THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

Monday, September 9, 2019 6:30 P.M. Council Chambers, City Hall Pages

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Recommendation

That the agenda for this September 9, 2019 meeting of the Municipal Services Committee be approved.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Municipal Services Committee Meeting held June 10, 2019

<u>Recommendation</u> That the minutes of the Municipal Services Committee meeting held June 10, 2019 be approved.

4. **REPORTS**

4.1 2019 Second Quarter Financial Report

Recommendation

That the Committee receive for information purposes the 2019 Second Quarter Financial Report from the Director of Financial Services.

4.2 Building Inspector's Report to July 31, 2019

Recommendation

That the Committee receive the Building Inspector's Report for the months April to July 2019.

4.3 Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Reports for the months April, May and June 2019

Recommendation

That the Committee receive the Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Reports for the months April to June 2019.

4.4 Coastal Animal Control Services Reports for the months April, May and June 2019

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Recommendation

That the Committee receive the Coastal Animal Control Services Reports for the months April to June 2019.

5. COUNCIL SUBMISSIONS

5.1 Grant Writing for Community Groups (Councillor Jacobson)

Councillor Jacobson has requested that Council discuss options to support our local community groups in terms of their grant writing and ongoing funding.

5.2 Views Along Trans Canada Highway Through Ladysmith (Councillor Virtanen)

Councillor Virtanen has requested that Council discuss the feasibility of and options for improving water views from the Trans Canada Highway through Ladysmith.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Cannabis - Discussion of Survey Results

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Cowichan Housing Association

Recommendation

That the Committee recommend that Council appoint a member of Council to serve on the Regional Housing Service Community Advisory Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, June 10, 2019 6:30 P.M. Council Chambers, City Hall

Council Members Present:

Mayor Aaron Stone Councillor Duck Paterson Councillor Amanda Jacobson Councillor Rob Johnson Councillor Tricia McKay Councillor Marsh Stevens Councillor Jeff Virtanen

Staff Present:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Duck Paterson called this June 10, 2019 meeting of the Municipal Services Committee to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

MS 2019-031

That the agenda for this June 10, 2019 Municipal Services Committee Meeting be approved as amended to include a presentation to retiring Director of Development Services, Felicity Adams. *Motion Carried*

3. PRESENTATION TO RETIRING DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Mayor Stone made a presentation on behalf of the Committee celebrating the accomplishments of Felicity Adams, the Director of Development Services, in her

twelve years with the Town. Councillor Paterson also acknowledged Ms. Adams and her work, and commended her professionalism.

Ms. Adams thanked Council and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work for the Town of Ladysmith. Councillors wished her well in her retirement.

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Municipal Services Committee Meeting held April 8, 2019

MS 2019-032

That the minutes of the Municipal Services Committee meeting held April 8, 2019 be approved. *Motion Carried*

5. REPORTS

5.1 Coastal Animal Control Services Reports for January to March 2019

MS 2019-033

That the Committee receive the Coastal Animal Control Services Reports for the months January to March, 2019. *Motion Carried*

5.2 Development Cost Charges Waivers Review

MS 2019-034

That the Municipal Services Committee recommend to Council that staff be directed to prepare:

- A Development Cost Charges (DCC) reduction bylaw affordable rental housing policy, including eligibility conditions that could be considered on an individual project basis.
- 2. A bylaw to repeal the current DCC reduction bylaw for not-for-profit rental housing (Bylaw 1804).
- 3. A bylaw to amend the Downtown DCC reduction (waiver) Bylaw 1781 to add a five year sunset clause.

Motion Carried

Councillor Stevens expressed a conflict of interest with the agenda item recommendation that referenced the Ladysmith Resources Centre Association, and excused himself from the meeting for that portion of the discussion.

MS 2019-035

That the Municipal Services Committee recommend to Council that staff be directed to prepare a project specific Development Cost Charges (DCC) reduction bylaw (100% waiver) for the 36-unit LRCA not-for-profit affordable rental housing development at 314 Buller Street. *Motion Carried*

Councillor Stevens returned to the meeting.

5.3 Revitalization Tax Exemption – Economic

MS 2019-036

That the Committee direct staff to return to the next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee with a report on Revitalization Tax Exemption modelsfor a \$2.5 million investment that would include the following:

- 1. A full exemption option delivered over 10 years
- 2. A sliding scale exemption option delivered over 10 years, with exemption declining in years 6 to 10;
- 3. A full exemption option delivered over 5 years

4. Research of Best Practices from Vancouver Island communities *Motion Carried*

5.4 Payment and Signing Authority Policy

MS 2019-037

That the Committee recommend that Council approve the amended Payment and Signing Authority Policy. *Motion Carried*

5.5 2019 First Quarter Financial Report

MS 2019-038

That the Committee receive for information the 2019 First Quarter Financial report from the Director of Financial Services. *Motion Carried*

6. COUNCIL SUBMISSIONS

6.1 Single Use Plastic Bags (Councillor Virtanen)

MS 2019-039

That the Committee direct staff to develop recommendations for a potential plastic waste strategy for the community and report back to the Committee. The report will include:

- 1. Consideration for banning single use plastics and Styrofoam packaging
- 2. Research into legislation in other communities
- 3. Recommendations for consultation with the business community
- 4. Public engagement tools *Motion Carried*
- 7. NEW BUSINESS
- 8. ADJOURNMENT

MS 2019-040

That this meeting of the Municipal Services Committee adjourn at 8:10 p.m. *Motion Carried*

Chair (Councillor D. Paterson)

Corporate Officer (J. Winter)

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Report Prepared By:	Erin Anderson
Date:	July 17, 2019
Report Reviewed By:	
Meeting Date:	September 9, 2019
File No:	
RE:	2019 Second Quarter Financial Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee receive this report for information purposes.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to continue to inform Council of the financials.

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

This is the second financial report of the fiscal year 2019.

Overall, it is projected that there will be a savings at the end of the year due to debt payments on the Water Filtration Plant, position vacancies, and a greater return on investment.

Operating Budget

The Operations budget with projections to December 31st show an overall projected surplus as seen in Table 1 titled Operations to June 30, 2019.



