



LADYSMITH

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF LADYSMITH
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2011**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rob Hutchins
Councillor Jillian Dashwood
Councillor Bruce Whittington

Councillor Steve Arnett
Councillor Lori Evans

Councillor Scott Bastoam
Councillor Duck Paterson
(entered later)

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli

Erin Anderson

Joanna Winter

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchins called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Hutchins requested Council's consideration of the following addition to the agenda:

3.3 Application for Funding under the Gas Tax Pooled Funding Program.

2011-183

It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Special Council Meeting of April 26, 2011 be adopted as amended.

CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Arnett excused himself from the meeting citing a possible conflict of interest with the following item.

D. Ehrismann, Ladysmith Maritime Society

2011-184

It was moved, seconded and carried that the request from the Ladysmith Maritime Society to install a new water line and fire hydrant for the Ladysmith Community Marina be referred to staff to consider for inclusion in the 2011 Water Budget.

Councillor Arnett returned to the meeting

STAFF REPORTS

Councillor Paterson entered the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

2011-2015 Financial Plan Process: Grants-in-Aid

As part of the process for determining the 2011 – 2015 Financial Plan, Council considered applications for grants-in-aid.

Councillor Arnett declared a conflict of interest concerning the grant-in-aid applications from the Ladysmith Maritime Society and excused himself from the room while discussion was taking

place regarding that organization's requests.

Councillor Dashwood declared a conflict of interest concerning the Lady Smith Little Theatre and excused herself from discussion concerning that organization's request for funding.

Councillor Arnett left the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

2011-185

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Grants-in-Aid budget for 2011 be established at \$97,750 and that the following Grants-in-Aid be awarded for 2011:

Arts on the Avenue: \$1,000
Ladysmith & District Historical Society: \$20,000
Ladysmith Celebrations Society: \$8,000
Ladysmith Festival of Lights: \$12,000
Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Santa Parade: \$1,000
Ladysmith and District Marine Rescue Society: \$1,500
Ladysmith Maritime Society Festival: \$1,500
Ladysmith Maritime Society Museum: \$1,000
Ladysmith Resources Centre Association: \$35,000
Arts Council of Ladysmith and District: \$1,000
Cowichan Family Caregivers Support Society: \$750
Ladysmith Citizens on Patrol: \$1,500
Ladysmith Community Gardens Society: \$3,000
Ladysmith RCMP Community Policing: \$1,000
Ladysmith Sportsmen's Club: \$500
Royal Canadian Legion #171: \$5,000
Central Vancouver Island Crisis Society: \$500
Ladysmith Ambassador Committee: \$1,000
Ladysmith Secondary School F. Jameson Bursary: \$1,500
Ladysmith OPT Education: \$1,000

It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting recess at 5:25 p.m.

Mayor Hutchins reconvened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Financial Plan Continued

The City Manager discussed the financial planning process and reviewed Council's priorities with respect to financial planning. Council discussed the proposed General Capital Budget for 2011 and reviewed the priority initiatives.

Council requested that staff provide reports with additional information on three capital spending areas at the next meeting of Council. They are, in priority order:

1. Fire/Rescue vehicle replacement
2. Public Works vehicle replacement
3. Frank Jameson Community Centre Engineering Study and Emergency Power

Council directed that the following items be deleted from the list of proposed capital expenditures:

- Funding from taxation for the zoning bylaw amendments (\$28,000); item to be funded from Gas Tax funds
- Aggie Field ditching (\$10,000); project allocated to 2012

Council requested that the following items be added to the list of proposed capital expenditures:

- Wickham Park (\$5,000)
- Ladysmith Community Marina secondary road (\$40,000)
- Amphitheatre Bank stabilization (\$50,000)

2011-186

It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be directed to prepare a revised Financial Plan for 2011-2015, with net tax increases for 2011 of no more than 5 per cent for residential, 3.5 per cent for commercial, and 0 per cent for industrial properties.

Opposed: Councillor Whittington

2011-187

Application for Funding under the Brownfield Renewal Program

It was moved, seconded and carried that an application be submitted to the Brownfield Renewal Funding Program for the completion of the environmental investigation on Lot 8, District Lot 147, Oyster District, Plan VIP85271 (Christie/Grouhel) to fulfill requirements under the *Environmental Management Act*.

2011-188

It was moved, seconded and carried that the purchasing policy be waived and that staff be directed to contract with Golder and Associates for the completion of the environmental investigation of Lot 8, District Lot 147, Plan VIP85271 (Christie/Grouhel).

2011-189

Application for Funding under the Gas Tax Pooled Funding Program

It was moved, seconded and carried that an application be submitted to the Gas Tax Pooled Funding – Capacity Building Program for the Zoning Bylaw review and update project.

ADJOURNMENT

2011-190

It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor (R. Hutchins)

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)