



MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

7:05 P.M.

This meeting was held electronically

Council Members Present:

Mayor Aaron Stone
Councillor Duck Paterson
Councillor Amanda Jacobson
Councillor Rob Johnson (7:15pm)

Councillor Tricia McKay
Councillor Marsh Stevens
Councillor Jeff Virtanen

Staff Present:

Erin Anderson
Chris Barfoot
Jake Belobaba
Geoff Goodall
Donna Smith

Chris Geiger
Julie Thompson
Mike Gregory
Sue Bouma

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stone called this Special Meeting of Council to order at 7:05 p.m., recognizing the traditional territory of the Stz'uminus People and expressing gratitude to live and work here.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2020-158

That Council approve the agenda for this Special Meeting of Council for June 2, 2020 as amended to include the following:

- Item 5.1., add the "Letter of Rationale from Applicant" for 1148 Rocky Creek Road Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application
- Item 7.2., add the topic "Off-Seasonal Lighting"
- Item 9.1., "Cowichan Pride"

Motion Carried

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held May 19, 2020

CS 2020-159

That Council approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held May 19, 2020.

Motion Carried

3.2 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held May 21, 2020

CS 2020-160

That Council approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held May 21, 2020.

Motion Carried

4. PROCLAMATIONS

4.1 BC Health and Fitness Day, June 6, 2020

Mayor Stone proclaimed June 6, 2020 as BC Health and Fitness Day in the Town of Ladysmith. He encouraged everyone to participate in physical activities to contribute to their own health and well-being.

4.2 Access Awareness Day, June 6, 2020

Mayor Stone proclaimed June 6, 2020 as Access Awareness Day in the Town of Ladysmith.

Due to connection issues, Councillor Johnson joined the meeting at 7:15pm.

5. BYLAWS- OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ZONING

5.1 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application – 1148 Rocky Creek Road

CS 2020-161

That Council proceed with first and second reading of Town of Ladysmith Zoning Bylaw 2014, No.1860, Amendment Bylaw (No. 31) 2020, No. 2040.

Motion Carried

CS 2020-162

That Council waive the requirement for a public hearing for Town of Ladysmith Zoning Bylaw 2014, No.1860, Amendment Bylaw (No. 31) 2020, No. 2040 as per Section 467 of the Local Government Act.

Motion Carried

OPPOSED: Councillors Jacobson and Paterson

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

6.1 Community Planning Advisory Committee Minutes

CS 2020-163

That Council receive for information the minutes from the April 1, 2020 meeting of the Community Planning Advisory Committee.

Motion Carried

7. REPORTS

7.1 Replacement of Utility (Fire) Truck Unit #6

CS 2020-164

That Council:

1. Approve up to \$75,000 for the replacement of the Ladysmith Fire/Rescue "Unit 6"; and
2. Amend the 2020-2024 Financial Plan accordingly with funds to be taken from the Fire Vehicles Reserve.

Motion Carried

OPPOSED: Councillor Johnson

7.2 Economic Recovery Update

Mayor Stone thanked staff, the Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce, and the Ladysmith Downtown Business Association for their efforts to develop economic recovery strategies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council discussed parklet/patio logistics. Mayor Stone discussed the possibility of working with Council to find a benefactor to pay for off-seasonal lighting.

CS 2020-165

That Council direct staff to initiate the following change to bylaws that regulate sidewalk patios, retail displays and parklets:

1. Eliminate the application fee or “rent” for sidewalk patios, retail displays and parklets; and
2. Allow 1-2 dining sets, racks or displays without a permit, provided they are placed in accordance with Town bylaw regulations.

CS 2020-166**AMENDMENT:**

That resolution CS 2020-165 be amended so that Item No. 2 reads as follows:

2. Allow 1-2 dining sets, racks or displays without a permit, provided they are placed in accordance with Town bylaw regulations and Provincial Health regulations.

Amendment Carried

Resolution CS 2020-165, as amended, reads:

That Council direct staff to initiate the following change to bylaws that regulate sidewalk patios, retail displays and parklets:

1. Eliminate the application fee or “rent” for sidewalk patios, retail displays and parklets; and
2. Allow 1-2 dining sets, racks or displays without a permit, provided they are placed in accordance with Town bylaw regulations and Provincial Health regulations.

Main Motion, As Amended, Carried

CS 2020-167

That Council direct staff to implement a downtown patio seating area of six tables in the general location of the sidewalk area in front of the Islander Hotel on 1st Avenue, to a maximum of \$35,000, with \$15,000 from external grants and the remaining \$20,000 from unspent Grants-in-Aid funds.

Motion Carried

Off-Seasonal Lighting

CS 2020-168

That Council authorize the installation of “Edison bulb” light strings across 1st Avenue and Roberts Street.

Motion Carried

CS 2020-169

That Council direct staff to prepare a report for the next Council meeting with a policy framework for parklet/patio spaces based on a demonstrated desire by local businesses to have such spaces available to them.

Motion Carried

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Association of Cannabis Retailers

CS 2020-170

That Council send a letter of support to Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General of British Columbia, endorsing initiatives to allow regulated cannabis stores to accept product reservations online and over the phone, in support of regulated cannabis retailers’ efforts to continue serving their customers in a way that protects public health to the greatest extent possible.

Motion Carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Cowichan Pride: Request to Fly the Pride Flag

CS 2020-171

That Council fly the Pride flag for the balance of the month of June 2020.

Motion Carried

CS 2020-172

That Council direct staff to review the Town’s Flag Protocol Policy to ascertain whether there are provisions to annually fly the Pride Flag in June and if not, report back to Council with a revised policy.

Motion Carried

10. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from residents submitted to Council.

11. ADJOURNMENT

CS 2020-173

That this Special Meeting of Council adjourn at 9:22 p.m.

Motion Carried

Mayor (A. Stone)

Corporate Officer (D. Smith)