Cowichan

Table 1: Operations to June 30, 2019

	Actuals		Forecast			
	Actuals to 31-Mar-19	Approved Budget 2019	Actual Variance %	Year-End Forecast	Year-End Forecast Variance	Forecast Variance %
REVENUES		-			-	
Taxes	11,564,614	11,597,913	100%	11,603,000	5,000	0%
Sale of Services	1,874,257	3,981,458	47%	3,996,000	15,000	0%
Licence, Permits, Rentals & Penalties	407,823	773,807	53%	780,000	6,000	1%
Development Fees	-	43,000	0%	43,000	-	0%
Donations	50	-	0%	5,000	5,000	0%
Grants	529,062	661,438	80%	674,000	12,000	2%
Investment Income	186,944	155,000	121%	356,000	201,000	130%
REVENUES Total	14,562,750	17,212,616	85%	17,457,000	244,000	1%
EXPENSES						
General Government Services	1,189,329	2,440,460	49%	2,461,000	- 20,000	1%
Protective Services	534,939	1,872,148	29%	1,737,000	135,000	5%
Transportation Services	694,319	1,495,947	46%	1,472,000	24,000	0%
Garbage Services	222,219	525,121	42%	534,000	- 9,000	-1%
Cemetery Operations	18,562	30,033	62%	30,000	-	4%
Development Services	302,635	703,778	43%	682,000	22,000	0%
Parks	375,153	721,064	52%	731,000	- 10,000	-1%
Recreation & Cultural Services	1,274,945	2,613,830	49%	2,613,000	1,000	0%
Sewer Services	622,919	1,720,640	36%	1,553,000	167,000	2%
Water Services	470,433	1,261,164	37%	1,087,000	174,000	3%
Debt Payments	449,017	1,157,540	39%	962,000	195,000	25%
Transfers	2,080,113	2,670,891	78%	2,671,000	-	0%
EXPENSES Total	8,234,583	17,212,616	48%	16,533,000	679,000	4%
Surplus/(Deficit)	6,328,167	-		924,000		

Revenue – Taxes & Parcel Taxes

Projected to be \$5k above budget

Revenue from property taxation is expected to be \$5,000 greater than budgeted due to increased number of parcel taxes and Grants in Lieu of taxation. This amount is offset slightly by two supplementary adjustments received from BC Assessment.

Revenue – Sale of Services (Fees & Charges)	Projected to be 15k above budget
Revenue - Sale of Services (Lees & Charges)	FIDJECTED TO BE TOK ADOVE DUDGET

Water, Sewer & Solid Waste fees for the second quarter of 2019 were levied in June. This is the first billing under the amended rates structure.

- Water consumption during the second quarter was lower than in 2018. Water restrictions were in place earlier in 2019 than in previous years which is expected to have a financial impact on the water revenue budget at year-end. The rate revenue levied was 45% of budget (2018 48%).
- Sewer charges were 49% of budget (2018 50%).
- Solid Waste fees were 50% of budget (2018 51%).
- Cemetery revenue was 43% of budget (2018 70%). If this trend continues, budget revenues will not be achieved by roughly \$5k, though there is a correlating expense that would also be reduced.
- Recreation revenues are similar to previous years at 50% of budget (2018 50%).

Revenue – Licence, Permits, Rentals & Penalties

- Licensing Revenue (Business, Pet, Vehicle), 96% (2018 95%) is expected to meet budget.
- Overall, permit revenue is lower at this point in 2019 at 47% (2018 76%) than previously though the majority of the difference is due to the timing of subdivision approvals. It is expected that this will be on track by the end of the year.
- Rental revenues are at 63% (2018 62%) of budget which is similar to previous years. The vacancies due to the renovations at the Machine Shop will determine the outcome of this budget at year-end. Most likely budget will not be achieved. Pool Rental and Facility Bookings are greater than in previous years, resulting in increased projected revenue.

Revenue – Operating Grants Projected to be \$12k above budget

The Town has received some additional grant funding to provide recreation programs. This additional revenue is projected to be above budget by year-end. The Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Grant received was \$55k in 2019 (\$45k in 2018).

Revenue – Investment Income	Projected to be \$201Tk above budget

Investment income has already achieved budgeted amounts. As interest rates increase, the amount of interest earned on the capital funds invested will be greater than budgeted.

Expenses - General Government Services Projected to be \$20k over budget	Expenses - General Government Services	Projected to be \$20k over budget
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The second quarter, General Government Services are at 49% of budget (2018 – 40%) which is greater than in 2018. One of the largest differences from last year is the Waterfront Implementer role which was vacant for the first part of 2018 and now the last part of 2019.

Overall, General Government is expected to be over budget by the end of the year. Legal costs are anticipated to exceed budget and some staffing costs in the Finance area are adding pressure to the budget.

Expenses - Protective Services	Projected to be \$135k under budget
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As anticipated, this area will have a surplus at the end of the year due to the approved RCMP member budgeted partially in 2019 to be in-place in 2020.

Currently, Protective Services are at 29% of budget (2018 – 31%). The last invoice from RCMP E Division for member strength was 5.18 of the 7 authorized. This translates to a \$55k in savings. This amount, plus the approved surplus and Keep of Prisoners results in a large surplus in this area.

The Fire Department is trending higher in expenses than in previous years. It is expected that this area will be over budget by the end of the year

Expenses - Transportation/Public Works

Projected to be \$24k under budget

Snow and ice removal costs were \$119,900 for the first quarter of the year which was greater than the original budget discussed during Budget deliberations. These costs were offset by the snow and ice reserve by \$38,100. There is a partial savings in employment costs as employees have worked on capital projects.

Projected to be \$9k over budget

The Cowichan Valley Regional District increased the cost of tipping for organics after the Financial Plan was deliberated. This additional cost will likely push this service cost over budget. Adjustments to the amount reserved from the MMBC rebate could be used to offset the increase.

Expenses – Cemetery Operations

The Cemetery is at 62% of budget (2018 – 57%). It is still projected to be on budget at year end.

Expenses – Development Services	Projected to be \$22k under budget

The Development Services are currently under budget at 43% of budget, which is consistent with previous years (2018 - 43%). A budgeted position in the Building area has not been filled, resulting in an anticipated savings.

Due to internal shifts, Building & Bylaw Compliance will be returning to Public Works in Q3.

Expenses - H	Parks
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Projected to be \$10k over budget

Projected to be on budget

This area is at 52% of budget (2018 – 48%), due to the windstorm damage. Staff will monitor this budget and make any necessary adjustments to remain on target.

The PRC department is operating at approximately 49% of budget. This is approximately the same at this time period last year (2018 – 50%).

Expenses –Sewer Services	Projected to be \$167k under budget
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There are 2 partial vacancies in this department. As a result, the area is forecasted to be under budget by year-end. These vacancies will be filled when the new Water Filtration Plant comes online. Expenses – Water Services

Projected to be \$174k under budget

This area is currently under budget, though actuals are in line with previous periods 37% (2018 – 38%). The Financial Plan anticipated the Water Filtration Plant to be operating earlier in the year which has direct impact on the hydro, materials and supplies and staffing. With the delays in the construction, these expenses are just deferred to a future time, resulting in a savings in the current year.

Council has directed staff to utilize some of these operational savings to fund additional water capital projects, such as the Baden Powell Main upgrade.

Expenses – Debt Payments	Projected to be \$195k under budget

The debt on the Water Filtration Plant has been executed. In the first year, there is interest only payments required, resulting in a savings in the water utility. Council approved the use of some of these surplus funds for the select Water Capital projects.

