

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018
CALL TO ORDER 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Geoff Goodall	Felicity Adams	Erin Anderson
Joanna Winter	Sue Bouma	

CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Hutchins called this Meeting of the Municipal Services Committee to order at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL**MS 2018-001**

Moved and seconded:

That the agenda for this February 19, 2018 meeting of the Municipal Services Committee be approved with the following amendment:

- Limit discussion of item 3.1, "Cannabis Regulations" to one hour.

Motion carried.

MINUTES**MS 2018-002**

Moved and seconded:

That the minutes of the Municipal Services Committee meeting held December 11, 2017 be approved.

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION**Cannabis Regulations**

The Committee discussed the importance of public input regarding the regulations around the retail sale of cannabis, as well as the nature and scope of community engagement. The committee was unanimously in favour of public input, and discussed various aspects of planning, educating, and reaching the public.

MS 2018-003

Moved and seconded:

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

1. The Town initiate a community dialogue regarding the retail sale of cannabis within the Town of Ladysmith, and
2. Council direct staff to prepare a list of options for community engagement as well as a proposed budget allocation for consideration.

Motion carried.

Staff responded to questions about options that the zoning bylaw and other bylaws offer the Town to regulate the retail sale of cannabis.

MS 2018-004

Moved and seconded:

That the Committee recommend that Council establish an ad hoc committee of three Council members to support the public consultation process on the retail sale of cannabis in the town of Ladysmith.

Motion carried.

Potential Resolutions for Submission to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) annual convention

The Committee requested that staff investigate previous resolutions adopted by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities related to the role of First Responders in traffic safety.

The Committee determined not to recommend any resolutions to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) 2018 annual convention at this time, agreeing that the Town would consider supporting other local government resolutions, or putting forward a late resolution should an urgent issue arise before the April 2018 convention of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities.

Items for Discussion at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Convention (FCM)

Mayor Stone informed the Committee that his goal at the 2018 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Convention (FCM) is to secure funding for the community, particularly in regards to the Waterfront Area Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

MS 2018-005

Moved and seconded:

That this meeting of the Municipal Services Committee adjourn at 6:38 p.m.

Motion carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chair (Councillor R. Hutchins)

Corporate Officer (J. Winter)