



TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALL TO ORDER 6:30 P.M.

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
Clayton Postings

Erin Anderson
Felicity Adams

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchins called this Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

CS 2014-131

Moved and seconded:

That in accordance with Sec.127(4) of the Community Charter Council waive notice for a Special Closed Meeting of Council to be held immediately following the open Council meeting to consider items regarding labour relations or other employee relations.

Motion Carried Unanimously

AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2014-132

Moved and seconded:

That the agenda for the Special Council Meeting of April 14, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

MINUTES

CS 2014-133

Moved and seconded:

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 7, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Equipment - SCBA Air Compressor and Filling Station

CS 2014-134

Moved and seconded:

That Council direct staff to include \$40,000 for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Air Compressor and Filling Station in the 2014-2018 Financial Plan and authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposals.

CS 2014-135

Moved and seconded:

That the \$40,000 for the SCBA air compressor and filling station be funded through the Fire Department Operations Reserve Fund

and any residual funds from the Capital budget.

Motion carried.

Town of Ladysmith 2013 Water Report

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-136

That Council:

1. Receive the draft 2013 Water Report for information;
2. Direct staff to pursue, in principle, water filtration as the method of secondary water treatment for the Town of Ladysmith, and waive the purchasing policy for a Water Filtration Pilot Study; and,
3. Direct staff to amend capital plans to provide for a secondary water filtration system for the Town.

Motion carried.

FINANCIAL PLAN DELIBERATIONS

Water and Sewer Utilities

The Director of Financial Services reviewed the proposed Water and Sewer Utilities budgets for 2014 and responded to questions from Council and members of the public.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-137

That Council direct Staff to:

- 1) draft a Water Rates Bylaw to increase the quarter base charge by \$1.05 and increase each step by 5¢, effective for the 3rd quarter billing; and,
- 2) include in the 2014-2018 Financial Plan a policy of increasing the Water Rates, by bylaw, by \$1.00 to the quarterly base charge and increase each step by 3¢, effective each year on January 1st.

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-138

That Council direct Staff to:

- 1) increase the Water Parcel Tax by \$20 to \$130 per parcel; and,
- 2) include in the 2014-2018 Financial Plan a policy of increasing the Water Parcel Tax, by bylaw, by \$20 each year, effective January 1st.

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-139

That Council direct Staff to:

- 1) draft a Sanitary Sewer Rates bylaw to increase the monthly charge by \$1.00 to \$15/month, effective for the third quarter

Utility Billing; and,

- 2) include in the 2014-2018 Financial Plan a policy of increasing the Sanitary Sewer Rates, by bylaw, by \$1.00 to the monthly charge, effective each year on January 1st.

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-140

That Council direct Staff to maintain the Sewer Parcel Tax at a rate of \$269 per parcel.

Motion carried.

Financial Plan Deliberations

Council reviewed the 2014-2018 Financial Plan including the 2014 Grants-in-Aid applications. The following adjustments to the Five Year Financial Plan were considered:

- Signage projects
- Sportsman's Shelter Roof (Transfer Beach)
- Kinsmen Shelter Roof (Transfer Beach)
- Ornamental Streetlights - Inspection

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-141

That Staff be directed to prepare a report on the options for expanding the parking at Aggie Hall.

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-142

That the Ladysmith Resources Centre Association 2014 grants-in-aid applications be approved as follows:

- General Programming - \$8,000
- Family Support - \$8,000
- Youth at Risk - \$8,000
- Victim Services - \$11,000

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-143

That letters be sent to the Directors of Areas G and H expressing Council's concern regarding the funding for the Ladysmith Resources Centre Association's programs and requesting their consideration of providing funding for the programs given that residents of Areas G and H benefit from the programs.

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-144

That Staff be directed to clarify the grant-in-aid application submitted by the Ladysmith Food Bank, and specifically regarding the "Soup Kitchen" program.

Motion carried.

Council expressed concern regarding the \$75,000 required for closed circuit video equipment for the RCMP and requested Staff to explore other options, such as deferring this expenditure until 2015.

Staff was requested to review the possible contribution of materials for the Holland Creek bridge replacement project for a possible value of \$20,000.

Council confirmed its commitment to the following tax rates policy:

Residential Class (Class 1) tax increase to be no more than 5% after new construction figures and that the Business/Other Class (Class 6) increase be no more than half of the Residential (Class 1) increase.

Over 2015-2018, maintain the Class 6 tax levy increase to be no more than half of the Class 1 tax levy increase.

Council directed staff to increase the reliance on Class 8 (Recreation/Non-profit) by the amount of the assessment increase.

ADJOURNMENT

CS 2014-145

Moved and seconded:

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Motion carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor (R. Hutchins)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)