Per Council's direction, \$10,000 from the sale of the Pierce firetruck was applied against the outstanding debt with Municipal Finance Authority (MFABC) on the newest firetruck.

Capital Projects

			Requires	
Not Started	On Track	Delayed	add't funds	Complete

Project Name	YTD with Commitments	Budget	Variance	Status Mar 31 st	Status Jun 30 th
Development Services					
Waterfront Zoning Update	\$0	\$10,000	0%		
Waterfront Land Use Approvals	\$0	\$5,000	0%		
Planning Guides & Checklists	\$0	\$10,000	0%		
Corporate					
Website Upgrade	\$0	\$35,000	0%		
Photocopier (CH)	\$0	\$22,000	0%		
Cannabis Survey	\$16,200	\$20,000	81%		
Public Works Expansion	\$0	\$1,000,000	0%		
DCC Review	\$14,875	\$32,450	46%		
Water & Sewer Rates Bylaw	\$6,357	\$33,643	19%		
Parks, Recreation & Culture					
City Hall- Improvements	\$0	\$8,484	0%		
HC Switchback trail	\$12,259	\$10,000	123%		

Golf Course Trail & Netting	\$11,757	\$20,000	59%	
Holland Creek Trail Rebuild	\$20,631	\$20,000	103%	
Mobile Food Service site upgrades	\$3,043	\$9,000	34%	
Concrete pads for bleachers - Aggie	\$0	\$7,500	0%	
Concrete pads for bleachers - Holland Cr	\$0	\$10,000	0%	
Playfield Bleacher Replacement - High street	\$12,042	\$14,000	86%	
Playground - Spirit Square Removal	\$0	\$5,000	0%	
Stairs - Oyster Bay Rd/Boat Ramp	\$0	\$12,000	0%	
Tree replacement Program	\$0	\$12,000	0%	
Rotary Boat ramp float replacement	\$0	\$50,000	0%	
Lot 5 Park - trees	\$17,120	\$20,000	86%	
High Street Ballpark Fencing	\$20,057	\$20,000	100%	
Lot 108 Site Plan Concept Plan Updated	\$17,500	\$20,000	88%	
Aggie Hall Site Improvements (Playground/parking)	\$5,080	\$6,085	83%	
FJCC Sports Lights	\$0	\$60,000	0%	
Emergency Generator- PW	\$65,145	\$90,000	72%	
Machine Shop - necessary repair options	\$193,447	\$1,716,585	11%	
FJCC -Main Roof repairs	\$5,130	\$15,000	34%	
High Street Concession building roof replacement	\$5,774	\$15,000	38%	
Holland Creek Washrooms roof (ball field)	\$0	\$11,700	0%	
PW Building Roof Repair	\$18,001	\$23,000	78%	
Archives siding	\$0	\$11,000	0%	
City Hall- Investigation & repair	\$0	\$17,000	0%	
City Hall Additional Space	\$0	\$20,000	0%	
Domestic water lines at FJCC	\$4,676	\$15,000	31%	
FJCC Electrical Panel	\$0	\$10,000	0%	
FJCC Sprinkler tree replacement & backflow preventer	\$1,700	\$30,000	6%	
Heat Curtain - FJCC	\$0	\$5,000	0%	
Museum - replace exterior wood stairs	\$0	\$10,000	0%	
PW Building - Heating (Bays)	\$22,335	\$30,000	74%	
RCMP Carpet Replacement	\$0	\$35,000	0%	
Sump Pump	\$4,650	\$25,000	19%	

Transfer Beach Kinsmen Shelter	\$571	\$10,000	6%	
Art in accordance with Arts Strategy	\$0	\$10,000	0%	
Youth Services Equipment	\$0	\$5,000	0%	
FJCC Main Pool Basin Tile Repair	\$38,560	\$40,000	96%	
Public Works				
Paving: 4th Ave, Methuen to Belaire	\$120,685	\$1,202,410	10%	
Pedestrian Cross Walk - 2nd & High	\$0	\$32,207	0%	
Engineering & Construction Stnds Review	\$8,428	\$8,500	99%	
Rocky Creek Road Storm	\$0	\$97,345	0%	
Clarke Rd Storm	\$63,540	\$73,605	86%	
GPS Reference Station	\$9,459	\$12,622	75%	
Dogwood - Holland Creek Bridge Inspection	\$0	\$8,680	0%	
Rocky Creek Culvert	\$1,064,805	\$1,310,882	81%	
Safety Upgrades to 1st Ave	\$0	\$15,235	0%	
Downtown Washrooms	\$1,890	\$150,000	1%	
Russell Rd Paving	\$0	\$100,000	0%	
Bucket Truck Replacement (82)	\$158,774	\$175,000	91%	
One Tonne Utility Truck (Replace 87)	\$91,552	\$80,000	114%	
Department Vehicle (PRC)	\$33,999	\$30,000	113%	
Hammer / Breaker	\$21,605	\$20,000	108%	
Liquid Anti-Icing System	\$0	\$35,000	0%	
Snow Gate	\$13,645	\$17,500	78%	
Storm Drainage Improvements	\$0	\$125,000	0%	
Storm Water Improvements PW Yard Phase 2	\$0	\$50,000	0%	
Walkem Road Sidewalk	\$0	\$150,000	0%	
Fuel Tank Removal PW Yard	\$0	\$15,000	0%	
Holland Creek Crossing (traffic)	\$0	\$3,200,000	0%	
1260 Churchill PI Property Develoment	\$0	\$15,000	0%	
Amphitheatre Tank Lid Replacement	\$13,301	\$13,300	100%	
1st Ave Irrigation Vault	\$0	\$2,600	0%	
Holland Dam - Storage Feasibility , Tendering, pre Construction	¢0	¢02 007	00/	
	\$3 113 455	\$86,887 \$12,060,63 7	0%	
Water Filtration Project	\$3,113,455	7	26%	

