



Town of Ladysmith

Minutes of a Meeting of Council of the Town of Ladysmith, held in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, December 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rob Hutchins (Chair)

Scott Bastian

Lori Evans

Bruce Whittington

Steve Arnett

Jillian Dashwood

Duck Paterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli

Felicity Adams

Sandy Bowden

Rebecca Kalina

Mayor Hutchins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2009-616

It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting retire into Executive Session (6:40 p.m.) pursuant to Section 90(1) of the Community Charter to consider the following items:

- 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;
- personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;

The Regular Session of Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The Mayor requested Council's consideration of the following additions to the agenda:

- Invitation to Mayor to Attend Community Health Advisory Committee Meeting
- Government Services Committee Recommendations - December 21, 2009 Meeting
- Purchase of Backup Trolley

2009-617

It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Regular Council meeting for Monday, December 21 2009 be approved as amended.

MINUTES

2009-618

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Council minutes of November 7 and 15, 2009 be approved as circulated.

DELEGATIONS

COMMUNITY GARDENS TASK GROUP

John Anderson, Greg Roberts and Karen Armitage presented Council with the concept plan for the proposed Community Garden on High Street and requested support from the Town with partial funding of the project and a land use agreement for the site.

2009-619

It was moved, seconded and carried that Council support in principle the concept of a community garden to be located at 224/226 High Street (adjacent to Little League Ball Park).

2009-620

It was moved, seconded and carried that Staff be authorized to enter into negotiations with community gardens representatives to develop a land use agreement for the community gardens to be located at 224/226 High Street.

2009-621

It was moved, seconded and carried that the request for \$18,000 for the development of a community gardens be referred to 2010 budget discussions.

REPORTS

SNOW ANGELS COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM

2009-622

It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be directed to proceed with advertising the 2010 Snow Angels Community Awards Program which officially recognizes volunteers in the community who provide snow clearing services for neighbours in need during snowfalls, and the program cost of \$500 (i.e. five "Snow Angels" each to receive \$100) be funded through the 2010 Public Relations budget and the award presentations take place at the April 6, 2010 Council meeting.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE LEASE

2009-623

It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be directed to renew the agreement to support the operation of the Ladysmith Visitor Information Centre at 411B First Avenue, providing \$35,000 towards Visitor Information Centre operations, and \$700 per month towards rent, for one year commencing January 1, 2010, with an option to renew for an additional year.

BURNING OF LANDCLEARING DEBRIS IN AIR CURTAIN TRENCH BURNER

2009-624

It was moved, seconded and carried that Council direct staff to proceed with the processing of "Ladysmith Landclearing Management Regulation Bylaw, 2009 1703" to permit the burning of land clearing debris in an air curtain burner or a trench burner and that the bylaw be presented for first three readings at the Council meeting held on December 21, 2009.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

2009-625

It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be requested to pursue grant funding to secure an emergency power generator for the Frank Jameson Community Centre in order that the centre can act as a warning centre in case of an emergency; and that the purchase of a generator be referred to 2010 budget discussions.

ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

2009-626

It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be requested to establish a policy to require the use of native drought resistant plantings in developments.

2009-627

It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be requested to contact the Medical Health Officer for an opinion regarding the impact of glyphosate spraying on the water supply.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

2009-628

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Fire Chief's Report for November, 2009 be received.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

2009-629

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Building Inspector's Report for November,

2009 be received.

CORRESPONDENCE

POUND REPORT

2009-630

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Pound Report for November, 2009 from Coastal Animal Control Services of BC Ltd. be received.

RECYCLING COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

2009-631

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Town participate in the Recycling Council of BC for an annual membership fee of \$175.

BYLAWS

2009-632

It was moved, seconded and carried that "Ladysmith Landclearing Management Regulation Bylaw, 2009, 1703" be read a first, second and third time.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor L. Evans invited Mayor Hutchins to attend the January 7, 2010 Community Health Advisory Committee meeting. Mayor Hutchins confirmed that he would attend the meeting.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS - DECEMBER 21, 2009 MEETING

2009-633

It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be directed to amend "Ladysmith Building and Plumbing Bylaw 1994, No. 1119" to establish new construction values of \$100 per square foot for the main floor and \$50 per square foot for any additional floor of a residential building.

2009-634

It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be requested to review the fees for garages, sundecks, plumbing etc. and make recommendations to the Committee if the fees need to be changed.

2009-635

It was moved, seconded and carried that the correspondence from G. Bezeau regarding a letter of support be received and that Council provide a letter expressing its support in principle for the proposed pub to be located at 1146-1132 Rocky Creek Road subject to the outcome of the public consultation process as required by the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch and confirmation of the details such as hours of operation etc. of the liquor primary license application.

PURCHASE OF BACK UP TROLLEY

2009-636

It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be authorized to submit an offer to purchase a used trolley from the Town of Nelson and that the offer include associated costs for a mechanical inspection and shipping (if the trolley passes the mechanical inspection) up to maximum of \$10,000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session of Council resumed at 7:53 p.m.

RISE AND REPORT

2009-637

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive Session of Council rise without report.

ADJOURNMENT

2009-638

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor (R. Hutchins)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)