

TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALL TO ORDER 4:00 P.M.
CLOSED MEETING 4:01 P.M.
REGULAR OPEN MEETING 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	Sandy Bowden (absent from April 21 st reconvened meeting)
Erin Anderson	Felicity Adams
John Manson	Clayton Postings
Joanna Winter	

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stone called this Special Council Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

CS 2015-127

Moved and seconded:

That Council retire into Closed Session at 4:01 p.m. in order to consider the following items:

- law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment
- 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.

RISE AND REPORT

Council rose from Closed Session at 6:50 p.m. without report.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Stone reconvened the Regular Meeting of Council at 7:00 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2015-128

Moved and seconded:

That the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of April 20, 2015 be approved with the following amendments:

- Add "Ladysmith Ambassadors" under New Business
- Add "Municipal Services Committee Recommendation" under Reports
- Move Financial Plan Deliberations to the end of the agenda.

Motion carried.

MINUTES

CS 2015-129

Moved and seconded:

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held April 13, 2015 be approved.

Motion carried.

DELEGATIONS

**Judy Stafford, Cowichan Green Community
2014 Year in Review**

Judy Stafford showed a video highlighting the programs, services and highlights of Cowichan Green Community in 2014. Council congratulated Ms. Stafford, and the staff and volunteers of the organization for their accomplishments in encouraging local food production, promoting environmental awareness and building a sustainable community.

**Michael Lowry, Western Canada Marine Response Corp.
Marine Oil Spill Response Strategies**

Michael Lowry provided an overview of the work of the Western Canada Marine Response Corporation in responding to oil spills on the west coast of British Columbia, and responded to questions from Council.

Council thanked Mr. Lowry for his presentation.

**Sheila Malcolmson
Private Member's Bill C-638**

S. Malcolmson thanked Council for all the previous support on the issue of derelict and abandoned vessels and expressed her shared concern at the lack of resources and response for resolving the issue. She urged Council to encourage Members of Parliament to support the Private Members Bill when it is debated on second reading in the House of Commons on April 28.

Council thanked Ms. Malcolmson for her dedication to resolving the issue of derelict and abandoned vessels on the British Columbia coast.

CS 2015-130

Moved and seconded:

That members of Council telephone individual members of parliament before April 28 to encourage their support of Bill C-638 on second reading in the House of Commons.

Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Stone proclaimed the month of May as Child Find's Green Ribbon of Hope Month and May 25th as National Missing Children's Day in the Town of Ladysmith, to promote awareness of the problem of missing children, and as a reminder to remain vigilant in our common desire to protect and nurture the youth of our province.

**DEVELOPMENT
APPLICATIONS**

**Development Variance Permit Application – Marrington
Lot 7, Block 73, District Lot 56, Oyster District, Plan 703A (325
Gatacre Street)**

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-131

That Council direct staff to proceed with statutory notice for Development Variance Permit application 3090-15-01 for Lot 7, Block 73, District Lot 56, Oyster District, Plan 703A (325 Gatacre Street.)

Motion carried.

REPORTS

**Municipal Services Committee Recommendations (Meeting Held
March 16, 2015)**

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-132

That Council establish a \$2,500 fund within the Grants-in-Aid budget for waiving fees to rent Town facilities, and delegate the authority to manage this fund to the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture.

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-133

That Council require that representatives of the Ladysmith Resources Centre Association appear before Council annually in order to report out on the use of Town grants-in-aid.

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-134

That Council authorize the following 2015 grant-in-aid allocations:

Waiving of Fees for Rental of Town Facilities	2,500
Ladysmith Striders Running Group	0
Arts Council of Ladysmith & District	1,000
Arts Council of Ladysmith & District (Disability access)	2,500
Arts on the Avenue	1,000
Ladysmith Show & Shine	500
Ladysmith Celebrations Society	8,000
Old English Car Club Central Island Branch	0
Vancouver Island Crisis Society	500
Ladysmith Downtown Business Association	1,000
St John the Evangelist Anglican Church	500
Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association	1,000
Ladysmith Maritime Society Festival Events (incl Heritage 2015)	1,500
Ladysmith & District Historical Society Archives	15,000
Ladysmith Community Gardens Society	1,000
Festival of Lights Society	12,000
Ladysmith Fire Rescue Santa Parade	1,000
Ladysmith Primary School PAC	0

