



**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LADYSMITH
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL ON
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014
CALL TO ORDER 5:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rob Hutchins
Councillor Glenda Patterson

Councillor Bill Drysdale

Councillor Duck Paterson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Steve Arnett

Councillor Jillian Dashwood

Councillor Gord Horth

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
Erin Anderson
Joanna Winter

Sandy Bowden
John Manson

Felicity Adams
Clayton Postings

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchins called this Special Meeting of Council to order at 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

CE 2014-149

Moved and seconded:

That the agenda for this Special Meeting of Council be approved as amended by the following:

1. Move agenda item 4.2 to follow the Audit Findings Report
2. Add new item "Hike for Hospice"

Motion carried.

MINUTES

CE 2014-150

Moved and seconded:

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held April 14, 2014 be approved.

Motion carried.

**2013 AUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

2013 Audit Findings Report

Cory Vanderhorst, CPA, representing audit firm MNP, provided Council with an overview of the audit process and key findings for the audit of the Town's financial statements for the year 2013.

Council thanked Mr. Vanderhorst for his presentation.

Audited Financial Statements (Draft Form)

The Director of Financial Services provided an overview of the draft Audited Financial Statements for the Town of Ladysmith for fiscal year 2013, and responded to questions from Council and the public.

Moved and seconded:

That the Audited Financial Statements for fiscal year 2013 be

CE 2014-151

approved as presented.
Motion carried.

**2014 – 2018 FINANCIAL
PLAN DELIBERATIONS**

**S/Sgt. Dave Herman, Ladysmith RCMP Detachment
Closed Circuit Video Equipment for Ladysmith RCMP Detachment**

S/Sgt. Dave Herman, accompanied by a representative from E Division, provided Council with information concerning the mandated requirement to install closed circuit video equipment in the prisoner cells at the Ladysmith RCMP detachment. The equipment must be operational by January 30, 2015. The estimated cost of the equipment is \$90,000. Additional costs for storage are not yet known.

Council advised S/Sgt. Herman that all costs are required in order to finalize the 2014 budget, which must be completed by May 15, 2014.

Council expressed its ongoing concern about the lack of equity in the current population-based RCMP funding formula for municipalities.

Presentation by Director of Financial Services

The Director of Financial Services presented the proposed 2014 to 2018 Financial Plan, including updated capital expenditures and proposed property tax rates to Council.

Staff advised that they had received confirmation that the Grant-in-aid request from the Ladysmith Soup Kitchen was \$2,000 and that this amount was included in the final budget recommendation before Council.

Staff were directed to use funds from the Parking Reserve Fund for the 2014 Aggie Hall parking initiative.

Staff were directed to use funds originally budgeted in 2014 for a new generator at the RCMP detachment for the mandatory closed circuit video equipment.

A member of the audience enquired whether any service clubs had agreed to support the replacement of shelter roofs at the Town's ballfields, and was advised that the Kinsmen Club has already confirmed its donation in 2014. Council expressed appreciation at this news.

CE 2014-152

Moved and seconded:

That Council direct staff to prepare the Financial Plan Bylaw as well as the Water, Sewer and Tax Rates Bylaws for consideration at the next Council meeting.

Motion carried.

QUESTION PERIOD

R. Armour enquired about municipal contributions to Royal Canadian Mounted Police and was advised that communities with a population greater than 5,000 contribute 70 per cent of policing costs, while homes in unincorporated areas are assessed a flat rate of \$55 per household for the same level of service.

D. Baker suggested that Council consider offering a memorial picnic table program in addition to the memorial bench program.

R. Johnson enquired whether Council has a policy that places a time limit on sponsorship of a memorial bench.

CLOSED MEETING

CE 2014-153

Moved and seconded at 6:22 p.m.

That Council retire into closed session after a two-minute recess.
Motion carried.

RISE AND REPORT ADJOURNMENT

CE 2014-154

Council arose from Closed Meeting without report.

Moved and seconded:

That this Special Meeting of Council adjourn at 6:44 p.m.
Motion carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor (R. Hutchins))

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)