



## MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

**Tuesday, May 19, 2020**

**7:00 P.M.**

**This meeting was held electronically**

### **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:**

Erin Anderson  
Chris Barfoot  
Jake Belobaba  
Geoff Goodall

Donna Smith  
Joanna Winter  
Mike Gregory  
Sue Bouma

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **2. CLOSED SESSION CS 2020-148**

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:

- Personal information about an identifiable individual - Section 90(1)(a)
- Negotiations regarding the provision of a municipal service - Section 90(1)(k)

*Motion Carried*

**3. SPECIAL OPEN MEETING (7:00 p.m.)**

Council and staff showed their appreciation for front line workers in Ladysmith by cheering and showing hearts.

Mayor Stone called this Special Meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m., recognizing that it was taking place in various locations throughout Coast Salish territory.

**4. AGENDA APPROVAL**

**CS 2020-149**

That Council approve the agenda for this Special Meeting of Council for May 19, 2020.

*Motion Carried*

**5. RISE AND REPORT- Items from Closed Session**

Council rose from Closed Session at 5:46 p.m. with report on the following items:

- **CE 2020-072**

That Council direct staff to:

1. Construct the bio-solids soil storage facility within the existing steel building at the bio-solids facility...
2. Inform Ladysmith Search and Rescue and Disaster Aid Canada that the large vehicle bay area of the steel building located at the Town's bio-solids facility is unavailable for lease.

- **CE 2020-073**

That Council appoint Jake Belobaba, Director of Development Services, to replace Guillermo Ferrero on the Board of Directors of DL2016 Holdings Corporation, effective May 19, 2020.

**6. MINUTES**

**6.1 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held May 5, 2020**

**CS 2020-150**

That Council approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held May 5, 2020.

*Motion Carried*

## **6.2 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held May 12, 2020**

### **CS 2020-151**

That Council approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held May 12, 2020.

*Motion Carried*

## **7. PROCLAMATIONS**

### **7.1 Local Government Awareness Week, May 17-23, 2020**

Mayor Stone proclaimed May 17 to 23, 2020 as "Local Government Awareness Week" in the Town of Ladysmith.

### **7.2 Intergenerational Day Canada, June 1, 2020**

Mayor Stone proclaimed June 1, 2020 as "Intergenerational Day Canada" in the Town of Ladysmith.

## **8. REPORTS**

### **8.1 RDN Referral - Rezoning and OCP Amendment Nanaimo Airport Lands**

#### **CS 2020-152**

That Council endorse the response to the referral from the Regional District of Nanaimo related to proposed OCP and Zoning Bylaw amendments for the Nanaimo Airport, attached as Appendix A to the report prepared by the Director of Development Services dated May 19, 2020.

*Motion Carried*

## **8.2 Waterfront Area Plan Implementation: Uplands Remediation Process**

Staff responded to Council's questions.

### **CS 2020-153**

That Council:

1. Receive the Regulatory Path to Closure and Stage 1 Preliminary Site Investigation prepared by Golder Associates provided in Appendix A of the staff report from the Director of Development Services dated May 19, 2020;
2. Direct Staff to amend the 2020-2024 Financial Plan to include up to \$400,000 from general surplus and development reserves to cover the cost of a detailed site investigation over the course of 2020-2021; and
3. Direct staff to:
  - a. submit an application on behalf of the Town to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to obtain funding for a detailed site investigation of the uplands and to obtain the services of a consultant, if required, to prepare the grant application; and
  - b. seek the services of a qualified environmental engineering firm to complete a detailed site investigation of the uplands.

*Motion Carried*

## **9. DISCUSSION**

### **9.1 COVID-19 Recovery**

#### **CS 2020-154**

That Council direct staff to:

1. Liaise with the Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce and the Ladysmith Downtown Business Association to review options for the Town to support economic recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic, including the following:
  - a) Parklets and sidewalk patios;
  - b) Street closure opportunities from Thursdays through Sundays, including the potential for street entertainment and music;
  - c) One-way traffic northbound on First Avenue;
  - d) A "local shopping loyalty passport" with incentives to participate;and
2. Report back to Council with the results of those discussions.

*Motion Carried*

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**10.1 Vancouver Island Rail Corridor**

Council discussed the recent history of the Vancouver Island rail corridor and the potential for its renewal as they wait to receive more guidance from the Provincial government.

**11. QUESTION PERIOD**

A member of the public emailed questions regarding the status of the Ladysmith Railway building, whether the CVRD contributes to the Island Corridor Foundation through grants and donations, and the amount allocated by the Town of Ladysmith.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**CS 2020-155**

That this Special Meeting of Council adjourn at 8:59 p.m.

*Motion Carried*

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Mayor (A. Stone)

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Corporate Officer (D. Smith)