



LADYSMITH

TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010 - 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor Rob Hutchins Councillor Jillian Dashwood
Councillor Duck Paterson Councillor Lori Evans
Councillor Bruce Whittington (arrived at 4:38 p.m.)
Councillor Scott Bastian (arrived at 6:00 p.m.)
Councillor Steve Arnett (arrived at 7:08 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli	Sandy Bowden	Felicity Adams
Pat Durban	Mark Hermanson	Joanna Winter

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchins called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

2010-192

It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda be adopted as presented.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Hutchins proclaimed April 28, 2010 as a “Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job” in the Town of Ladysmith.

REPORTS

2010 – 2014 FINANCIAL PLAN

City Manager R. Malli reviewed the Financial Plan process to date and reminded Council that the Financial Plan Bylaws will be read on May 10 and adopted on May 13.

The City Manager presented a list of proposed new capital projects to be started in 2010. These are in addition to 2010 capital projects previously approved by Council. Sources of funds for each proposed capital project were outlined.

Councillor Whittington entered the meeting.

2010-193

It was moved, seconded and carried that the proposed capital projects for 2010 be accepted as circulated and that they be added to the 2010 Financial Plan to be presented for Council's consideration.

It was agreed that Council would consider Grant in Aid requests as part of Financial Plan deliberations at its meeting on Monday, May 3, 2010.

The City Manager reviewed the policy set by Council in 2009 to increase revenues generated from user fees by at least three per cent over five years. The City Manager reported that this target will be achieved as a result of ongoing reviews of user fees charged by the Town for services.

The City Manager reviewed policies established by Council in 2009 to provide direction for the amount of tax revenues to be generated through the commercial and industrial tax classes over a five year period. Mayor Hutchins explained that the policy is intended to help reduce the Town's reliance on the industrial sector while maintaining commercial tax rates at or below the current tax rate.

Staff were requested to provide Council with information showing the effect of each taxation option on all classes.

Council agreed to maintain the policy established in 2009 with respect to industrial taxation rates, which is to reduce the taxes raised by two per cent over five years, ending in 2013. Staff were requested to provide at least two options for Council's consideration with respect to commercial taxation rates; one that would limit any increase in commercial taxes to half of that in residential taxes (for instance, six per cent versus three per cent) and the other showing the same taxation rate increase for residential and commercial classes.

BYLAW

2010-194

It was moved, seconded and carried that Town of Ladysmith Waterworks Regulation Bylaw 1999, No. 1298, Amendment Bylaw 2010, No. 1726 be referred to the Monday, May 3, 2010 Council meeting for further consideration.

QUESTIONS

Council responded to a question regarding the source of funds for the Spirit Square project.

2010-195

It was moved, seconded and carried that the regular session of Council be adjourned for a recess at 5:22 p.m.

F. Adams and P. Durban left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2010-196

It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting retire into Executive Session at 5:24 p.m., pursuant to Section 90(1) of the Community Charter to consider the following items:

- The receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

RISE AND REPORT

The Executive Session of Council rose with report on the following item:

- That the Mayor and Corporate Officer are authorized to sign the Assignment Agreement with Seven Links Marketing and Development Ltd., 7 Pointe Development Ltd., Ocean Pointe Realty Ltd., and Pacific Rim Ferry Corp. with respect to the Servicing Contribution Agreement between the Town of Ladysmith and Seven Links Marketing and Development dated February 19, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

2010-197

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor (R. Hutchins)

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)