



TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Steve Arnett, Chair
Councillor Gord Horth
Councillor Duck Paterson

Councillor Bill Drysdale
Mayor Rob Hutchins
Councillor Glenda Patterson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Jill Dashwood

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
Erin Anderson
John Manson

Sandy Bowden
Felicity Adams
Joanna Winter

CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Arnett called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

GS 2012-027 It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Government Services Committee meeting of April 16, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

MINUTES

GS 2012-028 It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the Government Services Committee meeting held March 19, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

DELEGATIONS

**S/Sgt Larry Chomyn, Ladysmith RCMP Detachment
Annual Detachment Performance Plan and Priorities**

S/Sgt Chomyn provided Council with a review of the Ladysmith RCMP detachment's priorities for the 2012/2013 fiscal year, noting that the priorities in the plan reflect the priorities endorsed by Council.

S/Sgt Chomyn responded to questions from Council. Council thanked S/Sgt Chomyn for his presentation and for his detachment's diligence in keeping the Town and its citizens safe.

Geoff Millar, Economic Development Manager, Cowichan Valley Regional District

G. Millar provided Council with an overview of the strategic plan and priorities for Economic Development Cowichan in 2012. He noted that the organization is placing a strong emphasis on sustainability.

He noted that the Economic Development Commission is currently recruiting volunteer members.

Council thanked Mr. Millar for his informative presentation.

**STAFF/ADVISORY
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

GS 2012-029 **Building Inspector's Report**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Building Inspector's Report for March 2012 be received

GS 2012-030 **Trolley Report**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Trolley Report for March 2012 be received.

Council requested that the trolley report be amended to show month-to-month comparisons of ridership and other pertinent figures.

GS 2012-031 **Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Report**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Report for March 2012 be received.

GS 2012-032 **Coastal Animal Control Services – Pound Report**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Pound Report from Coastal Animal Control Services for March 2012 be received.

CORRESPONDENCE

GS 2012-033 **Chris Trumpy, Chair, BC Transit Independent Review**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend that Council request an opportunity to make a presentation to the BC Transit Independent Review Panel.

GS 2012-034 **Clinton Ekdahl, Founder, Day of the Honey Bee**
Request for proclamation and endorsement of a recognized "Day of the Honey Bee" by the Government of Canada
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend that Council proclaim May 29, 2012 "Day of the Honey Bee" in the Town of Ladysmith, and send a strongly worded letter

be sent to the federal Minister of Agriculture encouraging the Government of Canada to establish a national day of recognition for the Honey Bee and the importance of the honey bee in our food supply.

**G. and L. Walerius, Port Alberni Catalyst Pension Group
Request for Support in Catalyst Paper Restructuring**

GS 2012-035

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend that Council support the proposed restructuring of Catalyst Paper, and convey this support to the Premier of British Columbia, and that Council consider these recommendations at the Council meeting of April 16, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

Expert Panel on Business Taxation and Local Government Revenue Sources Review

GS 2012-036

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee recommend that Council send a letter to the Premier of British Columbia requesting that serious consideration be given to local government input and consultation to the Expert Panel on Business Taxation and the Local Government Sources Review, with copies to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

ADJOURNMENT

GS 2012-037

It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting of the Government Services Committee be adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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Chair (Councillor S. Arnett)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)