



**TOWN OF LADYSMITH
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
6:30 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Rob Hutchins (Chair)	Mayor Aaron Stone	Councillor Cal Fradin
Councillor Joe Friesenhan	Councillor Carol Henderson	Councillor Duck Paterson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Steve Arnett

STAFF PRESENT:

Guillermo Ferrero	Felicity Adams	Erin Anderson
Geoff Goodall	Clayton Postings	Joanna Winter
Sue Bouma		

CALL TO ORDER Councillor Hutchins called this meeting of the Municipal Services Committee to order at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

MS 2017-001

Moved and seconded:

That the agenda for this meeting of the Municipal Services Committee be approved.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 - 2021 Financial Plan

Staff gave a presentation summarizing previous budget discussions, and outlining higher level service requests and the draft 2017 Capital Budget, and responded to questions from Council.

MS 2017-002

Moved and seconded:

That the Committee recommend that Council fund the 2017 Principal Payment on the Buller Street Property with monies from the Real Property Reserve.

Motion carried.

MS 2017-003

Moved and seconded:

That the Committee recommend that Council allocate 13.5 per cent of the prior year's municipal levy to General Capital Projects and Asset Replacement.

OPPOSED: Councillor Henderson, Councillor Paterson, and Councillor Fradin.

MOTION DEFEATED.

- MS 2017-004** *Moved and seconded:*
That the Committee recommend that Council use surplus funds to hire two parks students for 520 hours each to complete seasonal maintenance, weeding and trail work throughout the parks department.
Motion carried.
- MS 2017-005** *Moved and seconded:*
That the Committee recommend that Council fund a new full-time Water Filtration Plant Operator IV position from Water Parcel Tax, resulting in a \$9.00 increase in parcel taxation in 2017.
Motion carried.
- MS 2017-006** *Moved and seconded:*
That the Committee recommend that Council fund a new full-time Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator position from Sewer Utility Rates, resulting in an increase of \$2.57 to the monthly sewer fee base rate in 2017.
Motion carried.
- MS 2017-007** *Moved and seconded:*
That the Committee recommend that Council direct staff to hire a temporary building inspector for 2017 and fund the position with surplus funds.
Motion carried.
- MS 2017-008** *Moved and seconded:*
That the Committee recommend that Council allocate an additional \$25,000 for the RCMP generator from surplus, resulting in a reduction of \$5.10 in taxation.
Motion carried.

The Committee requested staff to provide a list of 2015 and 2016 capital projects carried forward and a plan for spending the capital reserve on these projects.

The Committee agreed to defer discussion of proposed postponement of capital projects and requested staff to consult with affected parties and/or user groups regarding the potential impact of postponement.

QUESTION PERIOD

Members of the public enquired about proposed change room upgrades at the Frank Jameson Community Centre and were advised that these are considered part of the ongoing maintenance of the facility.

Members of the public also enquired about the status of the

2016 request by French Street property owners that the Town consider the curbing, paving and parking designation on French Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues, and were advised that this request had been referred to the 2017 to 2021 Financial Plan deliberations, and would be reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

MS 2017-009

Moved and seconded:

That this meeting of the Municipal Services Committee adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Motion carried.



Chair (Councillor R. Hutchins)

CERTIFIED CORRECT



Corporate Officer (J. Winter)

