



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 17, 2026
6:33 P.M.
Ladysmith Seniors Centre
630 2nd Avenue

Council Members Present:

Mayor Deena Beeston
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

Sue Bouma
Hayley Young

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Virtanen delivered the Land Acknowledgement.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Beeston called this Meeting of Council to order at 6:33 p.m., in order to retire immediately into Closed Session.

2. CLOSED SESSION

CS 2026-026

That, in accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, Council retire into closed session in order to consider items related to the following:

- (1)(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; and

- (2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations
 - (ii) between the municipality and another local government or between another local government and a third party.

Motion Carried

3. OPEN MEETING (7:00 P.M.)

Mayor Beeston called this Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:04 p.m. She acknowledged the recent tragedy in Tumbler Ridge, expressing condolences to the victims, their families, the community, and appreciation for the courage of first responders.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2026-027

That Council approve the agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council for February 17, 2026, as amended to include the revised report for Item 9.3, "Artificial Turf Replacement Procurement."

Motion Carried

5. RISE AND REPORT- Items from Closed Session

Council rose from Closed Session at 7:01 p.m. without report.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 3, 2026

CS 2026-028

That Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 3, 2026.

Motion Carried

7. DELEGATIONS

7.1 Roberta Bowman, Executive Director, Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce

Roberta Bowman provided an operational update to Council on the economic development and tourism support services provided by the Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce and responded to Council's questions.

8. CVRD UPDATE

Mayor Beeston reported that Ladysmith residents will continue to receive free yard and garden waste collection at the Peerless Road Recycling Center in 2026. She also provided an overview of the CVRD tax increase, which came in at 3.8% (below the 4% target), including allocations for the Frank Jameson Community Centre roof and asset renewal funding.

9. REPORTS

9.1 2026 Late Grant in Aid Application

CS 2026-029

That Council provide a Grant in Aid in the amount of \$1,600 to the Ladysmith Minor Softball Association, with the funding to come from the Late Applications Grant in Aid budget.

Motion Carried

9.2 Adjustment to Water Billing Account – 2025 Q4, 2026 Q1

CS 2026-030

That Council provide a bill adjustment due to a water leak for Account No. 000-1348134-000 in the amount of \$5,594.89.

Motion Carried

CS 2026-031

That Council provide a partial adjustment due to a second water leak for Account No. 000-1050081-000 in the amount of \$6,868.30.

Motion Carried

OPPOSED: Councillors Gourlay and Paterson.

9.3 Artificial Turf Replacement Procurement

CS 2026-032

That Council award the Artificial Turf Replacement project to Tarkett Sports Canada Inc. (FieldTurf) for a total of \$1,111,253.41 (includes taxes and bonding), as sourced through the Canoe Procurement Group of Canada cooperative purchasing program.

Motion Carried

10. BYLAWS

10.1 Bylaws for Introduction

10.1.1 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw

CS 2026-033

That Council give first, second and third readings to “Financial Plan Bylaw 2026, No. 2233”.

Motion Carried

10.2 Bylaw Status Sheet

11. QUESTION PERIOD

A member of the public requested clarification regarding late agenda items and the borrowing and grant figures included in the 2026–2030 Financial Plan.

12. ADJOURNMENT

CS 2026-034

That this Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Motion Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor (D. Beeston)

Corporate Officer (S. Bouma)