



TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016
CALL TO ORDER 6:00 P.M. FOR CLOSED SESSION
CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR OPEN MEETING 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Aaron Stone	Councillor Steve Arnett (entered at 7:34 p.m.)
Councillor Cal Fradin	Councillor Joe Friesenhan
Councillor Rob Hutchins	Councillor Duck Paterson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Carol Henderson

STAFF PRESENT:

Ruth Malli	Felicity Adams
Erin Anderson	John Manson
Clayton Postings	Joanna Winter

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stone called this Meeting of Council to order at 6:04 p.m. in order to retire immediately into Closed Session.

CLOSED MEETING

CS 2016-121

Moved and seconded:

That Council retire into Closed Session in order to consider the following items in accordance with section 90(1) of the *Community Charter*:

- The acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land
- The provision of a municipal service

Motion carried.

RISE AND REPORT

Council rose from Closed Session at 6:42 p.m. with report on the following item:

- Council accepted with regret the resignation of Pam Fraser from the Advisory Planning Commission, and expressed sincere appreciation to Ms. Fraser for her dedication and service.

REGULAR OPEN MEETING

Mayor Stone called the Regular Open Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and recognized the traditional territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2016-122

Moved and seconded:

That Council approve the agenda for the Council meeting of April 4, 2016 as amended by the following addition:

13.2 Transit Report

Motion carried.

MINUTES

- CS 2016-123** *Moved and seconded:*
That Council approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held March 14, 2016.
Motion carried.
- CS 2016-124** *Moved and seconded:*
That Council approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held March 17, 2016 as amended.
Motion carried.
- CS 2016-125** *Moved and seconded:*
That Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 21, 2016.
Motion carried.

DELEGATIONS

Joanne Sales, Broombusters Invasive Plant Society

Ms. Sales made a presentation to Council regarding the mission of the Broombusters Society to limit the spread of the invasive Scotch Broom throughout the island, and the role local government can play in support of this mission.

Ms. Sales responded to questions from Council. Council thanked her for her informative presentation.

- CS 2016-126** *Moved and seconded:*
That Council direct staff to work with the Broombusters Invasive Plant Society and to encourage community support for initiatives to remove Scotch Broom.
Motion carried.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Development Permit Application – 410 Third Avenue (Forrest) Lot 1, Block 73, District Lot 56, Oyster District, Plan 703A

- CS 2016-127** *Moved and seconded:*
That Council approve in principle the following items in Development Permit 3060-14-06:
5(b) Install frosting on all windows (both storeys) and deck panels facing rear parcel line (west elevation). The full window and deck panel shall be frosted.
- 5(c) Place address numbers for the coach house building such that the address numbers are clearly visible from the street.
Motion carried.
- CS 2016-128** *Moved and seconded:*
That Council issue Development Permit 3060-14-06 with the following changes:
- strike the following item from Development Permit 3060-14-06:
5(a) *Modify the second storey deck of the accessory building, using panels that match the existing deck railing, such that the*

useable and accessible deck area is a maximum of 7.5m².

- Renumber 5(b) and (c) as required

to permit the issuance of a building permit for the conversion of the second storey of an existing accessory building to a coach house dwelling on Lot 1, Block 73, District Lot 56, Oyster District, Plan 703A (410 Third Avenue).

Motion carried.

OPPOSED:

Mayor Stone and Councillor Fradin.

**Development Variance Permit Application – Oyster Cove Road (Lovely)
Strata Lot 14, District Lot 56, Oyster District, Strata Plan 2009**

Moved and seconded:

CS 2016-129

That Council direct staff to proceed with statutory notice for Development Variance Permit application 3090-16-01 for Strata Lot 14, District Lot 56, Oyster District, Strata Plan 2009 (Lovely).

Motion carried.

Councillor Arnett entered the meeting.

**FINANCIAL PLAN
DELIBERATIONS**

Proposed Property Tax Values for 2016

The Director of Financial Services gave a presentation on the financial plan process and decisions to date, and presented options for establishing property tax rates for 2016.

