



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 16, 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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stone called this Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Stone acknowledged with gratitude that this Regular Meeting of Council was taking place on the traditional unceded territory of the Stz'uminus People.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2021-046

That Council approve the agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council for February 16, 2021 as amended to include additional correspondence related to Item 6.1., from Bliss Yoga, Old Town Bakery, Brooke Mycroft, and Andrea Rosato-Taylor.

Motion Carried

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 2, 2021

CS 2021-047

That Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 2, 2021.

Motion Carried

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

5.1 Temporary Use Permit: Temporary Shelter: 440 1st Avenue

Representatives from the Ladysmith Resources Centre Association and BC Housing responded to Council's questions.

CS 2021-048

That Council approve the issuance of Temporary Use Permit 3340-21-01 for a temporary shelter to support persons experiencing homelessness for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, at 440 1st Avenue, Lot 6, Block 27, District Lot 56, Oyster District, Plan 703, PID: 008-550-981.

Motion Carried

OPPOSED: Councillors Jacobson and Paterson

By unanimous consent Council recessed the meeting at 8:34 p.m. and reconvened at 8:38 p.m.

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

6.1 Public Art Task Group Minutes - December 3, 2020 and January 7, 2021

CS 2021-049

That Council receive for information the minutes of the December 3, 2020 and the January 7, 2021 meetings of the Public Art Task Group.

Motion Carried

6.2 Community Planning Advisory Committee Minutes - February 3, 2021

CS 2021-050

That Council receive for information the minutes of the February 3, 2021 meeting of the Community Planning Advisory Committee.

Motion Carried

7. REPORTS

7.1 CVRD Referral – OCP and Rezoning Referral for 4760 Brenton-Page Road

CS 2021-051

That Council direct staff to send the letter included as Attachment A to the February 16, 2021 staff report and amended to remove references to the Town's OCP and preferences, in response to the December 23, 2020 referral from the CVRD seeking comments on an application to amend the CVRD OCP and Zoning Bylaws at 4760 Brenton-Page Road.

Motion Carried

7.2 FCM Grant awarded – Uplands Remediation

CS 2021-052

That Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to sign the FCM Green Municipal Fund Grant Agreement GMF 17055 titled “Uplands Environmental Assessment and Remedial Action Plan” for remediation of Town-owned property referred to as the “uplands” in the Waterfront Area Plan.

Motion Carried

7.3 Adjustments to Water Billing Accounts

CS 2021-053

That Council:

1. Approve the adjustment to Utility Account #0260000 in the amount of \$3,206.83 due to a water leak occurring during the October-December 2020 quarterly billing; and
2. Approve a second adjustment to Utility Account #1066000 in the amount of \$7,218.56 due to a water leak occurring during the October-December 2020 quarterly billing.

Motion Carried

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Request for Letter of Support from Telus

CS 2021-054

That Council provide a letter of support to Telus, as requested in the correspondence received February 8, 2021 from Brian Gregg, regarding their Universal Broadband Fund grant application.

Motion Carried

9. QUESTION PERIOD

Members of the public submitted questions about the Temporary Use Permit for a temporary shelter at 440 1st Avenue, including whether other locations had been considered, whether this location was likely to become permanent, the Town's plans to address social issues and develop a permanent solution, the possibility of the shelter accepting overflow from other communities, and whether thought had been given to allowing the shelter clients to consume drugs and alcohol within the building.

10. ADJOURNMENT

CS 2021-055

That this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 9:02 p.m.

Motion Carried

Mayor (A. Stone)

Corporate Officer (D. Smith)