



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Ladysmith Seniors Centre

630 2nd Avenue

Council Members Present:

Mayor Aaron Stone

Councillor Ray Gourlay

Councillor Amanda Jacobson

Councillor Tricia McKay

Councillor Duck Paterson

Councillor Marsh Stevens

Councillor Jeff Virtanen

Staff Present:

Erin Anderson

Jake Belobaba

Ryan Bouma

Andrew Wilson

Andrea Hainrich

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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 unceded territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2023-238

That Council approve the agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council for October 17, 2023.

Motion Carried

3. RISE AND REPORT- Items from Previous Closed Sessions

Council rose with report on the following items from previous closed sessions:

Item from the Closed Meeting of Council held September 26, 2023

CE 2023-064

That Council:

1. Appoint six citizen representatives from the following list to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a two-year term ending September 30, 2025:

- Jordan Herbison
- Joel Helland
- Shaun McKenzie
- Andy Hobelaid
- Diane Hobelaid
- Christina Stephen; and

2. Rise and report on Recommendation No. 1 once all applicants have been notified.

Item from the Closed Meeting of Council held October 3, 2023

CE 2023-069

That Council direct staff to:

1. Cancel Tender No. 2023-PRC-06 for the construction of the Artist Studio due to shortfalls for the required funds to complete the project.

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 3, 2023

CS 2023-239

That Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 3, 2023.

Motion Carried

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1 Rosalie Sawrie, Social Planning Cowichan Poverty Reduction, Planning & Action Program: CommUNITY to End Poverty Hw-nuts'-ulwum

Rosalie Sawrie of Social Planning Cowichan updated Council about the work done in 2023 by Social Planning Cowichan to address poverty reduction in the Town of Ladysmith. She reviewed the actions of the committee and the goals for the program in 2023-2024.

Mayor Stone thanked Ms. Sawrie for the work that she and the Social Planning Cowichan volunteers have contributed to the area.

6. BYLAWS- OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ZONING

6.1 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application for a Funeral Home use at 19 Gatacre Street

CS 2023-240

That Council:

1. Give first and second readings to “Town of Ladysmith Zoning Bylaw 2014, No. 1860, Amendment Bylaw 2023, No. 2150”; and
2. Direct staff to schedule and provide notice for a public hearing for Bylaw No. 2150 in accordance with section 466 of the *Local Government Act*; and
3. Direct staff to forward Bylaw No. 2150 to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for signature following third reading, pursuant to section 52 of the *Transportation Act*.

Motion Carried

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES

7.1 Poverty Reduction Task Group - September 13, 2023

CS 2023-241

That Council receive the minutes of the Poverty Reduction Task Group meeting held September 13, 2023.

Motion Carried

7.2 Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee - September 20, 2023

CS 2023-242

That Council receive the minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee meeting held September 20, 2023.

Motion Carried

8. REPORTS

8.1 Poverty Reduction Task Group Terms of Reference

CS 2023-243

That Council amend the Terms of Reference for the Poverty Reduction Task Group to remove the allotted timeframe (2022-2023) for the reason outlined in the staff report dated October 17, 2023.

Motion Carried

9. BYLAWS

9.1 Bylaws for Adoption

9.1.1 "2024 Permissive Tax Exemptions Bylaw 2023, No. 2158"

CS 2023-244

That Council adopt "2024 Permissive Tax Exemptions Bylaw 2023, No. 2158".

Motion Carried

OPPOSED: Councillor Stevens

9.2 Bylaw Status Sheet

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund

CS 2023-245

That Council authorize the Cowichan Valley Regional District to apply for, receive, and manage the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Emergency Operations Centre 2024 grant funding up to \$150,000 on behalf the Town of Ladysmith.

Motion Carried

CS 2023-246

That Council authorize the Cowichan Valley Regional District to apply for, receive, and manage the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) FireSmart Funding and Community Supports 2024 grant funding up to \$800,000 on behalf of the Town of Ladysmith.

Motion Carried

11. QUESTION PERIOD

A member of the public asked about the rules for Question Period and how to have questions answered that are outside the scope of the agenda.

12. ADJOURNMENT

CS 2023-247

That this Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Motion Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor (A. Stone)

Deputy Corporate Officer (E.
Anderson)