

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER 6:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LADYSMITH CITY HALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Duck Paterson (Chair)
Councillor Amanda Jacobson
Councillor Robert Johnson
Councillor Jeff Virtanen

Mayor Aaron Stone
Councillor Tricia McKay
Councillor Marsh Stevens

STAFF PRESENT:

Guillermo Ferrero
Geoff Goodall
Sue Bouma

Felicity Adams
Joanna Winter

Erin Anderson
Mike Gregory

CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Paterson called this Meeting of the Municipal Services Committee to order at 6:30 p.m., recognizing the traditional territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

AGENDA APPROVAL

MS 2019-008

Moved and seconded:

That the agenda for this February 25, 2019 meeting of the Municipal Services Committee be approved.

Motion carried.

MINUTES

MS 2019-009

Moved and seconded:

That the minutes of the Municipal Services Committee meeting held January 14, 2019 be approved.

Motion carried.

**COUNCIL
SUBMISSIONS**

Cannabis Consultation

Mayor Stone provided the Committee with the rationale behind the proposed community consultation on the retail sale of cannabis in Ladysmith, noting that the consultation would provide a framework from which the Town would determine an approach to the retail sale of cannabis in Ladysmith.

Concerns were raised regarding the intent and value of the survey,

with respect to potential response rate, as well as the polarity of the results. The Committee was advised that the survey was narrowed down to key issues to encourage a good response rate, and that the survey would be statistically valid, with the results analyzed by a consultant.

MS 2019-010

Moved and seconded:

That the Committee recommend that Council continue with the proposed community consultation on the retail sale of cannabis in Ladysmith.

Motion carried.

OPPOSED: Councillors Stevens and Jacobson

Water and Sewer Rate Subsidy Program

The Committee discussed exploring options for a sewer and water rate subsidy program to benefit low-income residents in Ladysmith.

MS 2019-011

Moved and seconded:

That the Committee refer consideration of a sewer and water rate subsidy program for the benefit of low-income residents of the Town of Ladysmith to the upcoming strategic planning process.

Motion carried.

Water and Parcel Tax Utility Billing Options

MS 2019-012

Moved and seconded:

That the Committee refer discussion regarding alternatives to sewer and water parcel taxes to the upcoming strategic planning process.

Motion carried.

Ladysmith Harbour Authority

MS 2019-013

Moved and seconded:

That the Committee recommend that Council approach the Ladysmith Fishermen's Wharf Association (Ladysmith Harbour Authority) expressing their interest in providing a representative from the Town to sit on the board of the Association.

Motion carried.

Councillors Stevens and McKay expressed interest in representing the Town on the board of the Ladysmith Fishermen's Wharf Association.

ADJOURNMENT

MS 2019-014

Moved and seconded:

That this meeting of the Municipal Services Committee adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Motion carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chair (Councillor D. Paterson)

Corporate Officer (J. Winter)