



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Ladysmith Seniors Centre
630 2nd Avenue

Council Members Present:

Mayor Aaron Stone
Councillor Ray Gourlay
Councillor Amanda Jacobson

Councillor Duck Paterson
Councillor Marsh Stevens
Councillor Jeff Virtanen

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Tricia McKay

Staff Present:

Allison McCarrick
Erin Anderson
Chris Barfoot
Jake Belobaba

Ryan Bouma
Sue Bouma
Mike Gregory
Andrea Hainrich

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stone called this Meeting of Council to order at 6:30 p.m., in order to retire immediately into Closed Session.

2. CLOSED SESSION

CS 2024-037

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:

- (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 7:01 p.m., recognizing with gratitude that it was taking place on the unceded territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

Mayor Stone then offered Council the opportunity to recognize the achievements of some young people in the community.

Councillor Virtanen congratulated Marley Bohmer for qualifying for Team Canada by placing third at the Star Talent Dance Competition over the weekend. She will be heading to Poland this fall and competing with the rest of Team Canada.

Councillor Paterson encouraged everyone to attend the Ladysmith Improv Team fundraising event taking place on March 7th at Ladysmith Secondary School. The team recently beat 30 other high school improv teams across Canada in an online competition and will be heading to Ottawa for an in-person competition.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2024-038

That Council approve the agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council for March 5, 2024 as amended to include the presentation for Item 7.1., "Fair Health for All Initiative", which was received after publication of the agenda.

Motion Carried

5. RISE AND REPORT- Items from Closed Session

Council rose from Closed Session at 6:51 p.m. without report.

Council rose with report on the following item from a previous closed session held February 6, 2024.

CE 2024-009

That Council:

1. Direct staff to disband the Ladysmith Arts and Heritage Hub Design Steering Committee and notify the members;
2. Approve the modified scope change, as presented by the Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture in the staff report dated February 6, 2024, from the Ladysmith Arts and Heritage Hub project to the option 3 'Heart of the Hub – Phase 2' project formerly known as the Machine Shop and direct staff to present the scope change to the Island Coastal Economic Trust for grant consideration;

3. Rescind Council resolution CE 2020-156, which outlined the former Option 2 tenant layout;
4. Approve the use of the two lower-level studios to be allocated for artists;
5. Upon execution of the amended Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program agreement with the Province for the 'Heart of the Hub' – Phase 2 project, direct staff to provide the Arts Council of Ladysmith & District with a project update; and
6. Rise and report on:
 1. Recommendation No. 1 once committee members are notified;
 2. Recommendation No. 2 if the project scope change is approved by Council; and
 3. Recommendation Nos. 3, 4, and 5 once an executed funding agreement for the Heart of the Hub – Phase 2 project has been received and the project is announced publicly by the Town of Ladysmith.

OPPOSED: Councillor Paterson

6. MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 20, 2024

CS 2024-039

That Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 20, 2024.

Motion Carried

7. DELEGATIONS

7.1 Andrea Rosato-Taylor, Fair Health for All initiative

Andrea Rosato-Taylor made a presentation to Council on behalf of a community advocacy group that includes the Nanaimo Hospital Foundation regarding the current limitations of the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital.

Ms. Rosato-Taylor reviewed population growth on the island, its effect on the hospital system, and the lack of services available to residents from Chemainus North.

Mayor Stone thanked Ms. Rosato-Taylor for both her presentation and advocacy work and acknowledged that improvements need to be made at the Nanaimo Regional District Hospital.

8. PROCLAMATIONS

8.1 Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month

Mayor Stone proclaimed March 2024 as Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month.

9. COMMITTEE MINUTES

9.1 Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee - February 21, 2024

CS 2024-040

That Council receive the minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee meeting held February 21, 2024.

Motion Carried

10. REPORTS

10.1 Utility Box Wraps

CS 2024-041

That Council direct staff to bring forward utility box wrap design and respective location recommendations for Council's consideration, including archival photographs, Indigenous, cultural and/or artistic designs, for up to 15 utility boxes.

CS 2024-042

AMENDMENT

That Council amend resolution CS 2024-041 to include 'volunteer recognition' to the list of recommended wrap designs in the resolution.

Amendment Carried

Resolution CS 2024-041, as amended, reads:

That Council direct staff to bring forward utility box wrap design and respective location recommendations for Council's consideration, including archival photographs, volunteer recognition, Indigenous, cultural and/or artistic designs, for up to 15 utility boxes.

Main Motion, as Amended, Carried

10.2 Parks Mower–Tender award cancelation and group purchase

CS 2024-043

That Council direct staff to cancel the tender award with Oakcreek Golf & Turf and to utilize Canoe Procurement Group to source the purchase of a Commercial Tri-Deck Rotary Mower.

Motion Carried

11. BYLAWS

11.1 Bylaws for Adoption

11.1.1 “Financial Plan Bylaw 2024, No. 2172”

CS 2024-044

That Council adopt "Financial Plan Bylaw 2024, No. 2172".

Motion Carried

11.2 Bylaw Status Sheet

12. QUESTION PERIOD

A resident asked about the cost of Item 10.1 - Utility Box Wraps. He also asked about the Financial Plan Bylaw, Item 11.1, and the non-market change.

13. ADJOURNMENT

CS 2024-045

That this Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Motion Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor (A. Stone)

Corporate Officer (S. Bouma)