



TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016
1:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Aaron Stone
Councillor Cal Fradin (entered 1:20 p.m.)
Councillor Carol Henderson
Councillor Duck Paterson

Councillor Steve Arnett
Councillor Joe Friesenhan
Councillor Rob Hutchins

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli
Erin Anderson
Clayton Postings
Joanna Winter

Felicity Adams
John Manson
Kevin Goldfuss

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stone called this Special Meeting of Council to order at 1:03 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2016-025

Moved and seconded:

That Council approve the agenda for the Special Council meeting of January 26, 2016 as amended by the following additions:

- 2.3 Councillor Arnett – Remuneration Increase
- 3.1 Nanaimo Daily News

Motion carried.

**2016 TO 2020
FINANCIAL PLAN
DELIBERATIONS**

Presentation – Council's Strategic Priorities for 2016 to 2019

The City Manager gave a presentation on Council's Strategic Priorities for the period 2016 to 2019. The strategic priorities set the direction for the 2016 to 2020 Financial Plan.

Presentation – 2016 to 2020 Financial Plan Overview

The Director of Financial Services gave a presentation based on Council's previous direction and new strategic priorities. Staff responded to questions from Council and members of the public.

Staff were asked to provide additional information in response to the following requests from Council and members of the audience:

- Details of the proposed increase in materials and supplies
- Estimated revenue from the sale of Town properties
- Statutory requirements for giving notice on the sale of Town properties
- The amount allocated to the Equipment Replacement Reserve in

2016

- Details on the proposed budget increase of 2.17 per cent

CS 2016-026

Moved and seconded:

That Council send a strongly worded letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure urgently requesting funding for a sonic pre-emption system at the intersection of Davis Road and the Trans Canada Highway.

Motion carried.

CS 2016-027

Council Remuneration

Moved and seconded:

That the budget for Council remuneration in 2016 be reduced to reflect the request of one member of Council that he not receive the increase.

Motion defeated.

OPPOSED:

Mayor Stone and Councillors Fradin, Friesenhan, Henderson, Hutchins, and Paterson.

Mayor Stone assured Councillor Arnett that his wishes with respect to not receiving a remuneration increase for the remainder of this term will be respected and requested staff to ensure that the forthcoming Council Remuneration Bylaw accommodates Councillor Arnett's wishes.

NEW BUSINESS

CS 2016-028

Closing of The Nanaimo Daily News

Moved and seconded:

That Council send a letter to the Nanaimo Daily News expressing appreciation for 141 years of publishing and community coverage, and regret that the paper is closing its doors.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

CS 2016-029

Moved and seconded:

That this meeting of Council adjourn at 2:46 p.m.

Motion carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor (A. Stone)

Corporate Officer (S. Bowden)