



**TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rob Hutchins
Councillor Gord Horth

Councillor Jillian Dashwood
Councillor Duck Paterson

Councillor Bill Drysdale
Councillor Glenda Patterson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Steve Arnett

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
John Manson

Sandy Bowden
Clayton Postings

Erin Anderson
Joanna Winter

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchins called this Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Hutchins conveyed Councillor Arnett's regrets for his absence from the meeting due to his participation in the three-day National Conference on Homelessness in Vancouver in his capacity as Chief Executive Officer of Nanaimo Youth Services Association.

AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2014-359

Moved and seconded:

That the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of November 3, 2014 be approved as amended by the following:

10.1 Correct the date in the staff recommendation to November 27, 2014

11.1 Add 'First Avenue Crosswalk at Eagles' Hall'

Motion carried.

MINUTES

CS 2014-360

Moved and seconded:

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, October 20, 2014 be approved.

Motion carried.

REPORTS

CS 2014-361

Moved and seconded:

That Council request staff to bring forward recommendations on ways to link the Town's website to reports and publications provided by the Cowichan Valley Regional District Community Safety Advisory Commission.

Motion carried.

CS 2014-362

Moved and seconded:

That Council request staff to investigate the feasibility of issuing passes to enable community members without appropriate bathroom amenities to shower at Town facilities.

Motion carried.

Councillor D. Paterson reported that the Ladysmith Kinsmen continue to receive generous contributions from community groups and organizations to support the Kinsmen project to rebuild the play structure at Transfer Beach Park.

Retiring Councillor G. Patterson expressed appreciation to her fellow Council members and the community for the privilege of working with and for them during her total of 15 years as Councillor for the Town of Ladysmith.

STAFF REPORTS

Brown Drive Park Safety Issues

Staff reported that B.C. Hydro has been requested to connect the lights at Brown Drive Park as soon as possible.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-363

That Council request the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to complete a "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design" (CEPTED) or similar report on Brown Drive Park as it relates to lighting in the park as well as other design alterations which could make the park a safer environment and one which is less desirable for after-hours access; and,

That Council direct staff to investigate restricting after-hour access to Town parks.

Motion carried.

OPPOSED:

Councillor D. Paterson

Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw 2014, No. 1869

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-364

That Council receive the staff report regarding borrowing in anticipation of the annual tax levy and introduction of Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw 2014, No. 1869.

Motion carried.

Ladysmith Bar Watch Program

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-365

That Council endorse the Town's participation, in conjunction with the Ladysmith Detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and local liquor-primary establishments, in the implementation of the Ladysmith Bar Watch Program.

Motion carried.

Lease for Parking Lot at 17 and 25 Roberts Street

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-366

That Council approve the renewal of the lease agreement with land owner Mr. Paul Jorjorian for use of 17 and 25 Roberts Street as a municipal parking lot for a period of three (3) years at a rate of \$575 per month in 2015, \$600 per month in 2016, and \$625 per month in 2017, plus applicable taxes, and that the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement.

AMENDMENT

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-367

That Resolution CS 2015-354 be amended by the addition of “and that Council request staff to investigate the feasibility of purchasing the property at 17 and 25 Roberts Street to maintain it as off-street parking.”

Amendment carried.

Motion as amended carried.

BYLAWS

Town of Ladysmith Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw 2014, No. 1869

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-368

That Town of Ladysmith Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw 2014, No. 1869 be read a first, second and third time.

Motion carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Cliff Fisher, Ladysmith Festival of Lights Society

Request for Waiver of Trolley Rental Fee for November 27, 2014 Light-up Celebrations

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-369

That Council waive the seven-hour trolley rental fee for the Ladysmith Festival of Lights Light-up Celebrations on November 27, 2014, in order to permit the Festival of Lights Society to use the trolley to assist in transporting visitors during the events.

AMENDMENT

Moved and seconded

CS 2014-370

That Resolution CS 2014-357 be amended as follows:

“That Council reduce the seven-hour trolley rental fee for the Ladysmith Festival of Lights Light-up Celebrations on November 27, 2014 by donating the use of the trolley but charging the costs associated with the driver, in order to permit the Festival of Lights Society to use the trolley to assist in transporting visitors during the events.

Amendment carried.

Motion as amended carried.

Councillor Drysdale returned to the meeting.

**Cathy Gislason, Old English Car Club, Central Island Branch
Letter of Appreciation for Town Support of 'Brits on the Beach'**

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-371

That Council receive the letter of appreciation for Town support of the annual Brits on the Beach Car Show from Cathy Gislason of the Old English Car Club, Central Island Branch.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

First Avenue Near Ladysmith Health Care Auxiliary Thrift Store

Council requested that staff trim back plants in the planters on the west side of First Avenue in the vicinity of the Ladysmith Health Care Auxiliary Thrift Store in order to maintain clear sightlines for vehicles turning onto First Avenue.

QUESTION PERIOD

R. Johnson complimented the Town on the election posters and brochures that have been distributed in the community and asked what this cost. He was advised that the costs are covered in the Town's \$10,000 election budget.

R. Johnson was advised that the Stocking Lake Advisory Committee was formed in December 2013 and has met three times. Membership consists of Council representatives, the Director for Cowichan Valley Regional District Area G, representatives of the Saltair area residents, and staff of the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

Mayor Hutchins advised that details of the proposed Ladysmith Bar Watch program, including costs, will be forthcoming as the program details are worked out in conjunction with the RCMP.

ADJOURNMENT

CS 2014-372

Moved and seconded:

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

Motion carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor (R. Hutchins)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)