Holland Lake Vegetation Control	\$196	\$13,625	1%	
Water Meter & Vault - Stocking Lake	\$2,381	\$64,278	4%	
Holland Lake Generator	\$11,165	\$15,826	71%	
Holland Supply Main Replacement: PW to Colonia	\$12,986	\$384,772	3%	
Water Meter Handheld Reader	\$13,416	\$13,300	101%	
Stocking Lake Dam Repair	\$0	\$250,000	0%	
Water Meter replacement	\$24,784	\$46,700	53%	
SCADA	\$O	\$25,000	0%	
Water main Replacement Baden Powell 4th- 3rd	\$467,357	\$250,000	187%	
Holland Dam - Storage Upgrade (construction)	\$0	\$12,410,00 0	0%	
Holland Dam - Storage Upgrade (design)	\$0	\$1,286,000	0%	
Holland to Stocking Supply Main Interconnection (design)	\$0	\$406,000	0%	
Stocking Lake Supply main PRV Station	\$0	\$70,000	0%	
Loop Connection - Craig to Russell Upsize	\$0	\$90,000	0%	
Watermain Loop - Battie to Thetis	\$7,692	\$80,000	10%	
Water main replacement - Baden Powell	\$169,822	\$446,000	38%	
Stocking Lake Rupture	\$0	\$150,000	0%	
Sanitary PumpStn Emergency Ops Review	\$0	\$25,000	0%	
Flow Monitoring	\$0	\$56,500	0%	
Gill Road Lift Station	\$11,668	\$322,230	4%	
Sewer UV Pilot Study	\$10,390	\$100,000	10%	
Stage 2 Environmental impact study	\$0	\$160,000	0%	
Sewer Outfall-study	\$0	\$10,000	0%	
Staff facility improvements - compost	\$27,459	\$44,764	61%	
Bio-Filter Cover	\$0	\$100,000	0%	
Compost Screener	\$0	\$100,000	0%	
WWTP Lab Testing Equipment	\$0	\$10,000	0%	
Inflow & Infiltration Connections	\$0	\$60,000	0%	
Security fencing and cameras for compost facility	\$O	\$75,000	0%	
Post Treatment Disinfection Options	\$0	\$250,000	0%	
Emergency Lift Station Generators	\$0	\$400,000	0%	
Waterfront				

Waterfront Studies	\$61,727	\$54,105	114%	
WAP Economic Partnership Agreement	\$0	\$17,295	0%	
Comprehensive development Agreements	\$0	\$25,927	0%	
Arts & Heritage Hub	\$1,689	\$50,000	3%	
Geotechnical study for road alignment	\$0	\$50,000	0%	
Infrastructure costing study	\$0	\$30,000	0%	
Legal survey of development parcels	\$24,000	\$30,000	80%	
Storm drainage relocation	\$0	\$15,000	0%	
Lot 5 Acquisition	\$292,000	\$342,000	85%	
Arts & Heritage Hub (Phase 1)	\$0	\$4,305,000	0%	

Capital Funding to June 30:

Grants	\$ 2,666,302
Developer Contributions	20,900
Proceeds from Sale of Asset	40,069
Use of DCC's	3,846
Amphitheatre Reserve	10,000
Gas Tax	15,181
Borrowing	536,810
Real Property Reserve	346,105
Surplus	15,645
Taxation/utilities	104,232

ALTERNATIVES:

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS;

Keeping Council informed of the financial state of the organization.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS;

This is a snapshot of the Town's finances for a point in time. Payments and deposits continue to be received which will change the financial figures. These statements are not audited.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

The public is encouraged to review the report and provide comments.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS:

n/a

ALIGNMENT WITH SUSTAINABILITY VISIONING REPORT:

	Complete	Community	Land	Use
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Green Buildings

□Innovative Infrastructure

Healthy Community

oxtimes Not Applicable

 \Box Low Impact Transportation

Multi-Use Landscapes

Local Food Systems

 \Box Local, Diverse Economy

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Employment & Tax Diversity
 Watershed Protection & Water Management
 Communications & Engagement

□ Natural & Built Infrastructure

Partnerships

oxtimes Not Applicable

SUMMARY:

It is recommended that the Committee receive this report.

I approve the report and recommendation(s).

Guillermo Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S):

Consolidated Statement of Operations June 30, 2019 Consolidated Statement of Financial Position – as of June 30, 2019 Listing of Vendor Payments over \$25,000 Jan 1 – Jun 30, 2019

TOWN OF LADYSMITH CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AS AT June 30, 2019

	Actuals 2019	Budget 2019	% of Budget
Revenue			
Taxes:			
Municipal purposes taxation	7,130,277	7,130,506	100%
Policing taxation	1,320,677	1,320,624	100%
Parcel taxes	2,941,563	2,975,882	99%
Grants in Lieu	172,097	170,901	101%
Sale of Services:			
General - other	33,859	27,970	121%
Recreation	291,051	577,703	50%
Protective Services	-	82,150	0%
Cemetery	11,960	28,000	43%
Solid Waste	321,743	649,148	50%
Sewer	705,257	1,445,815	49%
Water	531,376	1,170,672	45%
Investment Income	204,935	155,000	132%
Licence, Permits, Rentals & Penalties	406,891	773,807	53%
Grants	3,195,365	21,185,687	15%
Donations and contributed property	21,150	2,168,500	1%
Gain (loss) on foreign exchange	-	-	
Gain (loss) on disposal of tangible capital asse	40,069	10,000	
Development Cost Charges utilized	13,846	982,750	1%
Gas tax funds utilized	15,181	1,702,054	1%
	17,357,296	42,557,169	41%
Expenses: (excluding amortization)			
General government services	1,295,058	2,782,721	47%
Protective services	562,278	1,943,656	29%
Transportation services	681,335	1,557,956	44%
Garbage services	222,219	525,121	42%
Cemetery services	18,562	30,033	62%
Development services	302,635	728,778	42%
Recreation and cultural services	1,274,973	2,634,175	48%
Parks operation services	413,206	792,864	52%
Sewer	663,542	2,249,640	29%
Water	558,503	1,697,819	33%
Operating Expenses	5,992,310	14,942,763	40%
General Capital Projects	523,541	14,224,947	4%
Water Capital Projects	3,321,322	27,988,739	12%
Sewer Capital Projects	29,659	1,361,994	2%
Proceeds from New debt (capital financing)	- 5,411,952	- 8,911,952	61%
Principal Payments	372,698	628,187	59%
Internal Funding	- 1,172,568	- 7,677,509	15%
BALANCE	13,702,285.20		
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TOWN OF LADYSMITH CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT June 30, 2019

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Financial Assets	
Cash and short term deposits	30,520,924.32
Accounts receivable:	,,
Property Taxes	9,378,388.17
User Fees	1,037,715.74
Other	1,928,365.51
	42,865,393.74
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	6,706,972.78
Taxes payable to other agencies	207,153.38
Post-employment benefits	232,400.00
Deferred revenue	129,847.74
Refundable deposits and other	913,635.17
Restricted reserves - other	439,797.26
Development cost charge reserve	3,236,402.36
Federal gas tax reserve	1,510,551.67
Obligations under capital lease	-
Equipment Financing	953,653.06
Short term debt (financing)	952,700.00
Debenture debt	17,258,486.89
	32,541,600.31
Net Financial Assets	10,323,793.43
Non-Financial Assets	
Tangible Capital Assets	97,692,137.38
Capital Projects in Current Year	3,874,522.04
Prepaids	20,614.80
Inventory	75,048.04
	101,662,322.26
Accumulated Surplus	111,986,115.69

Vendor Payments over \$25,000 January 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019

