



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

6:30 P.M.

**Ladysmith Seniors Centre
630 2nd Avenue**

Council Members Present:

Councillor Duck Paterson, Chair
Mayor Deena Beeston
Councillor Ray Gourlay

Councillor Tricia McKay
Councillor Marsh Stevens (*Via Zoom*)

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Amanda Jacobson

Councillor Jeff Virtanen

Staff Present:

Allison McCarrick
Erin Anderson

Sue Bouma
Hayley Young

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Paterson, Chair, called this Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and delivered the land acknowledgement.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

CW 2026-032

That the Committee approve the agenda for this Committee of the Whole meeting for July 14, 2026, as amended to include:

- "2026 Quarter 1 Detachment Report" for Item 4.1, "Ladysmith RCMP";
- and
- Item 6.2, "Council Procedure Bylaw Amendment."

Motion Carried

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held May 12, 2026

CW 2026-033

That the Committee approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held May 12, 2026.

Motion Carried

4. VERBAL UPDATE

4.1 Ladysmith RCMP

Staff Sergeant Trevor Busch, Ladysmith RCMP, presented the first quarter detachment report and annual performance plan objectives, provided an update regarding e-scooter-related incidents in the community, and responded to Council's questions.

CW 2026-034

That the Committee receive the RCMP report for the months April, May and June 2026.

Motion Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1 City Hall Public Engagement Results

CW 2026-035

That the Committee recommend that Council receive the City Hall Community Public Engagement report dated June 29, 2026.

Motion Carried

CW 2026-036

That the Committee recommend that Council construct a new city hall on the Buller Street property as a mixed-use development.

CW 2026-037

AMENDMENT

By unanimous consent, the Committee agreed to amend Resolution CW 2026-036 to incorporate the loan authorization bylaw process for the construction of a new city hall and mixed-use development on the Buller Street property.

Amendment Carried

Resolution CW 2026-036, as amended reads:

That the Committee recommend that Council direct staff to prepare a loan authorization bylaw for the construction of a new city hall and mixed-use development on the Buller Street property.

OPPOSED: Mayor Beeston and Councillor Stevens.

Main Motion, As Amended, Carried

6. COUNCIL SUBMISSIONS

6.1 Ladysmith Candidate Information Session

The Committee considered the option of holding a candidate information session for prospective candidates in the 2026 Municipal Election.

6.2 Council Procedure Bylaw Amendment

CW 2026-038

That the Committee recommend that Council amend "Council Procedure Bylaw 2009, No. 1666" by adding the following section:

"15.12 No motion that is substantially the same as a motion previously defeated by Council may be reintroduced within six months of its defeat unless authorized by a two-thirds vote of Council."

Motion Carried

OPPOSED: Councillor Stevens.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Electric Kick Scooters

CW 2026-039

That the Committee recommend that Council direct staff to initiate participation in the Ministry of Transportation and Transit's electric kick scooter pilot project.

Motion Carried

8. ADJOURNMENT

CW 2026-040

That this Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Motion Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair (Councillor D. Paterson)

Deputy Corporate Officer (H.
Young)

Subject to adoption