



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

6:30 P.M.

Ladysmith Seniors Centre
630 2nd Avenue

Council Members Present:

Mayor Deena Beeston
Councillor Amanda Jacobson
Councillor Tricia McKay

Councillor Duck Paterson
Councillor Jeff Virtanen

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Ray Gourlay

Councillor Marsh Stevens

Staff Present:

Allison McCarrick
Chris Barfoot

Jake Belobaba
Sue Bouma

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CLOSED SESSION

CS 2026-088

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;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality; and
- (m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

Motion Carried

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

Mayor Beeston called this Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m., delivered the land acknowledgement and paid homage to Red Dress Day.

She also recognized May 4th as International Firefighters' Day and thanked firefighters for their service to the community.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2026-089

That Council approve the agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council for May 5, 2026.

Motion Carried

5. RISE AND REPORT - Items from Closed Session

Council rose from Closed Session at 6:35 p.m. without report.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 21, 2026

CS 2026-090

That Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 21, 2026.

Motion Carried

6.2 Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held April 28, 2026

CS 2026-091

That Council approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held April 28, 2026.

Motion Carried

7. DELEGATION

7.1 Regional Recreation Needs Assessment

Chris Barfoot, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture, introduced the Regional Recreation Needs Assessment for recreation facilities and welcomed Neil Pukesh, General Manager of CVRD Community Services, and Stephen Slawuta, Project Team Lead, RC Strategies, to present the assessment's key findings to Council.

Mr. Pukesh provided an overview of the assessment and invited Council feedback. Mr. Slawuta presented information on the Regional Recreation Needs Assessment, including its purpose and recommended infrastructure strategies, and responded to Council's questions. Council thanked the speakers for their presentation.

8. PROCLAMATIONS

8.1 Safety and Health Week

Mayor Beeston proclaimed May 4-9, 2026, as "Safety and Health Week" in the Town of Ladysmith.

8.2 Moose Hide Campaign Day

Mayor Beeston proclaimed May 14, 2026 as "Moose Hide Campaign Day" in the Town of Ladysmith.

In support of "Moose Hide Campaign Day", the Town will also illuminate its available themed lighting locations with yellow lights.

8.3 National Public Works Week

Mayor Beeston proclaimed May 17-25, 2026 as "National Public Works Week" in the Town of Ladysmith.

9. REPORTS

9.1 Recycle BC Consolidation Statement of Work

CS 2026-092

That Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the Recycle BC Statement of Work for Consolidation and Transfer Services attached to the May 5, 2026 report from the Corporate Services Department.

Motion Carried

9.2 Waterfront Area Plan - Water Lot and Foreshore Development

CS 2026-093

That Council endorse the workplan for the development of the water lots and foreshore, as described in the May 5, 2026 report to Council from the Development Services Department.

Motion Carried

10. BYLAWS

10.1 Bylaws for Adoption

10.1.1 "Town of Ladysmith Streets and Traffic Bylaw 1998, No. 1309, Amendment Bylaw 2026, No. 2212"

CS 2026-094

That Council adopt "Town of Ladysmith Streets and Traffic Bylaw 1998, No. 1309, Amendment Bylaw 2026, No. 2212".

Motion Carried

10.1.2 "Property Tax Rates Bylaw 2026, No. 2235"

CS 2026-095

That Council adopt "Property Tax Rates Bylaw 2026, No. 2235".

Motion Carried

10.1.3 "Sewer Parcel Tax Bylaw 2026, No. 2236"

CS 2026-096

That Council adopt "Sewer Parcel Tax Bylaw 2026, No. 2236".

Motion Carried

10.1.4 "Water Parcel Tax Bylaw 2026, No. 2237"

CS 2026-097

That Council adopt "Water Parcel Tax Bylaw 2026, No. 2237".

Motion Carried

10.2 Bylaw Status Sheet

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 City Hall Community Engagement

CS 2026-098

That Council receive the April 26, 2026 Community Engagement Plan from AHNE studios regarding Ladysmith City Hall options.

Motion Carried

12. QUESTION PERIOD

A member of the public asked whether there was a procedure for public engagement regarding outdoor patio locations and suggested that City Hall

engagement activities be conducted at locations with approximately 150 people to ensure residents are surveyed, rather than primarily tourists.

Another member of the public thanked Mayor Beeston for her involvement in the Slack Point clean-up and asked whether Take 5 would be included as part of the communications plan for the new City Hall.

13. ADJOURNMENT

CS 2026-099

That this Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Motion Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor (D. Beeston)

Corporate Officer (S. Bouma)