



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF LADYSMITH
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rob Hutchins
Councillor Jillian Dashwood

Councillor Steve Arnett
Councillor Gord Horth

Councillor Bill Drysdale
Councillor Duck Paterson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Glenda Patterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
Erin Anderson

Sandy Bowden
John Manson

Felicity Adams
Joanna Winter

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchins called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

- 9.2 Median on TransCanada Highway
- 9.3 Boat Basin

CS 2012-258

It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Regular Session of Council for August 7, 2012 be approved as amended.

MINUTES

CS 2012-259

It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 16, 2012 be approved as circulated.

DELEGATION

Mimi Zuyderduyn of "Stock the Lockers Ladysmith" gave a presentation to Council on the goal to raise \$4,000 to help buy school supplies, equipment and other school necessities for students in Ladysmith and North Oyster.

CS 2012-260

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Town support the Stock the Lockers-Ladysmith Campaign for local schools through promotion on the Town's website and other appropriate avenues.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Hutchins has proclaimed the month of August 2012 as 'Stock the Lockers' month in the Town of Ladysmith in support of the campaign to raise \$4,000 for school supplies and equipment for students in Ladysmith schools.

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

- CS 2012-261** **Signage Development Variance Permit Application — Global Vocational Services (#11, 740 First Avenue)**
It was moved, seconded and carried that Council approve Development Variance Permit 3090-12-02 for Lot A (DDEE20002), District Lots 24 and 56, Oyster District, Plan 703A (#11-740 First Avenue) to permit a suspended sign for Global Vocational Services (Unit 11) to be 1.5 sq.m. in area; and that the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign Development Variance Permit 3090-12-02.
- CS 2012-262** **Development Variance Permit Application – 822 Mackie Road (Lot 2, District Lot 49, Oyster District, VIP89237)**
It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be directed to proceed with the statutory notice for Development Variance Permit application 3090-12-03 for Lot 2, District Lot 49, Oyster District VIP89237 (822 Mackie Road) to permit a shop/garage that exceeds the maximum permitted size and height.
- CS 2012-263** **Development Permit Amendment Application – Oak Development – 17 Gatacre Street (Lot 8, Block 10, DL 56, Oyster District, Plan 703)**
It was moved, seconded and carried that Development Permit 3060-12-04 be issued to amend DP11-01, including the site plan and landscape plan and off-street parking requirements at 17 Gatacre Street (Lot 8, Block 10, District Lot 56, Oyster District, Plan 703), and that the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the Development Permit.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- CS 2012-264** **Government Services Committee Recommendations**
It was moved, seconded and carried that economic revitalization be confirmed as a priority for the Town of Ladysmith.
- CS 2012-265** It was moved, seconded and carried that property classes 4, 5 and 6 be designated to receive an economic revitalization tax exemption.
- CS 2012-266** It was moved, seconded and carried that the economic revitalization exemption for Classes 4 and 5 apply to all appropriately zoned lands in the Town of Ladysmith.
- CS 2012-267** It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be directed to develop recommendations with respect to geographic areas in the Town of Ladysmith in which an economic revitalization exemption for class 6 would apply.

- CS 2012-268** It was moved, seconded and carried that the value of construction, demolition and reconstruction of a project be set at \$200,000 in order for the project to be eligible for an economic revitalization tax exemption.
- CS 2012-269** It was moved, seconded and carried that the period of eligibility for an economic revitalization tax exemption be set at five years.
- CS 2012-270** It was moved, seconded and carried that the matter of a Town of Ladysmith Revitalization Tax Exemption for Brownfields Revitalization, including designation of a geographic area to receive this exemption, the value of the construction or renovation and consideration of properties registered on the province's Contaminated Sites Registry, be referred to the 2013 work plan.
- CS 2012-271** It was moved, seconded and carried that consideration of a cat bylaw for the Town of Ladysmith be referred to the 2013 work plan.

STAFF REPORTS

- Zoning Bylaw – Contract Award**
CS 2012-272 It was moved, seconded and carried that the contract for “Ladysmith's New Zoning Bylaw” be awarded to CitySpaces Consulting Ltd in the amount of \$108,500 plus HST.
- Appointment of Auditors for 2012 Fiscal Year**
CS 2012-273 It was moved, seconded and carried that Hayes Stewart Little and Company be appointed as auditors for the Town of Ladysmith for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012.
- Permissive Tax Exemption Policy**
CS 2012-274 It was moved, seconded and carried that the Permissive Tax Exemption Policy for the Town of Ladysmith be adopted as presented.
- Proposed Revitalization Tax Exemption Program and Bylaw—Economic**
CS 2012-275 It was moved, seconded and carried that the staff report on a proposed Revitalization Tax Exemption Program-Economic be received, and that staff be directed to prepare a Bylaw for a Revitalization Tax Exemption Program—Economic, and that the program apply to eligible initiatives commencing in 2012.
- Special Occasion Licence Request – Fraternal Order of Eagles**
CS 2012-276 It was moved, seconded and carried that a Special Occasion Licence be granted for the Fraternal Order of Eagles picnic on August 19, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Transfer

Beach Horseshoe Pitch.

CORRESPONDENCE

- CS 2012-277** **M. Razberry, Razmazz Productions**
Request for sponsorship of documentary film marking the 100th anniversary of the Vancouver Island Coal Miners' Strike.
It was moved, seconded and carried that support in principle be given to the request from Micheal Razberry of Razmataz Productions for Town of Ladysmith sponsorship of the proposed documentary marking the 100th anniversary of the Vancouver Island Coal Miners' Strike, subject to additional information from staff regarding references, release date and length of the documentary, to be provided at the next meeting.
- CS 2012-278** **June Cormylo**
Suggestion to install speed bumps on Transfer Beach Boulevard and Tristan de Konninck Way
It was moved, seconded and carried that the correspondence from June Cormylo dated July 16, 2012 regarding the speed of traffic in the Transfer Beach vicinity be referred to staff and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for investigation and consideration of options.

NEW BUSINESS

- CS 2012-279** **Meeting Schedule for Monday, August 20, 2012**
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Government Services Committee and the Council Meetings scheduled for Monday, August 20, 2012 be cancelled.
- TransCanada Highway Median – Potential Fire Hazard**
Staff was requested to investigate concerns regarding the danger of fires in the plantings on the TransCanada Highway median due to improperly disposed cigarettes.

QUESTION PERIOD

- R. Johnson suggested Council consider airing Council meetings online.
- R. Johnson was advised that the Town has not entered into a loan agreement with DL 2016 Holdings Corporation.
- R. Johnson suggested a possible location for a dog park at the south end of Transfer Beach Park.
- R. Johnson was advised that the Town does not have a policy to assist residents with the eradication of knotweed on private property, and that the Cowichan Valley Regional District Board will be discussing a regional approach to eradication of noxious weeds.

Jack Tielman was advised that the next joint meeting of the Town of Ladysmith, Ladysmith Downtown Business Association, Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce regarding economic development would take place in late August or early September, and that the Stz'uminus First Nation has expressed an interest in taking part.

Staff was requested to consider placing larger signs at public events reminding attendees that dogs are prohibited at such events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CS 2012-280

It was moved, seconded and carried at 8:07 p.m. that Council retire into Executive Session in order to discuss the following items in accordance with Section 90(1) of the Community Charter:

Item 1

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.

Item 2

Negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

Item 3

Negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public

Item 4

Labour relations or other employee relations

RISE AND REPORT

Council arose without report at 10:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

CS 2012-281

It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting of Council be adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor (R. Hutchins)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)