



Town of Ladysmith

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Government Services Committee held in Council Chambers at City Hall
on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rob Hutchins
Steve Arnett
Lori Evans

Duck Paterson
Jill Dashwood

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
Joe Friesenhan

Sandy Bowden
Joanna Winter

The Chair, Councillor Duck Paterson, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

2009-073: It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Government Services Committee meeting of Tuesday, May 19, 2009 be approved as circulated.

DELEGATIONS

PRESENTATION OF BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Gerry Yellowlees, Leader of the Ladysmith Trekkers, provided an overview of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and introduced the Bronze recipient. Mayor Hutchins presented the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Certificate to Bill Gilroy, and offered his congratulations on behalf of Council.

TIMBERWEST

Domenico Iannidinardo, Eric Jeklin and James Luxmoore provided Council with information regarding TimberWest's plans for herbicide application, roadwork and logging in the Holland and Stocking Lake watersheds. TimberWest would like to spray glyphosate (Roundup, Vision) along the main roadways in the area in order to control growth of encroaching trees and brush. Council informed TimberWest that they will have a response on the use of glyphosate once they have received further information on the health effects from Vancouver Island Health Authority. Council expressed concern about possible effects of logging in the Stocking Lake drainage area. Timber West welcomes the opportunity for further discussion regarding plans for the area. It was agreed that further discussion will take place.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager provided Council with a verbal report on progress towards strategic objectives. Staff continue to work on the top 25 priorities for 2009. All financial reporting deadlines for 2008 and 2009 to date have been met, and the Annual Report will be produced before June 30, 2009. Staff are waiting to hear on three significant grant applications.

CEMETERY FEES

2009-074: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the cemetery services fees be amended as outlined in the in the staff report dated May 14, 2009 by the Director of Public Works, and that staff be directed to include the revised cemetery service fees in the Town of Ladysmith Fees and Charges Bylaw.

AMPHITHEATRE BURLING POND DECKING

2009-075: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the expenditure of \$7,900 be authorized for the construction of the burling pond decking with the funds to come from the Amphitheatre Project Reserve Fund, and that the Financial Plan be amended accordingly.

SIDEWALK AT FIRST AVENUE ROUNDABOUT

2009-076: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that a letter be written to Ms. Faith Maslen, explaining that the area of concern as outlined in her correspondence of April 16 is privately owned land therefore the Town of Ladysmith cannot install a sidewalk at this location.

PARKING TICKETS

2009-077: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the request to forgive outstanding parking tickets issued in the names of Shelley Brownlow, Anthony Brownlow, and Nathan Martin be denied.

TOILET REBATE PROGRAM

2009-078: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that an additional \$15,000 be authorized for the Toilet Rebate Program with the funds to come from the Water Reserve Fund, and that the Financial Plan be amended accordingly.

PURCHASE OF MOWER FOR PARKS MAINTENANCE

2009-079: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the purchase of the zero turn lawnmower from Island Tractor for the total price of \$12,705.90 plus GST be approved, with the funds to come from the Equipment Pool Reserve Fund, and that the Financial Plan be amended accordingly.

RESOLUTION PLACE GREEN SPACE

2009-080: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that staff be directed to arrange a neighbourhood meeting in order to seek citizen input into the four proposed options for the Resolution Place Green Space, and that the meeting be held before the end of June.

49TH PARALLEL GROCERY CONSTRUCTION

2009-081: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that the request to carry out construction on the 49th Parallel Grocery outside of the hours permitted in the Noise Bylaw be supported in principle, subject to the developer agreeing to perform all heavy duty construction between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., and that the developer be requested to hold a meeting for residents within a 150 metre radius, and that the results of that meeting be reported at the June 1, 2009 Council meeting.

DAVIS ROAD SPEED BUMP REQUEST

2009-082: It was moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to Council that a reflector be installed across from the entrance to 385 Davis Road, and that speed limit and dangerous corner warning signs be installed, and that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police be requested to monitor speed in the area.

CORRESPONDENCE

KINSMEN CLUB OF LADYSMITH

Councillor Dashwood agreed to organize the Council entry in the Ladysmith Days Parade on August 1, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

2009-083: It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting be adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chair (Councillor D. Paterson)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)