



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

6:00 P.M.

Ladysmith Seniors Centre
630 2nd Avenue

Council Members Present:

Mayor Aaron Stone

Councillor Ray Gourlay

Councillor Amanda Jacobson *via Zoom*

Councillor Tricia McKay

Councillor Duck Paterson

Councillor Marsh Stevens

Councillor Jeff Virtanen

Staff Present:

Allison McCarrick

Erin Anderson

Jake Belobaba

Ryan Bouma

Sue Bouma

Andrea Hainrich

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:00 P.M.)

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

2. CLOSED SESSION

CS 2024-027

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; 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.)

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.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2024-028

That Council approve the agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council for February 20, 2024.

Motion Carried

5. RISE AND REPORT- Items from Closed Session

Council rose from Closed Session at 6:54 p.m. without report.

Council rose with report on the following item from a previous closed session held January 9, 2024:

CE 2024-003

That Council:

1. Appoint Anthony Price to the Community Planning Advisory Committee for a term ending June 30, 2025; and
2. Rise and report on Recommendation No. 1 once the applicant is notified.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 6, 2024

CS 2024-029

That Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 6, 2024.

Motion Carried

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES

7.1 Public Art Committee - February 6, 2024

CS 2024-030

That Council receive the minutes of the Public Art Committee meeting held February 6, 2024.

Motion Carried

7.2 Community Planning Advisory Committee - February 7, 2024

CS 2024-031

That Council receive the minutes of the Community Planning Advisory Committee meeting held February 7, 2024.

Motion Carried

8. REPORTS

8.1 2024 Community Public Art Banner Selection

CS 2024-032

That Council:

1. Approve the recommendations of the Public Art Committee for the 2024 Community Public Art Banner Program to produce banners based on the following submissions:
 - a. Ladysmith Celebrates Concept 2, Side 1 – Trisha Oldfield;
 - b. Ladysmith Celebrates Concept 2, Side 2 – Trisha Oldfield; and
2. Direct staff to proceed with ordering and installing the approved banners.

Motion Carried

9. BYLAWS

9.1 Bylaws for Introduction

9.1.1 "Financial Plan Bylaw 2024, No. 2172"

CS 2024-033

That Council give first, second and third readings to "Financial Plan Bylaw 2024, No. 2172".

Motion Carried

9.2 Bylaw Status Sheet

10. Correspondence

10.1 Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce - Ladysmith Visitor Centre

CS 2024-034

That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write a letter of support for the Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce's application to Destination BC for a Visitor Services Experience Enhancement Grant to help redevelop the Heritage Walk website app, as outlined in their correspondence dated February 14, 2024.

Motion Carried

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA) Implementation - Indigenous Engagement Funding Program

CS 2024-035

That Council:

1. Confirm their acceptance of the UBCM Indigenous Engagement Requirements Funding in the amount of \$48,000 to implement the Emergency and Disaster Management Act;
2. Authorize staff to execute the Contribution Agreement between the Province and the Town; and
3. Authorize Emergency Management Cowichan to manage the funds received on behalf of the Town and other local governments to organize a collaborative approach to emergency management agreements with Indigenous Governing Bodies in the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

Motion Carried

12. QUESTION PERIOD

A member of the Public asked about the Community Public Art Banner program costs, as well as about the Financial Plan Bylaw and whether there would be a property tax increase this year.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

CS 2024-036

That this Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Motion Carried



Mayor (A. Stone)

CERTIFIED CORRECT



Corporate Officer (S. Bouma)