Supplier Name	Total
BC HYDRO	275,640
MINISTER OF FINANCE	39,739
MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY	55,722
MUNICIPAL PENSION FUND	451,390
RECEIVER GENERAL (Payroll only)	826,228
WORKSAFE BC	62,847
ICBC	59,805
MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF BC	172,696
STEWART MCDANNOLD STUART	33,765
PACIFIC BLUE CROSS	128,674
RECEIVER GENERAL FOR CANADA	268,352
RECEIVER GENERAL FOR CANADA	225,158
COLUMBIA FUELS A DIV OF PARKLAND FUEL CORP	52,102
MINISTRY OF SMALL BUSINESS AND REVENUE	137,061
LIDSTONE & COMPANY	29,786
DAVID STALKER EXCAVATING LTD	225,268
KOERS & ASSOCIATES ENGINEERING LTD	137,920
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF CANADA INC	260,691
ASSOCIATED ENGINEERING (BC) LTD	310,882
US BANK	119,287
RUSHWORTH ELECTRICAL SERVICES INC	28,963
BC LIFE & CASUALTY COMPANY	68,632
LAFARGE ASPHALT TEHCNOLOGIES A DIV OF	42,512
SOFTCHOICE CORP	48,453
HOTSON ARCHITECTURE INC	127,705
CLEARTECH INDUSTRIES INC	43,799
KTI LIMITED	28,879
CUPE LOCAL 401	40,839
MID-ISLAND FENCE PRODUCTS LTD	41,240
COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT	500,125
DISTRICT OF NORTH COWICHAN	61,998
HEROLD ENGINEERING LTD	27,242
WSP CANADA GROUP LTD	34,844
VANCOUVER ISLAND TREE SERVICE LTD	66,041
VANCOUVER ISLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY	207,026
NAC CONSTRUCTORS LTD	4,184,090
LIDSTONE & CO IN TRUST	292,000



TOWN OF LADYSMITH Quarterly Building Permit Summary - YTD JULY 2019

	C	ommercial	Inc	iustrial	Institutional		Reside	ential (NEW)		esidential Add/Suite/CH									Permit Values
	No. of Permits	Values	No.of Permits	Values	No. of Permits	Values	No. of Permits (new res)	Values	No. of Permits	Values	Dwelling Units	Total Permits	Bldg & Plbg Permit Fees This Month	Permit Values This Month	Year to Date 2019				
JUL	1	\$ 25,000	_	\$-	-	\$-	з	\$ 723,444	7	\$ 228,440	3	11	\$ 11,354	\$ 976,884	\$ 7,874,019				
Year to D	Date																		
JAN	1	\$100,000	-	\$0	-	\$0	-	\$0	2	\$31,000	-	3	\$1,441	\$131,000	\$131,000				
FEB	1	\$48,000	-	\$0	-	\$0	3	\$845,785	1	\$10,000	3	5	\$10,506	\$903,785	\$1,034,785				
MAR	-	-	1	\$20,000	-	-	4	\$1,005,268	1	\$150,000	6	6	\$13,876	\$1,175,268	\$2,210,053				
APR	1	\$50,000	1	\$15,000	-	\$0	4	\$680,630	3	\$65,400	3	9	\$9,437	\$811,030	\$3,021,083				
MAY	1	\$15,000	1	\$735,825	-	\$0	3	\$1,152,744	4	\$59,000	5	9	\$22,835	\$1,962,569	\$4,983,652				
JUN	1	\$27,000	-	\$0	-	\$0	6	\$1,760,883	6	\$125,600	8	13	\$22,349	\$1,913,483	\$6,897,135				
JUL	1	\$25,000	-	\$0	-	\$0	3	\$723,444	7	\$228,440	3	11	\$11,354	\$976,884	\$7,874,019				
AUG								14						r					
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DEC		2																	
TOTAL	6	\$265,000	З	\$770,825	0	\$0	23	\$6,168,754	24	\$669,440	28	56	\$91,797	\$7,874,019					

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Comparison	#DU	Value	#BP	Value
YTD 2019	28	\$6,168,754	56	\$7,874,019
YTD 2018	29	\$4,190,094	65	\$6,833,133
YTD 2017	50	\$6,508,014	54	\$7,004,186

NEW D.U.TYPE	SFD	SFD + Suite	Suite added to existing	Coach House	Multi-Family
THIS MONTH	3	0	0	0	0
YTD	20	2	1	1	3

Colin Bollinger, Building Inspector

Geoff Goodall, Director of Infrastructure

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FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

MONTH: April 2019

													YTD
TYPE OF CALL OUT	J	F	Μ	А	Μ	J	J	A	S	0	Ν	D	TOTALS
Alarms Activated: Pulled Station									`				0
By mistake	1												1
Electrical problem		1											1
Due to cooking		1		1									2
Assistance	2			2									4
Burning Complaint				2									2
Fire: Structure	1	1	1										3
Chimney	1	1											2
Interface / Bush													0
Vehicle													0
Other				3									3
Hazardous Materials			1										1
Hydro Lines: Down / Fire		2											2
Medical Aid	2	7	2	1									12
M∨I	4	3	1	4									12
Rescue													0
Mutual Aid provided by Ladysmith													
to outside areas	2	2	3	0									7
MONTH TOTALS (exc Practises)	13	18	8	13									52
Practises (Totals for each Month)	5	4	4	5									18
Mutual Aid requested by													
Ladysmith trom outside areas	1			0									1

ALARMS ACTIVATED (Location/Owner)

COMPARISONS:

Year to Date 2019 52 (exc. practices)

Year to Date 2018

64 (exc. practices)

Year to Date 2017 66 (exc. practices)

APPROVED: leven Qu Fire Chief



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FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

MONTH: May 2019

													YTD
TYPE OF CALL OUT	J	F	Μ	Α	Μ	J	J	A	S	0	N	D	TOTALS
Alarms Activated: Pulled Station													0
By mistake	1												1
Electrical problem		1											1
Due to cooking		1		1									2
Assistance	2			2									4
Burning Complaint				2	2								4
Fire: Structure	1	1	1										3
Chimney	1	1											2
Interface / Bush													0
Vehicle													0
Other				3									3
Hazardous Materials			1										1
Hydro Lines: Down / Fire		2											2
Medical Aid	2	7	2	1	2								14
MVI	4	3	1	4	8								20
Rescue													0
Mutual Aid provided by Ladysmith													
to outside areas	2	2	3	0									7
MONTH TOTALS (exc Practises)	13	18	8	13	12								64
Practises (Totals for each Month)	5	4	4	5	4								22
Mutual Aid requested by													
Ladysmith trom outside areas	1			0									1

ALARMS ACTIVATED (Location/Owner)

COMPARISONS:

Year to Date 2019 64 (exc. practices)

Year to Date 2018 81 (exc. practices)

Year to Date 2017 74 (exc. practices)

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FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