Members of the public enquired about the process for public input to the Financial Plan, and the rate difference between taxation classes expressed as a percentage and in dollars.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2016-130

That Council

1. Approve the following Option 2 for establishing 2016 property tax rates:

- Establish property tax rates in accordance with the 2016 budget as approved by Council
- Maintain the same dollar value as 2015 tax levy for Class 4 – Major Industry
- Maintain the increase to the property taxes for the Business/Other class at one-half of the increase for the Residential class

2. Direct staff to prepare the 2016 to 2020 Financial Plan Bylaw and 2016 Property Tax Bylaw for consideration at the next Regular Meeting of Council.

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded:

CS 2016-131

That Council direct staff to provide a list of projects carried over from 2015, and the associated operating surplus at the next Regular Meeting of Council.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Stone reported that BC Transit is consulting the public through workshops and an online survey on options for proposed new routes for local transit, including an express route between Ladysmith and Duncan, and a connection between Ladysmith and Vancouver Island University. Mayor Stone congratulated the Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce on organizing the successful 2016 Ladysmith Home and Business Show.

Councillor Paterson reported that the Heritage Revitalization Advisory Commission is developing plans to enhance Heritage Week activities and increase community participation.

Councillor Arnett reported that he had taken part in the community Clean-up Day organized by the Ladysmith Sportsmen's Club.

Moved and seconded:

That Council send a letter of thanks and appreciation to the Ladysmith Sportsmen's Club for their commitment to the community and for organizing a successful Community Clean-up Day.

Motion carried.

BYLAWS

Town of Ladysmith Water Parcel Tax Bylaw 2016, No. 1906

Moved and seconded:

CS 2016-132

That Council read Town of Ladysmith Water Parcel Tax Bylaw 2016, No.1906 a first, second and third time.

Motion carried.

Town of Ladysmith Sewer Parcel Tax Bylaw 2016, No. 1907

Moved and seconded:

CS 2016-133

That Council read Town of Ladysmith Water Parcel Tax Bylaw 2016, No. 1907 a first, second and third time.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

John Elzinga, Cowichan Valley Regional District

Moved and seconded:

CS 2016-134

That Council receive for information the correspondence and staff report from John Elzinga, General Manager of Community Services at the Cowichan Valley Regional District, entitled "Regional Recreation Next Steps".

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Project Funding Partnership for Nutsumaat Syaas Project at Ladysmith Secondary School (Councillor Paterson)

Moved and seconded:

CS 2016-135

That Council:

1. Advise the Nutsumaat Syaays group that it supports a proposed partnership between the Town of Ladysmith and the Nutsumaat

- Syaays group for the sole purpose of securing funding through the Farm Credit Corporation AgriSpirit Fund to install a Coast Salish Welcoming Figure at Ladysmith Secondary School; and
2. Direct staff to work with the proponents to establish the details of this arrangement.
- Motion carried.*

CS 2016-136 **Report on Transit Services in Ladysmith**

Moved and seconded:
That Council request representatives from the Cowichan Valley Regional District to attend a Council meeting and provide a report on transit service in Ladysmith and results of the recent consultation on proposed route changes.
Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS **Resolution for Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities – Eligibility for Gaming Grants**

CS 2016-137 *Moved and seconded:*
That Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the AVICC 2016 Convention:
WHEREAS not-for-profit organizations make invaluable contributions to communities throughout British Columbia in the form of community and social services and community recreational infrastructure, and such organizations are not eligible to apply for gaming grants to support capital projects;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia communities which do not host casinos and community gaming centres are unable to benefit from the sharing of revenues from such facilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities strongly urge the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch through the Minister of Finance to reinstate Community Gaming Grant funding for major capital projects initiated by not-for-profit organizations.
Motion carried.

QUESTION PERIOD Members of the public enquired about Heritage Week, recruiting for membership on Town Commissions and the Canada 150 Committee, policy for rising and reporting on *in camera* items, the Island corridor Foundation, fire service revenues from areas G and H of the Cowichan Valley Regional District and bylaw compliance and the proposed date to begin live streaming of Council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

CS 2016-138 *Moved and seconded:*
That this meeting of Council adjourn at 8:34 p.m.
Motion carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor (A. Stone)

Deputy Corporate Officer (J. Winter)