



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 16, 2026
6:15 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 Marsh Stevens (*Via Zoom*)
Councillor Jeff Virtanen

Staff Present:

Allison McCarrick
Erin Anderson
Chris Barfoot
Tim Tanton

Sue Bouma
Nick Pescod
Hayley Young

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Beeston called this Meeting of Council to order at 6:15 p.m., in order to retire immediately into Closed Session.

2. CLOSED SESSION

CS 2026-126

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:

- (c) labour relations or other employee relations.

Motion Carried

3. OPEN MEETING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (6:30 P.M.)

Mayor Beeston called this Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:30 p.m., delivered the land acknowledgement, and recognized National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, noting that a local celebration hosted by Stz'uminus First Nation will take place on June 19.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2026-127

That Council approve the agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council for June 16, 2026, as amended to:

1. Add Items 10.1. "Bylaws for Introduction", and 10.1.1. "'Town of Ladysmith Parks Usage Bylaw 2017, No. 1933, Amendment Bylaw 2026, No. 2243,'" and renumber the agenda accordingly; and
2. Remove "B Schmidt Electrical" from the list of outstanding business licences in the staff report for Item 9.3, "Outstanding Business Licences for 2026".

Motion Carried

5. RISE AND REPORT - Items from Closed Session

Council rose from Closed Session at 6:24 p.m. without report.

The following Item from the Closed Meeting of Council held April 7, 2026 was reported:

CE 2026-020

That Council:

1. Direct staff to amend the Town of Ladysmith Street Naming Policy 11-5450-A by adding "Dashwood" to the approved Street Name Database; and
2. Rise and report on Recommendation 1 once the family has been notified.

The following Item from the Closed Meeting of Council held May 5, 2026 was reported:

CE 2026-030

That Council:

1. Direct staff to amend the Town of Ladysmith Street Naming Policy 11-5450-A by adding "Norah" to the approved Street Name Database; and
2. Rise and report on Recommendation 1 once the family has been notified.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 2, 2026

CS 2026-128

That Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 2, 2026.

Motion Carried

7. DELEGATIONS

7.1 Nancy McIntyre, Executive Director, Ladysmith Resources Centre Association

Nancy McIntyre, Executive Director of the Ladysmith Resources Centre Association, provided an update on the organization's community programming and services and answered Council's questions.

7.2 John Scott, Ladysmith Search & Rescue

John Scott and Faye Hjort provided an overview of the Ladysmith Search & Rescue operations, services, and volunteer recruitment efforts and answered Council's questions.

8. COMMITTEE MINUTES

8.1 Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee - May 20, 2026

CS 2026-129

That Council receive the minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee meeting held May 20, 2026.

Motion Carried

9. REPORTS

9.1 Town of Ladysmith 2025 Annual Municipal Report

A member of the public enquired why there was not a section dedicated to Economic Development in the report.

CS 2026-130

That Council approve the Town of Ladysmith 2025 Annual Municipal Report.

Motion Carried

9.2 Town of Ladysmith 2025 Statement of Financial Information

CS 2026-131

That Council approve the Town of Ladysmith Statement of Financial Information for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.

Motion Carried

9.3 Outstanding Business Licences for 2026

CS 2026-132

That Council receive for information the report dated June 16, 2026 regarding the Business Licences outstanding for 2026.

Motion Carried

9.4 RCMP HVAC Tender No. 2026-PRC-01 Results

CS 2026-133

That Council award the tender for the Ladysmith RCMP HVAC Upgrade (2026-PRC-01) to SMS Summit Mechanical Systems Ltd. for a total contract price of \$278,970 (excluding GST), as recommended by Rocky Point Engineering Ltd.

Motion Carried

9.5 Solid Waste Bins Purchase

By unanimous consent Council agreed to consider separately each item regarding the Solid Waste Bins Purchase.

CS 2026-134

That Council confirm the establishment of semi-automated pickup in 2027, as detailed in the GFL Residential Curbside Waste Collection Services Agreement as Option #3, and award the Solid Waste Bin Supply, Assembly and Delivery based on quote 120324-SFR, to Rollins Machinery.

Motion Carried

OPPOSED: Councillor Stevens.

CS 2026-135

That Council direct staff to discontinue the annual Large Item Pickup service in 2027.

Motion Defeated

OPPOSED: Mayor Beeston and Councillors Jacobson, Stevens and Virtanen.

CS 2026-136

That Council direct staff to bring forward amendments to “Garbage, Recyclables and Organics Collection Bylaw 2005, No. 1588” as required to reflect new bin weights and volumes.

Motion Carried

OPPOSED: Councillor Stevens.

10. BYLAWS

10.1 Bylaws for Introduction

10.1.1 “Town of Ladysmith Parks Usage Bylaw 2017, No. 1933, Amendment Bylaw 2026, No. 2243”

CS 2026-137

That Council give first, second and third readings to “Town of Ladysmith Parks Usage Bylaw 2017, No. 1933, Amendment Bylaw 2026, No. 2243”.

Motion Carried

10.2 Bylaw Status Sheet

11. QUESTION PERIOD

A member of the public sought clarification on funding provided to the Ladysmith and District Historical Society, as presented in the 2025 Statement of Financial Information.

Another member of the public asked for details regarding automated pickup as part of the competitive bidding process for the residential curbside waste collection services.

12. ADJOURNMENT

CS 2026-138

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

Motion Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor (D. Beeston)

Corporate Officer (S. Bouma)

Subject to adoption