

TOWN OF LADYSMITH

BYLAW NO. 2153

A Bylaw to amend "Council Procedure Bylaw 2009, No. 1666"

The Council of the Town of Ladysmith, in open meeting assembled, enacts the following amendments to "Council Procedure Bylaw 2009, No. 1666":

1. Insert a new Section 20 as follows and renumber the remaining sections accordingly:

20. PROCEDURES FOR QUESTION PERIOD

- 20.1 Agendas for Regular Council meetings shall include Question Period, following all business items, immediately prior to Adjournment.
- 20.2 Question Period is limited to fifteen (15) minutes in duration, unless extended by a 2/3 majority vote of Council.
- 20.3 A member of the public in attendance at Council Chambers may participate by standing at the speaker's podium or otherwise signaling and being recognized by the Chair.
- 20.4 Each member of the public may have up to three (3) minutes total for questions and responses, unless extended by a 2/3 majority vote of Council.
- 20.5 Members of the public must begin their questions by stating their name and address.
- 20.6 Questions will be addressed through the Chair, who will respond directly. The Chair may also refer questions to the appropriate Committee or staff department for response.
- 20.7 Members of the public will limit their questions to matters considered by Council at that meeting, except items noted in Subsection 19.3 of this bylaw.
- 20.8 Questions must truly be questions and not statements or opinions by the questioner.
- 20.9 A member of the public must not speak disrespectfully to any person or disregard the authority of the Chair.

- 20.10 The Chair will determine, if necessary, whether sufficient discussion has taken place, and may direct the questioner to vacate the speaker’s podium and return to the public seating area. The Chair may also close Question Period prior to its established conclusion based on this determination.
- 20.11 Notwithstanding any sections in this bylaw, the authority under *The Community Charter* regarding expulsion from meetings applies to this section.
- 20.12 Persons wishing to address Council during question period must be Town of Ladysmith residents, non-resident property owners or operators of a business.

2. Replace item 11.2 with the following:

A member shall not speak disrespectfully of any member of the Royal Family, the Governor General, the Lieutenant Governor, persons administering the Government of Canada or British Columbia, Council, or the members of Council.

3. Delete item 23.5.1

Citation

- 4. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “Council Procedure Bylaw 2009, No. 1666, Amendment Bylaw 2023, No. 2153”.

READ A FIRST TIME on the 19th day of July, 2023
READ A SECOND TIME on the 19th day of July, 2023
READ A THIRD TIME on the 19th day of July, 2023
ADOPTED on the __ day of _____, 2023

Mayor (A. Stone)

Corporate Officer (M. O’Halloran)