



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

6:00 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

Mike Gregory

Sue Bouma

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stone called this Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:00 p.m., in order to retire immediately into Closed Session.

2. CLOSED SESSION

CS 2022-107

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:

- (e) 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;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of

the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

Motion Carried

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

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m. and Mayor Stone recognized with gratitude that it was taking place on the traditional unceded territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

Mayor Stone reminded the public that REDress Day is May 5th, a day that honours Missing, Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two Spirit People. He encouraged citizens to hang their red dresses in support of the initiative.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2022-108

That Council approve the agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council for May 3, 2022 as amended to include the following item received after publication of the agenda:

- Item 8.2., "National Public Works Week" proclamation.

Motion Carried

5. MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 19, 2022

CS 2022-109

That Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 19, 2022.

Motion Carried

6. PRESENTATION

6.1 Barry Frech, Ladysmith Celebrations Society

Mayor Stone and Council celebrated the accomplishments of Mr. Barry Frech, who has volunteered with the Ladysmith Celebrations Society for over 35 years, and thanked him for his efforts, noting the impact of the Ladysmith Days event on the memories of old and young alike. They presented Mr. Frech with a print of the Town. Mr. Frech thanked Council and his family for their support.

7. PROCLAMATIONS

7.1 International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia

Mayor Stone proclaimed May 17, 2022 as International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.

7.1.1 International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia - Flag Request

CS 2022-110

That Council approve the request by the Fondation Émergence, in their correspondence dated March 25, 2022, to fly the Pride flag on May 17, 2021 in support of the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.

CS 2022-111

AMENDMENT

That Council amend resolution CS 2022-110 to include direction to staff to explore opportunities to illuminate available Town facilities with the pride colours.

Amendment Carried

Resolution CS 2022-110, as amended reads:

That Council:

1. Approve the request by the Fondation Émergence, in their correspondence dated March 25, 2022, to fly the Pride flag on May 17, 2021 in support of the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia; and
2. Direct staff to explore opportunities to illuminate available Town facilities with the pride colours.

Main Motion, as Amended, Carried

7.2 National Public Works Week

Mayor Stone proclaimed May 15 to May 21, 2022 as National Public Works Week in the Town of Ladysmith.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Alternative Approval Process Official Results – New Fire/Rescue Vehicle

CS 2022-112

That Council:

1. Receive the official results of the Alternative Approval Process for borrowing funds for the purchase of a new Fire/Rescue Vehicle;
2. Authorize up to \$2.1 Million to be borrowed under section 175 of the *Community Charter*, from the Municipal Finance Authority, for the purpose of purchasing a new Ladysmith Fire/Rescue aerial platform apparatus vehicle; and
3. That the loan be repaid within 25 years, with no rights of renewal.

Motion Carried

8.2 Water Billing Adjustments – Methuen and Kitchener

CS 2022-113

That Council direct staff to:

1. Adjust the water billing amounts to zero for Account Nos. 0665000, 0666000, 0667000, 1313000, 1313100, 1314000, 1317000, and 1317100 for 2022 Q2 and beyond until the Methuen watermain project is complete;
2. Adjust the water billing amount to zero for Account No. 0043000 for 2022 Q1 (January to March) and 2022 Q2 and beyond until the Kitchener watermain project is complete; and
3. Adjust, based on suitable evidence of poor water clarity, the water billings for the specific accounts within the range of 741-821 Esplanade and 20-26 Kitchener.

Motion Carried

9. BYLAWS

9.1 Bylaw No. 2108

CS 2022-114

That Council adopt “Financial Plan Bylaw 2022, No. 2108”.

Motion Carried

9.2 Bylaw No. 2109

CS 2022-115

That Council adopt "Tax Rates Bylaw 2022, No. 2109".

Motion Carried

9.3 Bylaw No. 2110

CS 2022-116

That Council adopt "Sewer Parcel Tax Bylaw 2022, No. 2110".

Motion Carried

9.4 Bylaw No. 2111

CS 2022-117

That Council adopt "Water Parcel Tax Bylaw 2022, No. 2111".

Motion Carried

9.5 Bylaw Status Sheet

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Notice of Motion

Councillor Johnson provided the following notice of motion to be considered by Council at its Regular Meeting to be held May 17, 2022:

"Whereas Transfer Beach Park is much beloved and heavily used by the residents of Ladysmith and the surrounding area; and

Whereas this Council must consider plans for future expansion of Transfer Beach Park, especially when the population of the area may grow by nearly 50% over the next 30 plus years; and

Whereas "Slack Point" and a portion of Lot 4, Plan 45800 (in the past referred to as the "jewel") is available for park land expansion; and

Whereas the Ladysmith Waterfront Area Plan indicates that park expansion is planned for "Slack Point", however this site is presently eroding away and is vulnerable to rising sea levels which may make the area unusable within 30 years unless major upgrades for shoreline protection are undertaken to prevent the loss of these lands. Such

measures will require expenditures that the Town alone cannot afford and would be subject to significant grants from senior levels of governments, which cannot be guaranteed;

Therefore, I move: That Council not proceed with the sale of a portion of Lot 4, Plan 45800 (in the past referred to as the “jewel”) until the area known as “Slack Point” has been preserved as usable parkland and incorporated as part of Transfer Beach Park.”

11. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions submitted by the public.

12. RECESS

CS 2022-118

That Council recess at 7:21 p.m. in order to reconvene the Closed Session.
Motion Carried

13. RECONVENE

Council reconvened the Open Session at 7:47 p.m.

14. RISE AND REPORT - Items from Closed Session

Council rose from Closed Session at 7:47 p.m. without report.

15. ADJOURNMENT

CS 2022-119

By unanimous consent Council adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor (A. Stone)

Corporate Officer (D. Smith)