



TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rob Hutchins

Councillor Bill Drysdale

Councillor Steve Arnett

Councillor Gord Horth

Councillor Jillian Dashwood

Councillor Glenda Patterson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Duck Paterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli

Erin Anderson

Sandy Bowden

John Manson

Felicity Adams

Joanna Winter

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchins called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED)
SESSION**

CS 2013-40

It was moved, seconded and carried at 6:34 p.m. that Council retire into Executive (Closed) Session.

RISE AND REPORT

The Executive (Closed) Session of Council arose without report at 6:48 p.m.

Mayor Hutchins called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2013-41

It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of February 18, 2013 be adopted with the following amendment:

- Move consideration of the 2013 to 2017 Financial Plan to the end of the agenda.

MINUTES

CS 2013-42

It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held February 4, 2013 be approved as circulated.

DELEGATIONS

Luke Marston

“Portuguese Joe” Silvey Commemorative Sculpture Project

Stz’uminus First Nation artist Luke Marston displayed a scale model

of a bronze sculpture commemorating “Portuguese Joe” Silvey, to be erected in Stanley Park. L. Marston requested Council’s consideration of a sponsorship of the project.

Council thanked Mr. Marston for his presentation and agreed to consider the request, wishing him every success.

STAFF / ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

CS 2013-43

Canada Summer Jobs Grant Application

It was moved, seconded and carried staff be authorized to submit a Canada Summer Jobs 2013 grant application to assist with the funding of one senior leader and two junior leader temporary positions for the Parks, Recreation and Culture summer day camp program, to a maximum off \$5,745.60.

Councillor Arnett declared a conflict of interest with the following item and excused himself from the meeting.

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It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be requested to pursue a Blade Runner grant for trail building and repairs.

Councillor Arnett returned to the meeting.

CS 2013-45

Nomination of Alternate Appointee for Councillor Duck Paterson to Cowichan Valley Regional District Board

It was moved, seconded and carried that Councillor Bill Drysdale be appointed as alternate to Mayor Rob Hutchins representing the Town of Ladysmith on the Board of Directors of the Cowichan Valley Regional District for the duration of Councillor Duck Paterson’s medical leave, effective immediately.

CORRESPONDENCE

CS 2013-46

Jacquie Nelligan, Ladysmith Family and Friends Request for Support for Grant Application

It was moved, seconded and carried that a letter of support be provided to Ladysmith Family and Friends for a grant to support a program of invasive species removal as part of the “LaFF Outside” Program.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Application

Council was advised that a grant application has been made to the BC Parks and Recreation Association in the amount of \$250 to support a Walk/Run Fair for community members, specifically youth.

2013 to 2017 Financial Plan Deliberations

Staff were requested to report back to Council with comparative

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rates for commercial and industrial taxes in neighbouring communities.

It was moved, seconded and carried that staff be requested to research the impact of changes to contract funding for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in conjunction with other BC municipalities, and to report back to Council.

Council agreed that concerns regarding RCMP funding could be raised as a late item at the annual convention of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities.

Council expressed concern that the increase to funding for the Vancouver Island Regional Library exceeds the typical increases to local government budgets. Councillor Arnett agreed to take Council's concerns to the Board of the Vancouver Island Regional Library.

Council agreed that aging infrastructure is a concern to be addressed.

Mayor Hutchins requested comments and questions from the audience.

- R. Johnson commented on the method used by the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board to calculate budget increases
- J. Tieleman was advised which Town-owned properties will be listed for sale
- R. Johnson enquired about how much water is consumed by the Diamond, the cost to the Town of supplying water to the Stz'uminus First Nation, and how the provision of those services will be funded. He was advised that provision to areas outside the Town boundaries is on a user-pay, cost neutral basis
- Cathy McMahon enquired whether Council has given consideration to using a trolley for transporting from Nanaimo cruise ship passengers to Ladysmith
- R. Johnson was advised what business case analysis protocol means
- R. Johnson was advised that transit costs after September 2013 will be part of the CVRD tax requisition and not a line item in the Town of Ladysmith Financial Plan.
- R. Johnson asked about the cost of installing First Nation street signs
- R. Johnson was advised that the Town does not have a permit to take the Town's sewage waste to the Peerless Road Recycling Facility for composting.

Staff were requested to bring back a budget showing an overall

property tax increase to a maximum of between four and five percent.

QUESTION PERIOD

J. Tieleman enquired as to Council's decision regarding the proposed TELUS monopole.

R. Johnson enquired about live-aboard fees at the Ladysmith Maritime Society Community Marina and whether the overall property tax assessment represents an increase or decrease over the previous year.

Dan Cross enquired about the timing and cost of updates to the Waterfront Area Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

CS 2013-48

It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor (R. Hutchins)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)