



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

7:01 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 Jeff Virtanen

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Marsh Stevens

Staff Present:

Allison McCarrick

Erin Anderson

Chris Barfoot

Jake Belobaba

Ryan Bouma

Sue Bouma

Andrea Hainrich

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Stone called this Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:01 p.m., recognizing with gratitude that it was taking place on the unceded territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2024-012

That Council approve the agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council for January 23, 2024.

Motion Carried

3. RISE AND REPORT- Items from Closed Session

Council rose with report on the following items from previous Closed Council meetings:

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

CE 2023-069

That Council direct staff to:

3. Terminate the existing contract for design services [Artist Studio] through Checkwitch Poiron Architects Inc.

Item from the Closed Meeting of Council held December 5, 2023

CE 2023-089

1. That Council authorize staff to enter into annual moorage agreements for slips at the Oyster Bay Marina shown on the map provided at the December 5th in-camera Meeting of Council for the following purposes:
 - a. 46 feet of moorage for the Ladysmith Dragon Boat Society's Dragon Boat;
 - b. Building #1 for the Ladysmith Maritime Society to operate the Maritime Museum;
 - c. Building #3 for an interpretation centre and moorage for Maritime vessels owned by the Ladysmith Maritime Society;
 - d. 20 feet of moorage space near Building #3 for moorage of vessels owned by the Ladysmith Maritime Society.
2. That the moorage agreements be subject to the "standard" moorage terms offered by the Oyster Bay Marina, provided at the December 5th, 2023 in camera meeting of Council.
3. That Council direct staff to include funding for these moorage agreements in the Town's proposed annual budget until the earlier of:
 - a. December 31, 2029; or
 - b. The Oyster Bay Marina cancels the agreements; or
 - c. In the case of the Ladysmith Maritime Society, cease to use the slips or cease to use the slips for the uses under recommendation 1, in which case the moorage space reserved for them would be cancelled;
 - d. In the case of the Dragon Boat Society, cease to use the slips or cease to use the slips for the uses under recommendation 1, in which case the moorage space reserved for them would be cancelled.
4. That, following agreement with Oyster Bay Marina, staff and the Town's lawyer be authorized to:

- a. Notify the Ladysmith Dragon Boat Society that the moorage referred to in recommendation 1(a) will be available to the Society for their dragon boat, subject to the terms in recommendations 2 and 3 and that the Town has budgeted to pay the annual moorage fee; and
 - b. Notify legal Counsel for the Ladysmith Maritime Society that the items referred to in recommendations 1(b), 1(c), and 1(d) will be available to the Society, and that the Town has budgeted to pay the annual moorage fee, subject to the following conditions:
 - i. The terms in recommendations 2 and 3;
 - ii. Use shall be limited to mooring Maritime boats owned by the Society or to provide community programs such as Maritime interpretation and harbour tours;
 - iii. Annual moorage payments are subject to annual budget approval and may be withdrawn at the sole discretion of the Town.
5. Rise and report once an agreement with the Oyster Bay Marina has been reached and the Ladysmith Maritime Society and Ladysmith Dragon Boat Society have been notified.

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 9, 2024

CS 2024-013

That Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 9, 2024, as amended to include Councillor Stevens' opposition to the following:

- Item 8.2, "Alternative Approval Process – Buller Street Revitalization Project".

Motion Carried

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1 Andrea Rosato-Taylor and Kathy Holmes, Arts Council of Ladysmith & District

Andrea Rosato-Taylor, President of the Arts Council of Ladysmith & District, thanked Council and the Town for their support over the past year.

Ms. Rosato-Taylor provided an overview of the Arts Council's membership, staffing, funding resources and budget, as well as their work in the community and with community groups. She also reviewed their

programs, marketing, and community engagement and discussed plans for a future Arts Station.

Mayor Stone and Council thanked the Arts Council of Ladysmith & District for their work in the community, and for their collaboration with other organizations.

6. Committee Minutes

6.1 Committee of the Whole - January 16, 2024

CS 2024-014

That Council direct staff to:

1. Prepare a report for a future Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the possibility of dedicating 1200 Christie Road, and road allowances at King Road and Gill Road as parkland.
2. Prepare a report for a future meeting of Council on requiring subdivisions to allocate active transportation space.

Motion Carried

7. REPORTS

7.1 Buller Street Revitalization Project

CS 2024-015

That Council receive for information the report dated January 23, 2024, regarding the Buller Street Revitalization Project.

Motion Carried

8. BYLAWS

8.1 Bylaws for Introduction

8.1.1 "Town of Ladysmith City Hall Loan Authorization Bylaw 2024, No. 2166"

CS 2024-016

That Council:

1. Give first, second and third readings to "Town of Ladysmith City Hall Loan Authorization Bylaw 2024, No. 2166"; and
2. Direct staff to refer Bylaw No. 2166 to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

Motion Carried

8.2 Bylaws for Adoption

8.2.1 "Town of Ladysmith Zoning Bylaw 2014, No. 1860, Amendment Bylaw 2023, No. 2163"

CS 2024-017

That Council adopt "Town of Ladysmith Zoning Bylaw 2014, No. 1860, Amendment Bylaw 2023, No. 2163."

Motion Carried

8.3 Bylaw Status Sheet

9. QUESTION PERIOD

A member of the public expressed appreciation for the Arts Council of Ladysmith & District's presentation and praised staff's response to the recent snow event.

He also enquired about budget and consultation information related to the December 5th rise and report item, as well as the financial details of the Buller St Revitalization Project, the impact on taxes, and whether there would be an open house/information meeting regarding this project.

10. ADJOURNMENT

CS 2024-018

That this Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Motion Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor (A. Stone)

Corporate Officer (S. Bouma)