

## **Late Agenda Items**

### **Regular Council Agenda August 5, 2025**

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#### **Recommendation:**

That Council amend the agenda to update and add the following items, received after publication of the agenda:

	<b>Pages</b>
<b>5.1.1 "Town of Ladysmith Streets and Traffic Bylaw 1998, No. 1309, Amendment Bylaw 2025, No. 2212"</b> Remove from the agenda to allow for additional revisions prior to introduction.	
<b>6.1 Grouhel Road Intersection - Councillor Gourlay</b> Add the <a href="#">Binnie Consulting Traffic Operations Review report</a> excerpts as background information.	1
<b>6.2 Request for Reconsideration of Denied Water Leak Bill Adjustment --- Account No. 000-1030220-000</b> Add this as a new agenda item along with the correspondence appealing the decision.	2-3

For reference, at the July 8, 2025 meeting, Council passed the following resolution:

#### **CS 2025-180**

That Council provide an adjustment to water billing account No. 000-1030220-000 for the fourth quarter of 2024 and the first quarter of 2025 in the amount of \$3,000.

*Motion Carried*

OPPOSED: Councillor Virtanen

## Excerpts From Binnie Traffic Operations Review

### 3.1 Traffic Signal Warrants

Binnie performed MOTI traffic signal warrant analysis at the following intersections:

- Highway 1 and Grouhel Road
- Highway 1 and S. Davis Road

Additionally, Binnie performed a MOTI left-turn signal warrant analysis for the following movement:

- Southbound left-turn movement at the Highway 1 and Transfer Beach Boulevard/Roberts Street

The traffic signal warrants assumed an annual growth rate of 2%.

Based on the existing and forecast traffic volumes, a traffic signal is not warranted at the Highway 1 and Grouhel Road intersection unless there is considerable traffic that would detour from the Highway 1 and Ludlow Road/1st Avenue intersection to this intersection should it be signalized. The Highway 1 and S. Davis Road intersection is not warranted for a traffic signal.

#### 4.2.1 Highway 1 and Grouhel Road Intersection

At the Highway 1 and Grouhel Road intersection, the shared eastbound left-turn/right-turn movement currently operates at LOS F during the PM peak as vehicles have difficulty finding suitable gaps on Highway 1 to make the left-out movement. As this intersection does not warrant a traffic signal, as discussed in **Section 3.1**, an alternative improvement option was considered.

Restricting the left-out movement at the Highway 1 and Grouhel Road intersection is expected to improve the eastbound movement to LOS C in the PM peak hour. This restriction would require traffic to detour to the Highway 1 and Ludlow Road/1st Avenue intersection via Christie Road, 3rd Avenue, and Symonds Street to make the eastbound left-turn movement. Alternatively, a protected-T intersection may be considered as well subject to detailed analysis regarding the platooning effects on its performance due to the traffic signal nearby.

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**Source:** [\*Traffic Operations Review\*](#)

*Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Highway 1 Ladysmith*

*January 31, 2019*

*Binnie Consulting Ltd.*

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Appeal to Council regarding a water escape at my home  
**Date:** August 1, 2025 at 9:51 AM  
**To:** Council@ladysmith.ca  
**Bcc:**

RD

I am writing this note to appeal the Council's decision on the July 8, 2025 meeting regarding my problem with a water leak my home at [REDACTED]

One day when one of the town employees was checking theatre meters on Davis Road for the bill that was to be paid on February 25, 2025, he found that mine was much higher than usual. I wasn't home but he was kind enough to leave me a note with his phone number. When I returned and called him he came back to my place to explain that he thought I must have a water leak in my system. Being the time of year it was it had been raining and the plants and such were wet. But we were able to go all around the yard and couldn't find anything that looked like a leak. My inside tap was closed for the outside taps so it shouldn't be there so he figured it must be someplace between the meter and the place where the water came into the house. We checked the pipe going into the house but everything was dry there. This confirmed that the leak must be somewhere in my cement driveway. I contacted a local plumber but he said I should contact Taylor Made Contracting. James Taylor agreed to fix the leak but because it was winter and the driveway was completely wet from the rain we weren't able to figure out where he should start digging. I must admit that at that time I was not aware of the 30 day time limit for making repairs. I continued to watch the driveway & by the end of January there was a dry day during which I found the place where water was coming up through a crack in the cement. I contacted James again and on January 31, 2025 he came over, broke out the cement, dug the hole and repaired the leak. As it was a Friday night he planned to return on the Monday to fill in the hole and put in new cement, but on Monday it snowed. The hole was half full of snow and James had plowing contracts the plough parking lots and driveways. When I got the bill that was to be paid on February 27, 2025 it was for \$1,842.74, when it was usually \$200.00 - \$300.00. I went over to City Hall and spoke to [REDACTED] to explain the situation. I paid \$300.00 & left the rest until the job was completed though the leak was repaired but at that time I had nothing from Taylor Made to prove that.

James Taylor sent me a statement saying that he'd repaired my problem listing March 10 as the day he'd done the work. I took his statement to [REDACTED] not realizing that the date of March 10 was not correct and would influence the Council's decision. I spoke to James about the error, he has checked his files and has sent me a new statement with the correct date of January 31, 2025 for having fixed the leak.

During this time I did not know there was a 30 day timeline to make the repairs, but because of the winter rains I'm not sure how we could have managed to have done it any earlier. I realize that my family has lived in the house for over 40 years, but this type of problem was always handled by my husband. As he has passed away now this is the first time I've had to learn about things like 30 day limits. I'm sending Taylor Made's new statement to you so you will have a better idea of the situation. I hope that the Council will review my appeal and consider that if I'd known about this 30 day situation, I would have tried to handle it differently.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Ladysmith

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Date: 2025/06/12  
Invoice No.: 20185977  
Due Date: 2025/07/12

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[REDACTED]

Subtotal	\$1,500.00
GST	\$75.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,575.00</b>
<b>Paid</b>	<b>\$1,575.00</b>

**Thank you for your business.**