



LADYSMITH

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF LADYSMITH
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rob Hutchins
Councillor Lori Evans

Councillor Steve Arnett
Councillor Duck Paterson

Councillor Jillian Dashwood
Councillor Bruce Whittington

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Scott Bastian

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
Sandy Bowden

Felicity Adams
Joanna Winter

Erin Anderson

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchins called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

- 10.5 Town of Ladysmith Development Cost Charges Bylaw 1781
- 11.1 Smart Meters
- 11.2 Affordable Housing Tax Exemption
- 12.1 Lights on Stairs to Waterfront
- 12.2 Playground Signage

2011-420

It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Council Meeting of October 4, 2011 be adopted as amended.

MINUTES

2011-421

It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held September 19, 2011 be approved as circulated.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Hutchins proclaimed

- The week of October 16 to 22 as 'Small Business Week' in the Town of Ladysmith

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

- 2011-422** **Heritage Revitalization Advisory Commission—Proposed Town Logo Update**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the motion of support from the Heritage Revitalization Advisory Commission for the proposed design of an updated Town of Ladysmith logo be received.
- 2011-423** **Government Services Committee Recommendations**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Emergency Management Agreement with the Cowichan Valley Regional District be endorsed and that the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the agreement.
- 2011-424** It was moved, seconded and carried that the existing solid waste collection contract with BFI Canada be extended for an additional one year term to expire on September 30, 2012.
- 2011-425** It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be authorized to issue a Request for Proposals for the ¾ ton Public Works truck scheduled for replacement, with the funds to come from the Equipment Replacement Reserve.

**STAFF / ADVISORY
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaws**
Mayor Hutchins and Councillor Arnett declared a conflict of interest with the following agenda item and excused themselves from the meeting.
- Deputy Mayor Dashwood assumed the Chair.
- 2011-426** It was moved, seconded and carried that first three readings be given to Bylaw 1775 (a bylaw to exempt from taxation certain lands and buildings for the year 2012), and to Bylaw 1776 (a bylaw to exempt from taxation certain Island Corridor Foundation lands and buildings for the year 2012).
- Mayor Hutchins and Councillor Arnett returned to the meeting.
- 2011-427** **Cowichan Valley Regional District Transit Future Plan**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the vision, goals and network as presented in the Cowichan Valley Regional District Transit Future Plan be supported, and that the Cowichan Valley Regional District Transit Committee be so advised.

Council Remuneration

2011-428

It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be directed to prepare a bylaw to establish Council remuneration as follows:

	Mayor	Council
Current	20,677	9,466
Jan 1. 2012	21,842	10,467
Jan 1. 2013	23,007	11,468
Jan 1. 2014	24,172	12,470

and that another review be undertaken in three years, and that the remuneration for the Deputy Mayor remain at its current level.

CORRESPONDENCE

Rear-Admiral N.S. Greenwood, Maritime Forces Pacific Cadet Population Growth Initiative

2011-429

It was moved, seconded and carried that the request for Town support of the Cadet Program be referred to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission to determine whether there are other measures to offer the Cadets in addition to the use of the Aggie Hall already provided at no charge by the Town.

Maureen Martin, Ladysmith and District Historical Society Request for Grant in Aid

2011-430

It was moved, seconded and carried that a grant in aid of \$1,000 be provided to the Ladysmith and District Historical Society in 2011 for the Ladysmith Museum, and that the Society be advised of the process and schedule for applying for Grants in Aid for 2012.

BYLAWS

Town of Ladysmith Development Cost Charges Bylaw 2011, No. 1762

2011-431

It was moved, seconded and carried that Town of Ladysmith Development Cost Charges Bylaw 2011, No. 1762 be adopted.

Town of Ladysmith Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 2011, No. 1775

2011-432

It was moved, seconded and carried that Town of Ladysmith Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 2011, No. 1775 be read a first, second and third time.

Town of Ladysmith Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 2011, No. 1776

2011-433

It was moved, seconded and carried that Town of Ladysmith Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 2011, No. 1776 be read a first, second and third time.

Town of Ladysmith Building and Plumbing Bylaw 1994, No. 1119, Amendment Bylaw 2011, No. 1782

2011-434

It was moved, seconded and carried that Town of Ladysmith Building and Plumbing Bylaw 1994, No. 1119 Amendment Bylaw 2011, No. 1782, be read a first, second and third time.

Town of Ladysmith Development Cost Charges Reduction Bylaw 2011, No. 1781

2011-435

It was moved, seconded and carried that Town of Ladysmith Development Cost Charges Bylaw 2011, No. 1781, be read a first, second and third time.

NEW BUSINESS

Smart Meters

2011-436

It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be requested to contact BC Hydro to request information on determining the cost of relocating a BC hydro smart meter further from a residence, and to request BC Hydro to communicate this to resident prior to installation of the smart meters.

Affordable Housing Tax Exemption

The issue of including affordable housing in permissive tax exemptions in the Town of Ladysmith was referred to the October 17, 2011 Government Services Meeting.

Installation of a Light at the Top of the Stairs to the Ladysmith Community Marina

Staff were requested to report back to Council regarding timelines for installation lights on the stairs to the Ladysmith waterfront.

'Children at Play' Signage

Staff were requested to report back to Council regarding timelines for installation of 'Playground' or 'Children at Play' signs at Ladysmith Little League Ball Fields, the Boys and Girls Club and other playgrounds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2011-437

It was moved, seconded and carried at 6:55 p.m. that Council retire into Executive Session after a two-minute recess, 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
- the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege,

including communications necessary for that purpose

ARISE AND REPORT

Council arose from Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. with no report.

ADJOURNMENT

2011-438

It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor (R. Hutchins)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)