



TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013 - 7:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rob Hutchins
Councillor Bill Drysdale
Councillor Glenda Patterson

Councillor Steve Arnett
Councillor Gord Horth

Councillor Jillian Dashwood
Councillor Duck Paterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
John Manson

Sandy Bowden

Erin Anderson

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchins called this special meeting of Council to order at 7:30 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2013-88

It was moved, seconded and carried that the agenda for the Council Meeting of March 25, 2013 be adopted with the addition of the letter from the Ladysmith Resources Centre Association regarding the grant-in-aid application for the Youth at Risk Program.

**2013 To 2017
FINANCIAL PLAN
DELIBERATIONS**

CS 2013-89

Grant-in-Aid Application – Ladysmith Celebrations Society

It was moved, seconded and carried that a grant-in-aid for the Ladysmith Celebrations Society in the amount of \$8,000 be approved.

Grant-in-Aid Application – Ladysmith Resources Centre Association (Youth at Risk Program)

A discussion ensued regarding the application for a grant-in-aid for the Youth at Risk Program submitted by the LRCA. Council directed that staff confirm the percentage of Ladysmith residents that use the Youth at Risk and Victim Services programs.

BYLAWS

CS 2013-90

Town of Ladysmith Waterworks Regulations Bylaw 1999, No. 1298, Amendment Bylaw 2013, No. 1821

It was moved, seconded and carried that Town of Ladysmith Waterworks Regulations Bylaw 1999, No. 1298, Amendment Bylaw 2013, No. 1821 be read a first, second and third time.

Town of Ladysmith Sanitary Sewer Rates Bylaw 1999, No. 1299, Amendment Bylaw 2013, No. 1822

CS 2013-91

It was moved, seconded and carried that Town of Ladysmith Sanitary Sewer Rates Bylaw 1999, No. 1299, Amendment Bylaw 2013, No. 1822 be read a first, second and third time.

Financial Plan Deliberations – Review of Discussions to Date

Staff provided an overview of deliberations regarding the 2013 – 2017 Financial Plan to date and a discussion ensued. Staff requested Council's consideration of measures that could be taken to reduce the 2013 budget. Measures may include reductions in levels of services provided to the community such as the trolley, recreation programs, staffing, etc. Council directed staff to provide the financial implications of changing the commencement of the BC Transit service from September to January, 2014 at the next Council meeting.

Public Input and Questions

Cathleen McMahon advised that many Ladysmith residents are looking forward to BC Transit serving the Town. She suggested that a community-wide communique be circulated providing information about the budget process and other budget details.

R. Johnson inquired about various aspects of the Financial Plan including trolley expenses and revenues, RCMP services, recreation programming and promotion, and community policing.

STAFF REPORTS

Proposed Purchase of Electric Vehicle

CS 2013-92

It was moved, seconded and carried that Council authorize waiving the Purchasing Policy for the acquisition of a Nissan Leaf electric vehicle as one of the scheduled vehicle replacements for 2013.

OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR HORTH

Motion to Waive Notice for Special Council Meeting

CS 2013-93

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that in the event that a Special Council meeting is required for Tuesday, March 26, 2013, Council waive the requirement to issue notice for the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

CS 2013-94

It was moved, seconded and carried that this meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor (R. Hutchins)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)