



TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014
LADYSMITH SENIORS CENTRE
6:30 PM.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Aaron Stone

Councillor Joe Friesenhan

Councillor Duck Paterson

Councillor Steve Arnett

Councillor Carol Henderson

Councillor Cal Fradin

Councillor Rob Hutchins

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli

Sandy Bowden

PRESENTATIONS

Outgoing Mayor Rob Hutchins and Mayor-elect Aaron Stone presented gifts to outgoing Councillors Bill Drysdale, Jillian Dashwood and Glenda Patterson. Mayor Hutchins thanked each of them and expressed appreciation for their dedication and service to the Town of Ladysmith.

Councillors Duck Paterson and Steve Arnett spoke about the accomplishments of Mayor Hutchins' 21 years in office and expressed deep appreciation for his compassion and commitment to the citizens of Ladysmith.

CALL TO ORDER

Corporate Officer Sandy Bowden called the inaugural meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

**SWEARING-IN
CEREMONY**

The Corporate Officer administered the oaths of office to the Mayor and Councillors and congratulated them on their Council positions.

Mayor Stone assumed the Chair.

AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2014-387

Moved and seconded:

That the agenda for the Inaugural Council Meeting of December 1, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

**2015 COUNCIL
APPOINTMENTS**

Deputy Mayor

Mayor Stone made the following appointment for Deputy Mayor in 2015:

- December 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015: Councillor Duck Paterson

Parcel Tax Review Panel

Mayor Stone appointed the following members to the 2015 Parcel Tax Review Panel:

Mayor Stone, Councillor Friesenhan and Councillor Hutchins.

Cowichan Valley Regional District Director

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-388

That Councillor Rob Hutchins be appointed as Director to the Cowichan Valley Regional District Board until June 30, 2015.

Motion carried.

Cowichan Valley Regional District Alternate Director

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-389

That Mayor Aaron Stone be appointed as Alternate Director to the Cowichan Valley Regional District Board until June 30, 2015.

Motion carried.

Vancouver Island Regional Library Board Director

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-390

That Councillor Steve Arnett be appointed as Town of Ladysmith representative on the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board.

Motion carried.

Vancouver Island Regional Library Board Alternate Director

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-391

That Councillor Carol Henderson be appointed as Alternate Director to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board.

Motion carried.

Community Safety Advisory Commission (Cowichan Valley Regional District)

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-392

That Councillor Cal Fradin be appointed as representative of the Town of Ladysmith on the Cowichan Valley Regional District Community Safety Advisory Commission.

Motion carried.

Community Safety Advisory Commission (Cowichan Valley Regional District)

Moved and seconded:

CS 2014-393

That Councillor Rob Hutchins be appointed as alternate representative of the Town of Ladysmith on the Cowichan Valley Regional District Community Safety Advisory Commission.

Motion carried.

Mayor Stone made the following appointments to Council Advisory Commissions and Committees:

Municipal Services Committee (Committee of the Whole)

Chair: Councillor Steve Arnett

Vice Chair: Councillor Cal Fradin

Members: All members of Council

Advisory Planning Commission

Council Liaison: Councillor Cal Fradin

Alternate: Councillor Joe Friesenhan

Advisory Design Panel

Council Liaison: Mayor Aaron Stone

Alternate: Councillor Carol Henderson

Heritage Revitalization Advisory Commission

Council Liaison: Mayor Aaron Stone

Alternate: Councillor Rob Hutchins

Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission

Council Liaison: Councillor Duck Paterson

Council Liaison: Councillor Joe Friesenhan

Alternate: Councillor Steve Arnett

Protective Services Committee

Chair: Councillor Duck Paterson

Vice Chair: Councillor Rob Hutchins

Alternate: Councillor Cal Fradin

Liquid Waste Management Committee

Council Liaison: Councillor Joe Friesenhan

Council Liaison: Councillor Cal Fradin

Council Liaison: Councillor Rob Hutchins

Stocking Lake Advisory Committee

Council Liaison: Councillor Rob Hutchins

Council Liaison: Councillor Steve Arnett

Mayor Stone made the following liaison appointments to community organizations:

Celebrations Committee

Council Liaison: Councillor Steve Arnett

Alternate: Councillor Duck Paterson

Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce

Council Liaison: Councillor Rob Hutchins

Alternate: Councillor Joe Friesenhan

Ladysmith Community Health Advisory Committee

Council Liaison: Councillor Carol Henderson

Alternate: Mayor Aaron Stone

Ladysmith Festival of Lights

Council Liaison: Councillor Duck Paterson

Alternate: Councillor Joe Friesenhan

Ladysmith Downtown Business Association

Council Liaison: Councillor Cal Fradin

Alternate: Mayor Aaron Stone

Ladysmith Early Years Partnership

Council Liaison: Councillor Carol Henderson

Alternate: Councillor Rob Hutchins

Social Planning Cowichan Affordable Housing Directorate

Council Liaison: Councillor Carol Henderson

Alternate: Councillor Steve Arnett

Ladysmith Youth Advisory Committee

Council Liaison: Councillor Carol Henderson

Alternate: Councillor Rob Hutchins

**BANK SIGNING
AUTHORITY
CS 2014-394**

Moved and seconded:

That all members of Council be authorized bank signing authorities on behalf of the Town, effective December 1, 2014.

Motion carried.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Mayor Stone presented his inaugural address:

Thank you all so much for coming this evening.

What an amazing way to cap off a most interesting and challenging two months! We have done something special as a community. We have raised the bar in terms of engagement and dialogue. We have started down the path that will lead us to a truly connected community. This is all very exciting for me and for all of us.

I have been able to take just a few moments to reflect on what has passed and what is to come, but a few thoughts for all of you:

To Gord Horth – You have done an amazing service to Ladysmith. Your years of dedication and action have made our community a better place. Beyond your term as councillor, you have made an investment in our town that surpasses most. I imagine that this won't end any time soon. However we are able to work together in the future, please know that you have my greatest respect, and I hold you in the highest regard. I have said several times throughout the campaign that my only regret is that we won't be sitting at that table working together. I congratulate you on an excellent campaign and for all your years of service and dedication. We are all indebted to you.

To Jill, Bill and Glenda – I know the work you have put in over this last term. We have worked together on some issues, and I have

watched with great interest on many others. You have provided a fine service to Ladysmith, and we are all very grateful for your contribution. It's a challenging job, serving such a broad and diverse group of citizens and you did this service so very well. To the candidates who ran and did not get elected, thank you. Your efforts formed such a key part of this conversation and I only wish we could elect you all. Ladysmith would have been fortunate to have any one of you serving on council.

To our new and returning Councillors – we have exciting times ahead. We have engaged our community in a way not seen before. There are some great challenges and even greater opportunity on the horizon for Ladysmith. We should all be honoured that we have been selected to guide our community through these waters. We have been elected to find the brightest vision for the future of our town and for our people. I believe we have a strong group with the experience, passion and perspective that will be required to make the most of what lies ahead.

Oh Ladysmith! To all of you who got involved, engaged, shared your dreams and frustrations, and voted... what an amazing job you all have done! I have never been so excited for the future of our little town, as much for the team you have elected, as for the voices you have lent to the discussion. Your words and actions are to be applauded. You may have voted differently than your neighbour, but I believe that we all share a sense of the vision for our community and the potential we can achieve. I will work for all of us as we move forward to bring a new level of openness, engagement and 'connectivity' to the place we love so much. It's an exciting time and I hope that you'll all stay as connected and as involved as you have been over these last weeks. We can make Ladysmith that world class example of what a small town should be. We will all be working together.

I hope that we will carry this effort and momentum as a community forward as we endeavor to make Ladysmith the best place on earth. I think we already know what we have. Now is the time for us to assert ourselves to realize our potential.

Ask HARD questions. Make SOLID plans. Working together to build a foundation for our future. These aren't slogans or buzz words. It's the new order of business in Ladysmith.

Thank you all. This has been an amazing experience. The real work starts now.

So with that... Let's do this!

ADJOURNMENT

CS 2014-395

Moved and seconded:

That this inaugural meeting of Council adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Motion carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor (A. Stone)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)