Ladysmith Kinsmen	0
Ladysmith Ambassador Program	1,000
Ladysmith Search & Rescue Society	5,000
Ladysmith Family and Friends (LAFF)	2,500
Ladysmith & District Marine Rescue Society	2,000
Gordon's Peacock Society	1,500
Ladysmith Citizens on Patrol	1,500
Mid Isle Soccer Club	0
Ladysmith & District Historical Society Museum	10,000
Ladysmith Secondary School - Frank Jameson	
Bursary	1,500

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-135

That Council approve the following grant-in-aid allocations for the Ladysmith Resources Centre Association, subject to resolution of Council questions about administration costs.

Ladysmith Resources Centre Association	-	11,000
Victim Services		
Ladysmith Resources Centre Association		8,000
Seniors		
Volunteer Counselling		
Soup Kitchen		
Dad's Drop-In		
Berry Mania		
Adventures in Early Literacy		
Mother Goose		

Ladysmith Resources Centre Association	-	8,000
Youth at Risk		
Ladysmith Resources Centre Association	-	8,000
Family Support		

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-136

That Council request the Provincial Government to review and consider changes to the Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act to enable municipalities to access additional funds for improvements to municipal cemeteries.

Motion carried.

Municipal Services Committee Meeting Recommendation (meeting held April 20, 2015)

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-137

That Council refer the draft "Appropriate Behaviour Policy and Code of Conduct" to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for review and comments.

Motion carried.

Dogs in Town of Ladysmith Parks

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-138

That Council direct staff to include in the 2015 to 2019 Financial Plan \$14,000 in capital reserves toward the construction of a fenced dog park.

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-139

That Council approve a fenced dog park on the site of the BC Hydro property at 6th Avenue and Methuen Street, and direct staff to negotiate a lease for the property from BC Hydro.

Motion carried.

Approval to Proceed with Gatacre Street Water Main and Storm Water Main Replacement

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-140

That Council authorize approval for the Gatacre Street water main and storm water main replacement project, at a cost of \$317,000 from the 2015 to 2019 Financial Plan, with funding to be allocated as follows:

Water Fund \$117,000

General Taxation \$168,009

Prior Year: \$ 31,991

And that the portion of funds coming from general taxation be reduced if development cost charges are available to support the project.

Motion carried.

BYLAWS

Town of Ladysmith Water Parcel Tax Bylaw 2015, No. 1876

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-141

That Town of Ladysmith Water Parcel Tax Bylaw 2015, No. 1876, be adopted.

Motion carried.

Town of Ladysmith Sewer Parcel Tax Bylaw 2015, No. 1877

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-142

That Town of Ladysmith Sewer Parcel Tax Bylaw 2015, No. 1877 be adopted.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

**Harry Blackstaff, Industrial Heritage Preservation Committee
Preservation of Locomotive #11**

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-143

That Council approve a plan by the Industrial Heritage Preservation Committee to move Locomotive #11 and the Humdergin into the Machine Shop in order to prevent further deterioration and vandalism, and invite a representative of the Industrial Heritage

Preservation Committee to join the Machine Shop Advisory Group.

AMENDMENT:

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-144

That resolution CS2015-143 be amended as follows:

That Council approve a plan by the Industrial Heritage Preservation Committee to move Locomotive #11 and the Humdergin into the Machine Shop in order to prevent further deterioration and vandalism *with the approval of the Machine Shop Advisory Group*, and invite a representative of the Industrial Heritage Preservation Committee to join the Machine Shop Advisory Group

Amendment carried.

Motion as amended carried.

Norm Lipinski, RCMP "E" Division Headquarters

Integration of Operational Communication Centres in Nanaimo and Courtenay

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-145

That Council receive the correspondence from Norm Lipinski, RCMP "E" Division Headquarters dated March 13, 2015, regarding the integration of Operational Communication Centres located in Nanaimo and Courtenay.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Letter of Support for Cowichan Region Bid to Host National Aboriginal Hockey Championships

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-146

That Council write a letter of support for the Cowichan Region bid to host the 2017 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships.

Motion carried.

