion carried.*

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Members of the audience asked questions of Council or commented on the following issues: sources of funding for new Town signage; the possibility of installing electronic reader boards.

**CLOSED MEETING**

**CS 2015-106**

*Moved and seconded:*

That Council retire into Closed Session at 7:42 p.m.

*Motion carried.*

**RISE AND REPORT**

Council arose from Closed Session at 8:09 p.m. with report on the following:

- Resolution CE 2015-040, that Council appointed Mike Hooper, Jan Christensen, Renee Hutchinson and Councillor Hutchins to serve on the Select Committee on Council Remuneration to review the current level of remuneration and provision of benefits for Council members, and further, to recommend a Council Remuneration Policy for Council's consideration.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**CS 2015-107**

*Moved and seconded:*

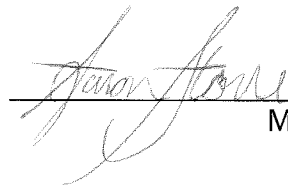
That this meeting of Council adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

*Motion carried.*

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**



Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)



Mayor (A. Stone)

