

TOWN OF LADYSMITH

BYLAW NO. 2218

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

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

1. Delete item 2.5 in its entirety.
2. Amend item 8.4 by deleting the phrase "after the adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting".
3. Delete item 11.2 and replace with the following:
 - 11.2 "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, attendees or members of the public."
4. Amend item 11.5 by replacing the word "himself" with "themselves".
5. Amend item 11.7 by inserting "or attendee" following each instance the word "member" is used and replacing "if he resists" with "if they resist".
6. Delete Sections 16 and 17 and replace with the following.

"16. RECONSIDERATION

16.1 The Mayor may require the Council to reconsider and vote again on a matter that was the subject of a vote, in accordance with section 131 of the *Community Charter*.

16.2 A Council member who voted on the prevailing side may, within 30 days of a Council decision or at the next meeting of Council - whichever is greater - propose a motion to reconsider a matter, and if adopted, the provisions outlined in section 131 of the *Community Charter* apply as if the Mayor had initiated the reconsideration.

16.3 A vote to reconsider a matter, whether affirmative or negative, must not be reconsidered.

16.4 Council must not discuss the main matter referred to in subsection 16.2 unless a motion to reconsider that matter is adopted in the affirmative."

7. Renumber Sections 18 and 19 as Sections 17 and 18, respectively.
8. Amend Section 18 by inserting the following items:
 - 18.3.3 Requests that have been dealt with previously by Council;
 - 18.3.4 Requests that do not fall within the jurisdiction of the presiding body
 - 18.3.5 Requests that involve an issue which is before the courts or on which Council has authorized legal action; or
 - 18.3.6 Requests that could be considered vexatious or frivolous.
9. Renumber Sections 20 through 24 as Sections 19 through 23, respectively.
10. Amend item 23.2 by replacing "City Hall" with "Ladysmith Seniors Centre at 630 2nd Avenue".
11. Renumber Sections 25 and 26 as Sections 24 and 25, respectively.
12. Add item 25.4 as follows:

25.4 "In the case of either a Notice of Legal Action or an Active Legal Action in which the Town is a litigant, no member of Council shall interact in any manner with the opposing party(ies), their legal counsel, representatives or proxies regarding said legal action. Further, no member of Council shall discuss nor reveal details of such Notice of Legal Action or Active Legal Action to any third party outside of Council or Exempt Leadership Staff of the Town."
13. Renumber Sections 27 and 28 as Sections 26 and 27, respectively.

Citation

14. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Council Procedure Bylaw 2009, No. 1666, Amendment Bylaw 2025, No. 2218".

READ A FIRST TIME on the _____ day of _____, 2025

READ A SECOND TIME on the _____ day of _____, 2025

READ A THIRD TIME on the _____ day of _____, 2025

Notice of intention to proceed with this bylaw was published on the 21st day of August, 2025 in the Ladysmith Chronicle newspaper, circulating in the Town of Ladysmith, and on the Town of Ladysmith website on the ___ day of August, 2025, pursuant to section 94 of the *Community Charter*.

ADOPTED on the _____ day of _____, 2025

Mayor (D. Beeston)

Corporate Officer (S. Bouma)