MONTH: June 2019

	<u> </u>				i			Γ			r		
TYPE OF CALL OUT	J	F	м	A	м	J	J	A	s	0	N	D	YTD TOTALS
Alarms Activated: Pulled Station							<u> </u>		Ŭ	Ŭ			
By mistake	1												1
Electrical problem		1				1							2
Due to cooking		1		1		1							3
Assistance	2			2		2							6
Burning Complaint				2	2	1							5
Fire: Structure	1	1	1			2							5
Chimney	1	1											2
Interface / Bush													0
Vehicle													0
Other				3		3							6
Hazardous Materials			1			1							2
Hydro Lines: Down / Fire		2											2
Medical Aid	2	7	2	1	2	2							16
MVI	4	3	1	4	8	1	-						21
Rescue													0
Mutual Aid provided by Ladysmith													
to outside areas	2	2	3	0		3							10
MONTH TOTALS (exc. Practises)	13	18	8	13	12	17	n i na na seconda de la se						81
Practises (Totals for each Month)	5	4	4	5	4	4				and the second secon	and the payon of the state		26
Mutual Aid requested by													
Ladysmith trom outside areas	1			0		1							2

ALARMS ACTIVATED (Location/Owner)

 Alarm due to cooking at 310
 4th Avenue.
 Alarm due to Faulty sensor at 341 Chemainus Road

COMPARISONS:

Year to Date 2019 <u>81</u> (exc. practices)

Year to Date 2018 <u>81</u> (exc. practices)

Year to Date 2017 <u>74</u> (exc. practices)

APPROVED: leve Fire Chief

CAS Summary of Service Calls

Total calls by type:	8
Aggressive	3
At large	2
Noisy	3

01-Apr-19 to 30-Apr-19

Issue	Call #	Received	Туре	Completed
Ladysmith			8 calls	
Aggressive			3	
	1996	29-Apr-19	Dog	
	1995	17-Apr-19	Dog	18-Apr-19
	1992	05-Apr-19	Dog	18-Apr-19
At large			2	
-	1997	30-Apr-19	Dog	02-May-19
	1993	09-Apr-19	Dog	09-Apr-19
Noisy			3	
	1994	12-Apr-19	Dog	
,	1991	04-Apr-19	Dog	
	1990	03-Apr-19	Dog	05-Apr-19
Total:			8 calls	

CAS Summary of Service Calls

01-May-19 to 31-May-19

01 may 17 to 51-may-17				Noisy
Issue	Call #	Received	Туре	Completed
Ladysmith			7 calls	
Aggressive			3	
	2003	22-May-19	Dog	29-May-19
	2002	22-May-19	Dog	23-May-19
	2001	14-May-19	Dog	21-May-19
At large			2	
	2004	15-May-19	Dog	28-May-19
	1999	07-May-19	Dog	
Confined			1	
	1998	03-May-19	Dog	03-May-19
Noisy			1	
	2000	07-May-19	Dog	
Total;			7 calls	

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Total calls by type:7Aggressive3At large2Confined1Noisy1

CAS Summary of Service Calls

01-Jun-19 to 30-Jun-19

Issue	Call #	Received	Туре	Completed
Ladysmith			8 calls	
Aggressive			2	
	2008	12-Jun-19	Dog	
	2007	04-Jun-19	Dog	13-Jun-19
At large			1	
-	2012	26-Jun-19	Dog	26-Jun-19
Noisy			4	
	2011	25-Jun-19	Dog	28-Jun-19
	2010	20-Jun-19	Dog	24-Jun-19
	2006	04-Jun-19	Dog	
	2005	03-Jun-19	Dog	20-Jun-19
Other			1	
	2009	17 - Jun-19	Dog	18-Jun-19
Total:			8 calls	

Total calls by type:8Aggressive2At large1Noisy4Other1

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report Prepared By: Joanna Winter, Manager of Legislative Services
Date: July 31, 2019
Report Reviewed By: Guillermo Ferrero, CAO
Meeting Date: August 19, 2019
File No: 4320-20
RE: RESULTS OF SURVEY ON RETAIL SALE OF CANNABIS IN LADYSMITH

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- Receive the report "Community Survey on Retail Sale of Cannabis" May 2019 (Mustel Group) and summary of social media and PlaceSpeak public engagement regarding the retail sale of cannabis; and
- 2. Direct staff to review best practices from other municipalities in B.C. and utilize the public engagement results, to report back to Council with recommendations to permit the retail sale of cannabis in Ladysmith.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide the results of the recent survey sent to all households in Ladysmith to determine public opinion regarding the sale of cannabis in Ladysmith.

Resolution	MeetingDate	Resolution Details
CS 2018-346	09/17/2018	That Council:
		1. Approve the proposed public survey on the retail sale of cannabis in Ladysmith
		2. Direct that the survey be mailed to every household in Ladysmith
CS 2019-118	04/01/2019	That Council: 1. Continue with the proposed community consultation on the retail sale of cannabis in Ladysmith. 2. 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.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

Resolution	MeetingDate	Resolution Details
CS 2018-063		 That the Town initiate a community dialogue regarding the retail sale of cannabis within the Town of Ladysmith. That Council direct staff to prepare a list of options for community engagement as well as a proposed budget allocation for consideration. 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.

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

Recognizing that the legalization of cannabis in 2018 throughout Canada would increase demand for retail sales of Cannabis, Council struck a sub-committee to investigate how best to approach the matter of retail sales of cannabis in Ladysmith. Under a Zoning Bylaw amendment adopted in 2017, the retail sale of cannabis is currently prohibited in the town of Ladysmith.

The Town contracted with Mustel Group Market Research to conduct the survey that the subcommittee developed.

The survey was mailed to each household within the Town boundaries, along with a cover letter from the Mayor. Residents were provided with the choice to return a paper survey, or to complete the survey online. If the online option was chosen, respondents used a unique identifier provided in order to maintain the validity of the survey methodology, as the unique identifier could only be used once. Similarly, photocopied versions of the survey were not accepted. Additional numbered copies of the survey were available at City Hall for residents who either did not receive the survey in the mail, or had additional members of their household who wanted to take part.

A separate open link to the online version of the questionnaire was also provided for anyone who did not receive a paper copy. The results of this open survey were tracked separately.

The surveys were mailed on April 25, 2019 and residents were instructed to complete their survey and put it in the mail by May 22. Surveys were accepted and processed until June 3, 2019.

Surveys were mailed to 3461 households, and a further 3 surveys with unique identifiers were handed out at City Hall.

A total of 1,492 surveys were received. Of those, 1,195 had unique identifiers, while 297 were completed using the open online survey.

The response rate with unique identifiers was 34.53 per cent. The margin of error on a random sample of 1,195 would be +/- 2.3 per cent at the 95 per cent confidence level.

Staff implemented a social media campaign on Twitter, Facebook and the Town's website to let residents know about the survey, and to encourage its completion. In addition, staff set up a complementary page on the public engagement platform PlaceSpeak to invite further discussion on the topic. A summary of the campaign and input received is attached.

