



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

7:00 P.M.

This meeting was held electronically as per Ministerial Order No. M192

Council Members Present:

Mayor Aaron Stone
Councillor Amanda Jacobson
Councillor Rob Johnson
Councillor Tricia McKay

Councillor Duck Paterson
Councillor Marsh Stevens
Councillor Jeff Virtanen

Staff Present:

Allison McCarrick
Erin Anderson
Chris Barfoot
Jake Belobaba
Geoff Goodall

Donna Smith
Chris Geiger
Mike Gregory
Sue Bouma

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stone called this Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:31 p.m., in order to retire immediately into Closed Session.

2. CLOSED SESSION

CS 2021-001

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 who holds or is being considered for a position - section 90(1)(a).

Motion Carried

3. OPEN MEETING (7:00 P.M.)

Mayor Stone called this Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m., recognizing that it was taking place on the traditional unceded territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation, and expressing gratitude to be here.

Mayor Stone briefly discussed the Holland Creek Bridge Crossing project and directed all those interested in the project to access the Town's website, which

contains further information on the project, including "Frequently Asked Questions".

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2021-002

That Council approve the agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council for January 5, 2021.

Motion Carried

5. RISE AND REPORT- Items from Closed Session

Council rose from Closed Session at 6:52 p.m. without report.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held December 15, 2020

CS 2021-003

That Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held December 15, 2020.

Motion Carried

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Community Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held October 7, 2020

CS 2021-004

That Council receive for information the minutes of the October 7, 2020 meeting of the Community Planning Advisory Committee.

Motion Carried

7.2 Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee Meeting held October 21, 2020

CS 2021-005

That Council receive for information the minutes of the October 21, 2020 meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee.

Motion Carried

8. REPORTS

8.1 2021 Utility Due Dates

CS 2021-006

That Council approve the following utility billing due dates:

- February 26, 2021 for the period October to December, 2020;
- May 28, 2021 for the period January to March, 2021;
- August 27, 2021 for the period April to June, 2021; and
- November 26, 2021 for the period July to September, 2021.

Motion Carried

8.2 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream - Adaptation Resilience and Disaster Mitigation

CS 2021-007

That Council:

1. Direct staff to submit an application for grant funding for the Dogwood Culvert Replacement Project through the Canada Infrastructure Program-COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream – Adaptation Resilience and Disaster Mitigation; and
2. Support the project and commit to any associated ineligible costs and cost overruns.

Motion Carried

8.3 Fire Services Automatic Aid Agreement – Cowichan Valley Regional District (North Oyster Volunteer Fire Department) and Town of Ladysmith (Ladysmith Fire Rescue)

CS 2021-008

That Council authorize the Mayor and the Corporate Officer to sign the Fire Services Automatic Aid Agreement between the Town of Ladysmith and the Cowichan Valley Regional District (North Oyster Volunteer Fire Department).

Motion Carried

8.4 Park Naming Request “Rutti Park”

CS 2021-009

That Council name the parkland located on Russell Road and designated as ‘Park’ on Plan EPP93777 as Rutti Park.

Motion Carried

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Correspondence from the Girl Guides Dated December 13, 2020

CS 2021-010

That Council direct staff to investigate options to light up local landmarks with blue lights (and/or colour changeable lights) on World Thinking Day, Monday, February 22, 2021, in support of the Girl Guides "Guiding Lights Across British Columbia" initiative, which celebrates the sisterhood of Guiding and promotes girl empowerment.

Motion Carried

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 2021 Conference Attendance

10.1.1 Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities

Due to ongoing concerns about COVID-19, the in-person AVICC conference has been cancelled. Staff affirmed that any information received from AVICC about a possible virtual convention would be added to a future Council agenda.

10.1.2 Union of British Columbia Municipalities

CS 2021-011

That those Council members authorized to attend the 2020 Union of British Columbia Municipalities annual convention, which was cancelled due to COVID-19, be authorized to attend the 2021 convention in Vancouver from September 13-17, 2021.

CS 2021-012

That Council refer consideration of Resolution CS 2021-011 to the January 19, 2021 Council meeting.

Motion Carried

Staff committed to bring to the January 19, 2021 Council meeting the names of the Council members who were to attend the 2020 Convention as well as the amount remaining in Council's 2020 professional development budget.

10.1.3 Federation of Canadian Municipalities

CS 2021-013

That Council approve Mayor Stone's and Councillor McKay's attendance at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2021 Convention to be held June 3-6, 2021, in Montreal, QC, at an estimated cost of \$6,000.

Motion Carried

10.1.4 Vancouver Island Economic Alliance

CS 2021-014

That Council authorize Mayor Stone, Councillors Jacobson, Johnson, McKay and Stevens to attend the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance annual convention to be held October 26-28, 2021 in Nanaimo.

Motion Carried

11. QUESTION PERIOD

A member of the public submitted questions regarding whether final permits had been received by the developer of the Holland Creek Crossing, and whether the current Council felt the crossing was appropriate. Another member of the public submitted a question regarding accessibility to the Holland Creek Riparian report.

12. ADJOURNMENT

CS 2021-015

That this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Motion Carried

Mayor (A. Stone)

Corporate Officer (D. Smith)