



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

7:00 P.M.

City Hall Council Chambers

410 Esplanade

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

Donna Smith
Ryan Bouma
Sue Bouma

Guests:

Rachelle Rondeau, CVRD Transit Analyst
Dan Thompson, BC Transit Planner (via telephone)
Myrna Moore, BC Transit Senior Manager of Government Relations (via telephone)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Stone called the 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 First Nation.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2021-386

That Council approve the agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council for December 7, 2021.

Motion Carried

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of Council held November 16, 2021

CS 2021-387

That Council approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of Council held November 16, 2021.

Motion Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Arts Council of Ladysmith & District

Andrea Rosato-Taylor, Arts Council of Ladysmith & District, introduced members of the Arts Council, thanked Town staff for their assistance and provided an electronic presentation outlining the current challenges faced by the Arts Council. She and members of the Arts Council responded to Council's questions.

Council thanked Ms. Rosato-Taylor and the members of the Arts Council for their contributions to the character and atmosphere of the Town. They noted that they would consider the issues presented at a future Grants in Aid discussion.

5. REPORTS

5.1 “Public Hearing Process Policy 01-0550-B”

CS 2021-388

That Council adopt “Public Hearing Process Policy 01-0550-B”, which sets out the procedures for Town of Ladysmith Public Hearings.

Motion Carried

5.2 2022 Council Meeting Schedule

CS 2021-389

That Council confirm the schedule of regular Council and Committee of the Whole meetings for 2022 as attached to the staff report dated December 7, 2021 and direct staff to advertise the schedule in accordance with Section 127 of the *Community Charter*.

Motion Carried

5.3 Adjustment to Water Billing Account

CS 2021-390

That Council provide a bill adjustment in the amount of \$3,941.40 for billing account #0455000, due to a water leak.

Motion Carried

5.4 RFP 2021-PRC-01 Transfer Beach Washroom Construction

CS 2021-391

That Council award the contract for the renovations and upgrades to the Transfer Beach washrooms to Boston Construction Corp. in the amount of \$364,100 excluding GST.

Motion Carried

5.5 BC Transit Nanaimo-Cowichan Express Route – Bus Stop Location

CS 2021-392

By unanimous consent Council recessed at 7:58 p.m. to allow members of BC Transit to join the meeting via telephone.

Council reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

Rachelle Rondeau, CVRD Transit Analyst, responded to Council's questions. Dan Thompson, BC Transit Planner and Myrna Moore, BC Transit Senior Manager of Government Relations, attended the meeting via telephone and responded to Council's questions.

CS 2021-393

That Council accept with reservations the proposed BC Transit Nanaimo to Cowichan Express Route bus stop location in front of Bob Stuart Park on 1st Avenue.

Motion Carried

OPPOSED: Councillors Jacobson and Johnson

5.6 Tender Award: Watermain Replacement on Methuen Street, French Street, Kitchener Street and Parkhill Terrace

CS 2021-394

That Council award the tender for the watermain replacements on Methuen Street, French Street, Kitchener Street and Parkhill Terrace to David Stalker Excavating Ltd. in the amount of \$577,263.70 including GST.

Motion Carried

6. BYLAWS

6.1 “Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Units) Bylaw 2021, No. 2093” (Renovictions)

Councillor Johnson requested that Council consider each recommendation separately. The Mayor ruled that this request could be accommodated.

Councillor Paterson called a Point of Order, stating that a vote of Council be taken to separate the recommendations. Council ruled that the decision of the Mayor be sustained.

CS 2021-395

That Council give first, second and third reading to “Business Regulations and Licensing (Rental Units) Bylaw 2021, No. 2093”.

Motion Carried

OPPOSED: Councillor Johnson

CS 2021-396

That Council, having considered sections 59(2) and 59(3) of the *Community Charter*, direct staff to:

- a. Schedule a public hearing for Bylaw No. 2093; and
- b. Provide notice of the hearing in two consecutive issues of the local newspaper.

Motion Carried

CS 2021-397

That Council give first, second and third readings to “Affordable Housing Reserve Bylaw 2021, No. 2097”.

Motion Carried

CS 2021-398

That Council give first, second and third readings to “Ladysmith Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw 2002, No. 1457, Amendment Bylaw 2003, No. 2098”.

Motion Carried

CS 2021-399

That Council direct that, upon adoption of Bylaw No. 2093, any fees collected under section 71 of Bylaw No. 2093 be paid to affected tenants who would otherwise be eligible for compensation under section 68 of Bylaw No. 2093.

Motion Carried

CS 2021-400

That Council direct staff to provide at a future meeting of Council, further information regarding additional policies for property record disclosure and inspections, as noted in the staff report dated December 7, 2021.

Motion Carried

6.2 Bylaw No. 2091 (Zoning Amendment 431 1st Avenue)

CS 2021-401

That Council adopt "Town of Ladysmith Zoning Bylaw 2014, No. 1860, Amendment Bylaw (No. 45) 2021, No. 2091".

Motion Carried

6.3 Bylaw No. 2095 (2022 Revenue Anticipation)

CS 2021-402

That Council adopt “2022 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw 2021, No. 2095”.

Motion Carried

6.4 Bylaw No. 2096 (Waterworks Regulation Amendment)

CS 2021-403

That Council adopt Town of Ladysmith “Waterworks Regulations Bylaw 1999, No. 1298, Amendment Bylaw 2021, No. 2096”.

Motion Carried

6.5 Bylaw Status Sheet

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Kinsmen Club of Ladysmith

Councillor Paterson declared a conflict of interest with agenda item 7.1 stating that he is a member of the Kinsmen Club and vacated the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

CS 2021-404

That the Mayor on behalf of Council, write a letter of support for the Kinsmen Club of Ladysmith's efforts to acquire the former BC Hydro property at Sixth Avenue and Methuen Street for affordable housing, as outlined in their correspondence dated November 25, 2021.

Motion Carried

Councillor Paterson returned to the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

7.2 Ladysmith Resources Centre Association

Councillor Stevens declared a conflict of interest with agenda item 7.2 stating an apprehension of bias regarding the Ladysmith Resources Centre Association and vacated the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

CS 2021-405

That Council provide a letter of support to the Ladysmith Resources Centre Association for their 2022 Civil Forfeiture funding application to support a Restorative Justice in Education Resilient Youth project, as requested in their correspondence dated November 29, 2021.

Motion Carried

Councillor Stevens returned to the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

8. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions submitted by the public.

9. ADJOURNMENT

CS 2021-406

That this Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Motion Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor (A. Stone)

Corporate Officer (D. Smith)