Survey Results

Detailed response rates are found in the Mustel report attached. The results of the unique household survey are summarized as follows:

- The majority of residents (59 per cent)support the retail sale of cannabis in Ladysmith, while 37 per cent are opposed
- Residents most commonly felt that one (40 per cent) or two (28 per cent) outlets should be allowed. Note that 73 per cent of those *opposed* to the sale of cannabis felt that one outlet is preferable
- Residents most commonly felt that outlets should be at least one kilometer apart (41 per cent)
- Coronation Square and Downtown were the most preferred locations for outlets. Of note is that a nearly equal number (36 per cent) of respondents felt that sales should be permitted wherever retail sales are currently allowed
- Residents feel that there should be distance rules established for schools, playgrounds, daycares and park entrances. Although there was no clear preference for what that distance should be, the majority who responded felt that between 200 and 500 metres is appropriate

Approach to cannabis sales in other communities

Staff have collected preliminary information for other communities, and will provide analysis in an upcoming report.

ALTERNATIVES:

Options Council can consider include:

- 1. Maintain the current ban on the retail sale of cannabis; OR
- 2. Direct staff to review best practices from other municipalities in B.C., utilize the public engagement results, and report back to Council with recommendations to permit the retail sale of cannabis in Ladysmith.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS;

There are no financial implications identified at this time.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS;

If retail outlets are permitted in Ladysmith, they will have to comply with federal and provincial regulations governing the display and marketing of cannabis for sale.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Council conducted the survey to gauge public opinion on the matter of retail sales of cannabis in Ladysmith. The response rate is a credible measure of how residents feel about the issue.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS:

It is recommended that Development Services staff review best practices from other municipalities in B.C. and utilize the public engagement results, to report back to Council with recommendations to permit the retail sale of cannabis in Ladysmith.

ALIGNMENT WITH SUSTAINABILITY VISIONING REPORT:

- □Complete Community Land Use
- Green Buildings
- □Innovative Infrastructure
- □ Healthy Community
- ⊠ Not Applicable

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

- Employment & Tax Diversity
- UWatershed Protection & Water Management
- □Communications & Engagement

- Low Impact Transportation
- □ Multi-Use Landscapes
- □ Local Food Systems
- Local, Diverse Economy
 - Natural & Built Infrastructure
 - Partnerships
 - 🛛 Not Applicable

SUMMARY:

The results of Council's public survey on the retail sales of cannabis in Ladysmith are provided for Council's information. Council is requested to provide further direction to staff on next steps if it wishes to permit cannabis retail outlets in the community.

I approve the report and recommendation(s).

Guillermo Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S):

Community Survey on Retail Survey of Cannabis (Mustel Group – May 2019) Summary of engagement input (social media and PlaceSpeak)

Town of Ladysmith Community Survey on Retail Sale of Cannabis



May 2019



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Foreword

Background

Recreational cannabis became legal in Canada on October 17, 2018. While the Province of BC is responsible for regulating the sale and use of cannabis in the province, the Town of Ladysmith can control where non-medical cannabis can be sold in the community. Therefore, the Town of Ladysmith engaged a professional opinion research firm, Mustel Group, to survey its residents to gather input to help shape those decisions.

The brief survey provides residents the opportunity to provide opinions about where in the community non-medical cannabis should be sold.

Methodology

- The questionnaire was designed with input from Council and staff. It was mailed to each household within the township boundaries (a total of 3,461 households). A letter of introduction by the Mayor with instructions for returning the survey were included with the survey.
- A choice was provided of completing a paper version or on-line version of the questionnaire. If completing the questionnaire on-line, a unique code was provided. Residents were also provided the opportunity and instructions for completing a second questionnaire, if another household member wished to do so.
- A separate "open" link to the on-line version of the questionnaire was also provided for anyone who did not co receive a paper copy and wished to be included in the surper age 32 of 62

- Around the time that the surveys were mailed to households, the Town promoted the survey via social media, sharing the link to the Town's website where the online survey was made available.
- The paper household surveys were mailed April 29, 2019 and residents were instructed to complete their survey and put it in the mail by May 22, 2019. Surveys were accepted and processed until June 3, 2019.
- On conclusion of the survey fieldwork period, a total of 1,492 completed surveys were received. Of that, 1,195 were completed using unique household codes (856 on paper and 339 online), and 297 were completed using the open link (not requiring a unique household code).
- Survey results are presented in this report as two separate groups. The "Household Survey" that includes results from all those responding using a unique verified household code, and the "Open Link Survey" that includes those that completed a survey without using a household code.
- At the data processing stage, minor weighting by age and gender was applied to the household surveys to match Statistics Canada census data for the Town of Ladysmith.
- □ The margin of error on a random sample of 1,195 would be +/-2.3% at the 95% confidence level, using the finite sample correction factor, applied when a sample is greater than 10% of its universe.
- The questionnaire administered is appended to the report. Detailed computer tabulations are available under separate cover.





Executive Overview

Support for Retail Cannabis Businesses

The majority of residents expresses support for retail businesses in the Town of Ladysmith, including approximately six-in-ten amongst the household sample (59%) and more than eight-in-ten among the open link sample (83%).

Number of Businesses

When asked how many retail cannabis businesses should be allowed in the Town of Ladysmith, residents most commonly felt one (40%) or two (28%) would be appropriate.

Distance Between Cannabis Outlets

- In terms of proximity to each other, residents most commonly felt, if there were more than one retail cannabis outlet they should be spaced at least one kilometre or more apart (41%).
- This compares with 15% who think they should be no more than 5 blocks apart, however 27% feels there should be no distance restrictions in place.

Preferred Locations

Coronation Square (35%) and Downtown (33%), are the most commonly preferred locations, however a further 36% of residents feels that such stores should be allowed wherever retail sales are currently allowed.
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Distance Rules Between Outlets and Other Uses

- Residents most commonly feel there should be distance rules established for schools, playgrounds, daycares, and park entrances.
- Opinion varies as to what the distance rules should be, with residents most commonly feeling that a distance of between 200 and 500 metres is appropriate (33%, or 58% of those with an opinion).



Detailed Findings





Demographic Profile of Responses

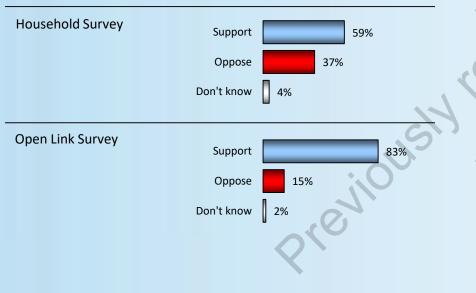
	Random <u>Survey</u> (1,195) %	Opt-in <u>Survey</u> (297) %
Gender		
Male	45	34
Female	51	65
Other	<1	<1
Prefer not to say	4 🤇	<1
Age		
Under 35 years	17	24
35 to 44	13	28
45 to 54	17	16
55 to 64	20	18
65 or better	33	15
Prefer not to say	1	-

- This report presents survey responses from two samples. The first includes **"Household Surveys"**, those who completed a paper survey that was mailed to their home or completed a survey online using the unique code that was printed on the paper survey mailed to their home. A minor weighting factor was applied to this sample to ensure it is representative of the population according to age and gender.
- The second sample includes those who completed an online survey using the **"Open Link"** without entering a unique household code. Many of these surveys were completed in response to the social media promotion by the Town of Ladysmith via Facebook and Twitter. The profile of these respondents skews somewhat towards females (65%), and younger residents (52% are under the age of 45).





