



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

7:00 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
Erin Anderson
Jake Belobaba
Geoff Goodall

Joanna Winter
Donna Smith
Mike Gregory
Sue Bouma

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stone called this Meeting of Council to order at 5:31 p.m., in order to retire immediately into closed session.

2. CLOSED SESSION

CS 2020-079

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:

- matters related to lease of Town property – section 90(1)(e)
- litigation or potential litigation - section 90(1)(g)
- legal advice - section 90 (1)(i)

Motion Carried

3. REGULAR MEETING (7:00 p.m.)

Mayor Stone called this Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:01 p.m., recognizing the traditional unceded territory of the Stz'uminus People.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2020-080

That Council approve the agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council for March 3, 2020.

Motion Carried

5. RISE AND REPORT- Items from Closed Session

Council rose from Closed Session at 6:19 p.m. without report.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 18, 2020

CS 2020-081

That Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 18, 2020.

Motion Carried

7. DELEGATIONS

7.1 Laurie Bienert, George Hanson and Daniel Martinez, Nanaimo Foundation: Ladysmith Community Fund and Neighbourhood Small Grants

Laurie Bienert, George Hanson and Daniel Martinez made a presentation to Council regarding the Nanaimo Foundation and its efforts to inspire charitable giving in the five regions of School District 68. They advised Council that the infrastructure is now in place to offer the Ladysmith community its own dedicated fund, pending charitable contributions received.

The team also discussed the Neighbourhood Small Grants program, which disburses grants of up to \$500 for the development of events that foster a sense of community. These grants are available to individuals, as opposed to organizations, for events like block parties, arts and crafts gatherings, community gardens and more. An information session will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Nanaimo on March 7th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Council expressed their appreciation for the efforts of the Nanaimo Foundation and thanked Ms. Bienert, Mr. Hanson and Mr. Martinez for their presentation.

7.2 Judy Stafford, Cowichan Green Community: 2019 Year in Review

Judy Stafford presented a video of the Cowichan Green Community's continuing efforts to promote environmental sustainability and improve food security for the region in 2019, highlighting the organization's involvement in food education, food and seed production, food recovery and food distribution.

Ms. Stafford responded to Council's questions. Council praised the Cowichan Green Community for their hard work and dedication and thanked Ms. Stafford for her inspiring presentation.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Waterfront Area Plan Staffing

CS 2020-082

That Council direct staff to include the Waterfront Area Plan Implementation Coordinator position in each year of the 2020-2024 Financial Plan remunerating up to band 5, step 5 of the exempt staff salary grid plus benefits with the monies, where applicable, to be funded in the following order:

- First, to come from revenues generated through operating activities in the Waterfront Area as appropriate;
- Second, to come from the Real Property Reserve;
- Third, general reserves to fund the non-eligible portion of the real property reserve cost; and
- Lastly, to come from taxation.

Motion Carried

8.2 Appointment of Corporate Officer

CS 2020-083

That Council appoint Donna Smith as Corporate Officer, effective Thursday, April 9, 2020.

Motion Carried

8.3 1st Ave Bollard Installation – Phase 2

CS 2020-084

That Council confirm that the Phase 2 bollard installation will comprise of seven spots around the Post Office with three in front of the Post Office on 1st Avenue and four on High Street.

Motion Carried

8.4 Electrical Connection Aggie Hall Memorial Tree

8.5 Resident Alien– Street and Parking Closure Requests for Second Round of Filming

CS 2020-085

That Council approve the following requests from the production company for the second round of filming for the television series *Resident Alien*, subject to negotiation of final schedules between staff and the production company:

1. Intermittent closures of Roberts Street between the Trans Canada Highway and First Avenue on Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14 for preparation and on Monday March 16 for shooting, on the condition that the company has a traffic management plan and highway use permit in place, with appropriate signage south of Coronation Square for northbound traffic, and north of 1st Avenue for southbound traffic;
2. Intermittent closures of parking spaces between March 13 and 17 on both sides of:
 - Roberts Street from the Trans Canada Highway to the southwest point of the Credit Union parking lot;
 - First Avenue between Gatacre Street and Baden Powell Street
 - High Street between the Trans Canada Highway and 1st Avenue;with the condition that the production company provide staff to assist customers in accessing businesses in these areas, and offer delivery of prescriptions as required;
3. Closure of 1st Avenue between Roberts Street and High Street for filming a stunt scene on Sunday, March 15;
4. Closure of the Town's parking lot at 17 and 25 Roberts Street from March 13 to March 17;
5. Closure of the Town parking lot and spaces along the alley between Gatacre Street and Malone Road for work trucks and support vehicles from March 13 to March 17;

6. Closure of parking along Oyster Bay Drive north of the Machine Shop from March 13 to 17 for use by production crew;
7. Use of the Town's property at the southern half of the parking lot at Fishermen's Wharf and Rotary Boat Launch for the production 'circus';
8. Use of the Town's property on Buller Street east of 1st Avenue for overflow parking, on the condition that the company completes and necessary fill or other work required

Motion Carried

8.6 Public Art Banners Assessment Committee

CS 2020-086

That Council appoint Duck Paterson to the Community Banner Program – Public Art Banners Assessment Committee.

Motion Carried

8.7 Poverty Reduction in Ladysmith

CS 2020-087

That Council:

1. Direct staff to submit an application to the UBCM Poverty Reduction Planning & Action Program Funding Stream 1 for up to \$25, 000;
2. Confirm its willingness to provide overall grant management; and
3. Waive the purchasing policy in order to contract with Social Planning Cowichan to conduct the work, should the grant application be successful.

Motion Carried

9. BYLAWS

9.1 Council Remuneration Bylaw Amendment

CS 2020-088

That, having adopted the 2020 recommendations of the Select Committee on Council Remuneration, Council:

1. Give first, second and third readings to Town of Ladysmith Council Remuneration Bylaw 2018, No. 1986, Amendment Bylaw 2020, No. 2034; and
2. Adopt the amended Council Remuneration Policy.

Motion Carried

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Scott Carey, Chief Executive Officer, Dad's Dial A Driver Service: Request for Ride Hailing Services Support Letter

CS 2020-089

That Council consider provide a letter of support for the ride hailing industry.

Motion Carried

10.2 Cowichan Leadership Group: Proposal Related to Homelessness and Addiction in Ladysmith

CS 2020-090

That Council write to the Honorable Judy Darcy, BC Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, in support of the funding proposal from the Cowichan Leadership Group, providing details about growing issues related to homelessness and addiction in Ladysmith and area.

Motion Carried

11. QUESTION PERIOD

A member of the public thanked Council for serving the community and for creating such a wonderful place for him and his wife to live. He gave special accolades to the administration, City Hall reception, Julie Thompson and Christina Hovey.

12. ADJOURNMENT

CS 2020-091

That this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

Motion Carried

Mayor (A. Stone)

Corporate Officer (J. Winter)