Ladysmith Ambassadors Program Liability Insurance Coverage

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-147

That Council authorize the execution of a Service Provider Agreement between the Town of Ladysmith and the Ladysmith Ambassadors Program for the provision of promotional services at public events, and that the Ladysmith Ambassadors Program be required to pay the \$250 annual fee for the additional liability coverage provided by the Municipal Insurance Association of BC.

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-148

That Council write letters of appreciation to the outgoing Ladysmith Ambassadors and the Ladysmith Ambassador Program volunteers.

Motion carried.

Grant Applications for Funding Relating To Replacement of Aggie Playground Equipment

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-149

That Council direct Staff to partner with Ladysmith Family and Friends (LaFF) to apply for the following grant funding opportunities for the replacement of the playground equipment at Aggie in 2016:

1. Up to \$50,000 from the Employment and Social Development Canada Enabling Accessibility in Communities Fund Program.

2. Up to \$20,000 from the Co-Op Community Spaces Program.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-150

That Mayor Stone personally deliver greetings to Mr. Keith Turner on behalf of Council, on the occasion of his 108th birthday.

Motion carried.

**2015 – 2019
FINANCIAL PLAN
DELIBERATIONS**

A member of the public expressed concern about further tax increases, and urged Council to be innovative and find ways to keep any tax increase to a lower amount than in previous years.

The Director of Financial Services reviewed Council's decisions and direction to date on the 2015 to 2019 Financial Plan, reported on the significant changes to the operational budget compared to the 2014 budget, and presented the proposed capital plan.

Council commenced a review of proposed capital projects outlined in the 2015 to 2019 Financial Plan.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-151

That this meeting of Council recess at 10:50 p.m., and that it resume at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Motion carried.

Mayor Stone reconvened this Regular Meeting of Council at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 and acknowledged the traditional territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

**FINANCIAL PLAN
DELIBERATIONS**

The Director of Financial Services reviewed Council's direction to date regarding the 2015 to 2019 Financial Plan together with the proposed Operations and Capital budgets. Staff presented options for allocating property tax increases among the classes of properties.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2015-152

That Council direct staff to allocate an additional five per cent of the prior year's municipal tax levy for capital projects in the 2015 to 2019 Financial Plan.

Motion carried.

CS 2015-153 *Moved and seconded:*
That Council direct staff to allocate an additional five per cent of the prior year's municipal tax levy for a Capital Reserve.
MOTION POSTPONED

CS 2015-154 *Moved and seconded:*
That consideration of Resolution CS 2015-153 be postponed until later in the meeting, following Council's consideration of other matters related to the Financial Plan.
Motion carried.

Council discussed options for allocating the proposed tax increase across property classes.

CS 2015-155 *Moved and seconded:*
That Council allocate \$100,000 from the Tax Contingency Reserve to reduce the property tax increase across all classes in 2015.
Motion carried.

CS 2015-156 *Moved and seconded:*
That Council reopen debate on Resolution CS 2015-153, that Council direct staff to allocate an additional five per cent of the prior year's municipal tax levy for a Capital Reserve.
Motion carried.

Resolution CS 2015-153 carried.

CS 2015-157 *Moved and seconded:*
That Council authorize an increase of \$25,000 in the municipal tax levy on Class 4 (major industry).
Motion carried.
OPPOSED: Councillor Arnett

CS 2015-158 *Moved and seconded:*
That Council authorize an increase of \$50,000 in the municipal tax levy on Class 6 (business/other).
Motion carried.

CS 2015-159 *Moved and seconded:*
That Council direct staff to report back on revenues and expenses related to operating the fitness studio at the Frank Jameson Community Centre and options to increase revenues by \$50,000.
MOTION WITHDRAWN

ADJOURNMENT

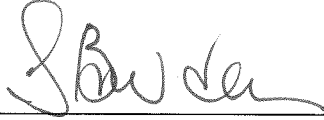
CS 2015-160

Moved and seconded:

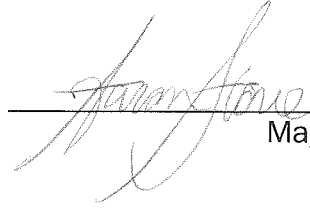
That this meeting of Council adjourn at 9:13 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21.

Motion carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)



Mayor (A. Stone)

