



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

6:30 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 *(Via Zoom)*

Staff Present:

Allison McCarrick
Chris Barfoot
Iain Bourhill
Tim Tanton

Rahul Parameswaran
Sue Bouma
Nick Pescod
Hayley Young

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 2026-156

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:

- (k) negotiations and related discussions that are at the preliminary stages and that, in the view of council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

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. and delivered the land acknowledgement.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

CS 2026-157

That Council approve the agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council for July 21, 2026, as amended to include:

- Public submissions received after publication of the agenda for Item 8.1., "Temporary Use Permit - 522 Rothdale Road"; and
- Item 13.3, "Municipal Insurance Association of BC Annual General Meeting - Voting Delegates".

Motion Carried

5. RISE AND REPORT - Items from Closed Session

Council rose from Closed Session at 6:47 p.m. without report.

The following item from the Closed Meeting of Council held July 7, 2026 was reported:

CE 2026-041

That Council:

1. Appoint the following four citizen representatives to the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee for a two-year term ending June 30, 2028:
 - Lyndon Bzdel
 - Terri Merritt-Worden
 - Lynn Hansen
 - Keona Wiley; and
2. Rise and report on Recommendation No. 1 once all applicants have been notified.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held July 7, 2026

CS 2026-158

That Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held July 7, 2026.

Motion Carried

7. DELEGATIONS

7.1 Quentin Goodbody, President, Ladysmith and District Historical Society (LDHS)

Quentin Goodbody, President, Ladysmith and District Historical Society, provided an operational update to Council. He summarized the Society's

many initiatives and accomplishments over the past year and responded to Council's questions.

7.2 Bev Clifford, Ladysmith Resident, Wildfire Mitigation

Bev Clifford, Ladysmith resident, spoke to wildfire mitigation concerns in the Holland Creek Trail area.

8. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

8.1 Temporary Use Permit – 522 Rothdale Road

CS 2026-159

That Council approve Temporary Use Permit 3340-26-02 for 522 Rothdale Road (Lot 10 District Lot 67 Oyster District Plan EPP93777) to permit a short-term rental (Tourist Accommodation use) in a single unit dwelling.

Motion Carried

9. COMMITTEE MINUTES

Mayor Beeston relinquished the Chair to Councillor Paterson for consideration of item 9.1.

9.1 Committee of the Whole - July 14, 2026

CS 2026-160

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

Motion Carried

CS 2026-161

That Council direct staff to create a loan authorization bylaw for the construction of a new city hall on the Buller Street property.

Motion Defeated

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

CS 2026-162

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: Councillors Jacobson and Stevens.

CS 2026-163

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

Motion Carried

Following consideration of item 9.1, Mayor Beeston resumed the Chair.

10. BYLAWS

10.1 Bylaws for Adoption

10.1.1 "Housing Agreement Bylaw 2026, No. 2231"

CS 2026-164

That Council adopt "Housing Agreement Bylaw 2026, No. 2231."

Motion Carried

10.1.2 "Housing Agreement Bylaw 2026, No. 2240"

CS 2026-165

That Council adopt "Housing Agreement Bylaw 2026, No. 2240".

Motion Carried

10.2 Bylaw Status Sheet

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

11.1 Council Sanctioning Rise and Report

CS 2026-166

That Council authorize the rising and reporting of all instances in which a member of Council has been sanctioned in the 29 years, 11 months and 28 days prior to June 2, 2026, including: the date of the sanction, the substance of the sanction, the actions taken by Council, and any dissenting votes, to be included in the Rise and Report.

Motion Defeated

OPPOSED: Councillors Gourlay, McKay, Paterson and Virtanen.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Rotary Club of Ladysmith 16th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

CS 2026-167

That Council allocate \$350.00 to sponsor a hole at the 16th Annual Rotary Charity Golf Tournament on September 19, 2026 as requested in the

correspondence received July 16, 2026, with the funding to come from the Council public relations budget.

Motion Carried

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.1 CVRD Climate Projections

CS 2026-168

That Council receive the "Climate Projections for the Cowichan Valley Regional District 2026" report.

Motion Carried

13.2 Appointment of Approving Officer

CS 2026-169

That Council approve the appointment of Iain Bourhill as Approving Officer.

Motion Carried

13.3 Municipal Insurance Association of BC (MIABC) Annual General Meeting - Voting Delegates

CS 2026-170

By unanimous consent, Council agreed to appoint Councillor McKay as the voting delegate, and Mayor Beeston and Councillor Jacobson as alternate delegates, for the Municipal Insurance Association of BC (MIABC) Annual General Meeting taking place on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 in conjunction with the Union of BC Municipalities Convention in Vancouver.

14. QUESTION PERIOD

A member of the public asked whether a referendum on a new City Hall would be included in the 2026 Municipal Election.

15. ADJOURNMENT

CS 2026-171

That this Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Motion Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor (D. Beeston)

Corporate Officer (S. Bouma)

Subject to adoption