



MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, November 25, 2019

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers, City Hall

Council Members Present:

Mayor Aaron Stone
Councillor Duck Paterson
Councillor Amanda Jacobson
Councillor Rob Johnson

Councillor Tricia McKay
Councillor Marsh Stevens
Councillor Jeff Virtanen

Staff Present:

Guillermo Ferrero
Jake Belobaba
Erin Anderson
Geoff Goodall

Clayton Postings
Joanna Winter
Sue Bouma
Mike Gregory

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stone called this meeting of Council to order at 4:30 p.m. in order to retire immediately into Closed Session.

2. CLOSED SESSION

CS 2019-371

That, in accordance with section 90(1) of the *Community Charter*, Council retire into closed session in order to consider items related to the following:

- Strategic Planning - section 90(1)(i)
- Labour Relations - section 90(1)(c)

Motion Carried

3. SPECIAL MEETING (6:30 P.M.)

Mayor Stone called this Special Meeting of Council to order at 6:30 p.m., recognizing the traditional unceded territory of the Stz'uminus People.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2019-372

That Council approve the agenda for this Special Meeting of Council for November 25, 2019 as amended to include the following:

- Item 10.1., "Presentation to the Town of Ladysmith from the Village of Port Alice"

Motion Carried

5. RISE AND REPORT- Items from Closed Session

Council rose from Closed Session at 6:05 p.m. with report on the following:

- The CAO advised Council that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture will be leaving the Town of Ladysmith on January 11, 2020 to take a position as Chief Administrative Officer with the Village of Cumberland.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 18, 2019

CS 2019-373

That Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 18, 2019.

Motion Carried

7. 2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP: FINALIZE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY AND INTRODUCE CAPITAL BUDGET

7.1 Presentation and Council Discussion

Staff made a presentation to Council regarding water and sewer capital projects and responded to Council's questions.

7.2 Public Input and Questions

There were no questions or input from the public.

7.3 Water and Sewer Budget

CS 2019-374

That Council:

1. Approve the Water and Sewer Capital Projects for 2020 as presented;
2. Direct staff to prepare an amendment to the Water Rates Bylaw 1999, No.1298 to increase the base rate by \$10.00 plus a 10 per cent increase to each consumption step rate, effective January 1, 2020; and

3. Direct staff to prepare an amendment to Sewer Rates Bylaw 1999, No. 1299 to increase each rate classification by 5 per cent, effective January 1, 2020.

Motion Carried

8. REPORTS

8.1 Purchase of Frank Jameson Community Centre Swimming Pool Starter Blocks

CS 2019-375

That Council:

1. Direct staff to allocate \$9,226.00 in funds remaining from the High Street Concession Roof Replacement project to purchase two swimming starter blocks; and
2. Amend the 2019-2023 financial plan accordingly.

Motion Carried

8.2 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Grant – Water Projects

CS 2019-376

That Council:

1. Direct staff to submit an application for grant funding through the Water Supply Infrastructure Projects under the ICIP – Green Infrastructure: Environmental Quality Sub-stream, and
2. Support the project and commit to its share (\$6,200,000) of the project.

Motion Carried

8.3 Stocking Lake Emergency Bypass

CS 2019-377

That Council:

1. Allocate up to \$200,000 from water reserves to fund installation of an emergency bypass system around a blockage in the water main below the Stocking Lake Dam;
2. Direct staff to adjust the 2019 to 2023 Financial Plan accordingly;
3. Direct staff to retain the services of Koers & Associates Engineering Ltd for engineering services associated with this project; and

4. Direct staff to waive the purchasing policy and direct award construction of all works associated with this valve failure to David Stalker Excavating Ltd.

Motion Carried

8.4 Town of Ladysmith 2018 Annual Report

CS 2019-378

That Council adopt the Town of Ladysmith 2018 Annual Report as amended to correct minor typographical errors.

Motion Carried

9. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM DEMONSTRATION

Staff demonstrated the Geographic Information System, a program which will allow both the Engineering and Planning Departments to produce maps to assist in project and development planning. A notable feature of the Geographic Information System involves the ability to add layers, such as buffer zones, water, utilities, storm sewer and sanitary information to the maps produced. The information provided by these layers will enhance the planning process for both departments.

Staff responded to Council's questions.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Presentation to Town from the Village of Port Alice

On behalf of the Village of Port Alice, Councillor Johnson presented Mayor Stone with a special gift of appreciation for the surplus pumper truck purchased by Port Alice from the Town.

11. ADJOURNMENT

CS 2019-379

That this Special meeting of Council adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

Motion Carried

Mayor (A. Stone)

Corporate Officer (J. Winter)