



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

5:30 P.M.

Ladysmith Seniors Centre
630 2nd Avenue

Council Members Present:

Mayor Deena Beeston
Councillor Ray Gourlay
Councillor Tricia McKay

Councillor Duck Paterson
Councillor Jeff Virtanen

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Amanda Jacobson

Councillor Marsh Stevens

Staff Present:

Allison McCarrick
Erin Anderson
Chris Barfoot
Jake Belobaba
Tim Tanton

Sampreet Sidhu
Rahul Parameswaran
Sue Bouma
Nick Pescod
Hayley Young

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Beeston called this Meeting of Council to order at 5:30 p.m., in order to retire immediately into Closed Session.

2. CLOSED SESSION

CS 2026-056

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:

- (b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity;
- (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;

- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality; and
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Motion Carried

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

Mayor Beeston called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:02 p.m. and delivered the land acknowledgement. She congratulated Chief John Elliott on his re-election and congratulated the new and returning Stz'uminus Council members on their appointments.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2026-057

That Council approve the agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council for April 7, 2026.

Motion Carried

5. RISE AND REPORT- Items from Closed Session

Council rose from Closed Session at 6:59 p.m. without report.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 17, 2026

CS 2026-058

That Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 17, 2026.

Motion Carried

7. DELEGATIONS

7.1 Francis Guyver, Land Use Forester, Mosaic Forest Management

Jimmie Hodgson, Vice President, Sustainability and Chief Forester, and Francis Guyver, Land Use Forester, of Mosaic Forest Management provided an overview of the forestry economy and timber markets, sustainability initiatives, wildfire prevention and response, and community and Indigenous partnerships.

Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Guyver responded to Council's questions and invited Council to participate in a field tour of Mosaic Forest Management lands.

7.2 Andrea Rosato-Taylor, President, Arts Council of Ladysmith and District

Andrea Rosato-Taylor, President, Arts Council of Ladysmith and District, advised Council that the Society had received \$239,000 in grant funding from the BC Arts Council.

She provided an overview of the Society's programming and community benefits, identified additional partnerships and acknowledged the Town's support. Ms. Rosato-Taylor invited Council to attend an upcoming art auction fundraiser.

8. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

8.1 Development Permit - 12 Roberts Street

CS 2026-059

That Council approve Development Permit 3060-25-12 for 12 Roberts Street (That Part of Lot 14, Block 10, District Lot 56, Oyster District, Plan 703, Lying to the North East of a Boundary Joining the Points of Bisection of the South East and North West Boundaries of Said Lot, PID: 008-548-528) to authorize a two-storey addition to the rear of an existing single-storey building.

Motion Carried

8.2 Development Permit – 422 Colonia Drive South

CS 2026-060

That Council issue Development Permit 3060-25-04 for 422 Colonia Drive South (Lot 17, Block 192, Plan EPP117682, District Lot 103, Oyster Land District; PID: 031-755-020) to authorize construction of a two-unit dwelling.

Motion Carried

9. REPORTS

9.1 Late Grant in Aid - Ladysmith Seniors Centre Society

CS 2026-061

That Council waive the Grant in Aid Policy and allocate \$800 in Grant in Aid funding for the purchase of a DVD player for the Ladysmith Seniors Centre, with the funding to come from the unallocated Grant in Aid applications budget.

Motion Carried

9.2 Solid Waste Collection - Next Steps

CS 2026-062

That Council receive the April 7, 2026 report from the Infrastructure Services Department regarding next steps for the potential automated collection of solid waste.

Motion Carried

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

CS 2026-063

That Council provide a bill adjustment due to a water leak for Account No. 000-1348165-000 in the amount of \$972.21.

Motion Carried

9.4 Lot 108 Phase 2 Progress Update

CS 2026-064

That Council direct staff to amend the 2026-2030 Financial Plan to include an additional \$50,000 for the Lot 108 Phase 2 project, to address unforeseen site conditions and drainage identified in the April 7, 2026 staff report from the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department, with the additional funds to come from prior year surplus.

Motion Carried

10. BYLAWS

10.1 Bylaws for Introduction

10.1.1 “Community Centre and Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw 2024, No. 2178, Amendment Bylaw 2026, No. 2234”.

CS 2026-065

That Council give first, second and third readings to “Community Centre and Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw 2024, No. 2178, Amendment Bylaw 2026, No. 2234”.

Motion Carried

10.2 Bylaw Status Sheet

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Letter of Support - Island Coastal Economic Trust

CS 2026-066

That Council, in response to the March 24, 2026 correspondence from the Island Coastal Trust, direct staff to send a letter of support to Minister Ravi Kahlon expressing Council's support for advancing legislation to modernize the Island Coastal Economic Trust.

Motion Carried

12. QUESTION PERIOD

A member of the public asked whether secondary suites were proposed as part of the 12 Roberts Street development application. Another member of the public asked who would be responsible for maintenance of the statutory right of way at 422 Colonia Drive South should it become inaccessible. A third member of the public enquired about a future tree protection bylaw.

13. ADJOURNMENT

CS 2026-067

That this Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Motion Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor (D. Beeston)

Corporate Officer (S. Bouma)