



## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 2, 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

Mike Gregory

Sue Bouma

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stone called this Regular Meeting of Council to order at 5:05 p.m., in order to retire immediately into Closed Session.

### 2. CLOSED SESSION

#### CS 2021-028

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:

- the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality - section 90(1)(e); and
- negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service - section 90(1)(k).

*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 with gratitude that it was taking place on the traditional unceded territory of the Stz'uminus People.

**4. AGENDA APPROVAL**

**CS 2021-029**

That Council approve the agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council for February 2, 2021 as amended to include the following item under Correspondence:

- "Request for Letter of Support from The Wilson's Group of Companies for a Short-Term Emergency COVID Recovery Contract with the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure".

*Motion Carried*

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

The following Items from the Closed Meeting of Council held January 5, 2021 were reported:

**Community Planning Advisory Committee appointment for a term ending June 30, 2021 (Resolution CE 2021-003):**

- Abbas Farahbakhsh.

**Arts & Heritage Hub Design Steering Committee appointments for terms ending January 5, 2022 (Resolutions CE 2021-004-009):**

- Councillor Stevens as Council liaison;
- A Stz'uminus Elder, Gus Frenchy and Jason Harris, representing the Stz'uminus First Nation or Stz'uminus artists;
- Ora Steyn, representing the Arts Council of Ladysmith and District;
- Quentin Goodbody, representing the Ladysmith and District Historical Society;
- Marnie Craig, representing the Ladysmith Maritime Society.

The following Items from the Closed Meeting of Council held January 12, 2021 were reported:

**Official Community Plan Steering Committee appointments for terms commencing January 12, 2021 to the date of adoption of a new Official Community Plan (Resolutions CE 2021-013-015, -017-023, -025, -027-029):**

- Councillor Paterson as Council liaison and Councillor Johnson as alternate;
- Jennifer Sibbald and Tamara Hutchinson to represent the Community Planning Advisory Committee;
- Emily Weeks to represent the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee;
- Quentin Goodbody to represent the heritage conservation sector;
- Jason Harrison to represent the housing and homelessness sector ;
- David Grimstead to represent the maritime sector;
- Martin Byrne to represent the environmental stewardship sector;
- Brian Childs to represent the development sector;
- Tara Pollock to represent the tourism, commercial recreation, outdoor recreation or emerging tourism markets sector;
- Gale Lawrence to represent the seniors sector;
- Geoff Dean and Abbas Farahbakhsh as members at large.

Council rose from the Closed Session held February 2, 2021, at 6:51 p.m. without report.

## **6. MINUTES**

### **7.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 19, 2021**

#### **CS 2021-030**

That Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 19, 2021.

*Motion Carried*

## **7. PROCLAMATIONS**

### **8.1 Heritage Week**

Mayor Stone proclaimed February 15-21, 2021 as Heritage Week in the Town of Ladysmith.

## **8. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **8.1 Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee Minutes - December 16, 2020 and January 20, 2021**

#### **CS 2021-031**

That Council receive for information the minutes of the December 16, 2020 and the January 20, 2021 meetings of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee.

*Motion Carried*

## **9. REPORTS**

### **9.1 Official Community Plan Review Consulting Services: Award of Contract**

#### **CS 2021-032**

That Council award the contract for consulting services for the Official Community Plan Review to AHNE Studio, in the amount of \$199,800 excluding GST.

*Motion Carried*

### **9.2 Grant Application to the Clean Coast, Clean Waters Initiative**

#### **CS 2021-033**

That Council direct staff to:

1. Jointly prepare and submit with the Stz'uminus First Nation, an application to the Clean Coast, Clean Waters Initiative in the amount of \$3,500,000 to remove sunken and derelict vessels and similar debris from the Ladysmith Harbour; and
2. Include in the 2021-2025 Financial Plan up to a maximum of \$10,000 in expenses to prepare the joint funding application to the Clean Coast, Clean Waters Initiative, with the funds to come from General Government Reserves.

*Motion Carried*

### **9.3 Themed Lighting on Municipal Buildings and Landmarks**

#### **CS 2021-034**

That Council direct staff to:

1. Proceed with Option 3 “Down Lighting” described in the report dated February 2, 2021, for the addition of themed lighting at City Hall;
2. Include the themed lighting project in the 2021 Financial Plan using unspent 2020 funds as identified in the staff report; and
3. Develop a program and Themed Lighting Policy to manage community lighting requests.

*Motion Carried*

#### **CS 2021-035**

That Council direct staff to prepare a report for a future Committee of the Whole meeting regarding themed community lighting options throughout the Town, including costs related to potential upgrades to existing electrical services.

*Motion Carried*

### **9.4 FCM Grant awarded – Sewer UV**

#### **CS 2021-036**

That Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to sign the Green Municipal Fund Grant Agreement GMF 16877; and
2. Direct staff to amend the 2020-2024 Financial Plan to increase the eligible expenditures for the Sewer UV Pilot Study project to \$439,200 with \$246,000 to come from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Funds Grant and an additional \$54,215 to come from Sewer Reserves.

*Motion Carried*

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **10.1 Petition - Traffic on Mackie Road**

#### **CS 2021-037**

That Council direct staff to install traffic counters on Mackie Road and bring forward a report to a future Committee of the Whole for discussion.

*Motion Carried*

OPPOSED: Mayor Stone, Councillor Virtanen

Staff committed to include in the report, a multi-point analysis in order to establish a base line.

#### **CS 2021-038**

That Council direct staff to install as soon as possible, “local traffic only” signage at either end of Mackie Road.

*Motion Carried*

### **10.2 Request from Victoria and VI Greek Community Society to Celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Greek Independence by Flying the Greek Flag and Illuminating City Hall**

#### **CS 2021-039**

That Council approve the request from the Victoria and Vancouver Island Greek Community Society to fly the Greek flag on March 25, 2021, in celebration of the 200th anniversary of Greek Independence as requested in their letter dated January 25, 2021.

*Motion Carried*

### **10.3 Request for Letter of Support from The Wilson's Group of Companies for a Short-Term Emergency COVID Recovery Contract with the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure**

#### **CS 2021-040**

That Council provide a letter of support to The Wilson's Group of Companies for a short-term emergency COVID recovery contract between Tofino Bus and the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to continue essential bus service until ridership is restored, as requested in the correspondence from The Wilson's Group received February 1, 2021.

*Motion Carried*

**11. QUESTION PERIOD**

A member of the public submitted a question related to safety concerns of foot traffic on Mackie Road. Another member of the public expressed safety concerns regarding a visibility issue where Mackie Road joins with Malone Road.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**CS 2021-041**

That this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

*Motion Carried*

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Mayor (A. Stone)

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Corporate Officer (D. Smith)