Support for Retail Cannabis Businesses in Ladysmith



- The first question in the survey asked residents if they support or oppose the opening of retail cannabis businesses in the Town of Ladysmith. The majority in each sample expresses support for retail businesses in the town, including approximately six-in-ten amongst the household sample and more than eight-in-ten among the open link sample.
- Strongest support comes from those aged under 35 (71%) and those aged 55 to 64 (64%), compared with those aged 35 to 54 years (54%) and those 65+ (53%).

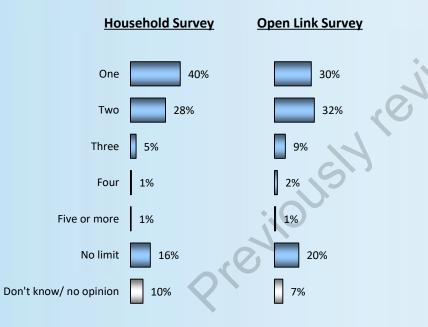
Base: Household Survey (n=1,195) Open Link Survey (n=297)

Q.1) Overall, do you support or oppose the opening of retail cannabis business(es) in the Town of Ladysmith?





Number of Retail Cannabis Businesses Allowed in Ladysmith



When asked how many retail cannabis businesses should be allowed in the Town of Ladysmith, residents most commonly felt one (40%) or two (28%) would be appropriate.

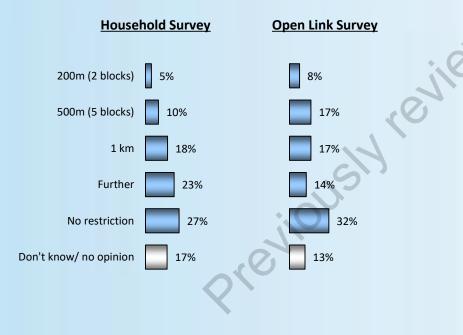
- Those opposed to allowing retail sale of cannabis in Ladysmith were most likely to accept just one outlet (73%), while those in support were more likely to favour two (43%) or feel that no limit should be imposed (27%).
- This opinion was largely consistent between the two sample groups.

Base: Household Survey (n=1,195) Open Link Survey (n=297)





Distance Between Cannabis Outlets



In terms of proximity to each other, residents most commonly felt, if there were more than one retail cannabis outlet they should be spaced at least one kilometre or more apart (41%).

- This compares with 15% who think they should be no more than 5 blocks apart, however 27% feels there should be no distance restrictions in place.
- Those responding to the open link are more likely to feel the stores should be no more than 5 blocks apart (25%), or there should be no distance restrictions in place (32%).

Base: Household Survey (n=1,195) Open Link Survey (n=297)

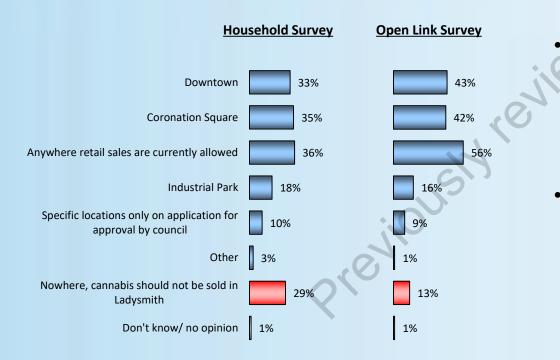
Q.3) If Council supports the opening of more than one cannabis outlet, how far apart from each other do you think cannabis outlets should be located?

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Preferred Locations for Retail Cannabis Stores



The most commonly preferred specific locations for the placement of retail cannabis outlets include Coronation Square (35%) and Downtown (33%), however a further 36% of residents feels that such stores should be allowed wherever retail sales are currently allowed.

Opinion among those responding to the open link largely reflects that of the household results, though more than half feels stores should be allowed wherever retail sales are allowed (56%).

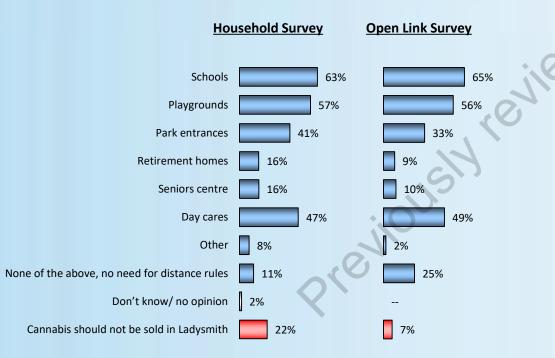
Base: Household Survey (n=1,195) Open Link Survey (n=297)

Q.4) Where do you think cannabis retail sales should be allowed? (please check all that apply)





Distance Rules Between Cannabis Outlets and Other Uses



Only one-in-ten residents feels there is no need for distance rules to be established between retail cannabis stores and other town uses.

- Residents most commonly feel there should be distance rules established for schools, playgrounds, daycares, and park entrances.
- Far fewer residents feel a need for such distance rules to be applied to seniors centres or retirement homes.

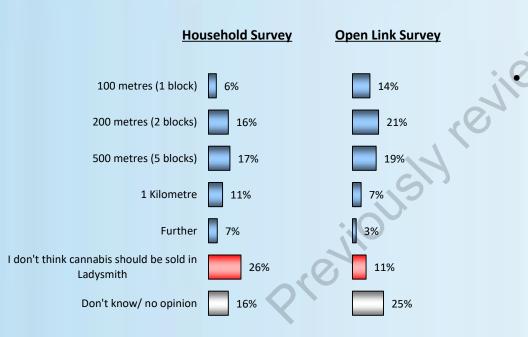
Base: Household Survey (n=1,195) Open Link Survey (n=297)

Q.5) If approved, should Ladysmith establish distance rules between cannabis outlets and any of the following other uses: (please check all that apply)





Established Distances Between Cannabis Outlets and Other Uses



Opinion varies as to what the distance rules should be, with residents most commonly feeling that a distance of between 200 and 500 metres is appropriate (33%, or 58% of those with an opinion).

Base: Household Survey (n=1,195) Open Link Survey (n=297)

Q.6) If you believe distance rules should be established, what should they be (i.e. how far should cannabis outlets be from the various other uses such as schools, park entrances or Seniors Centres)? Page 41 of 62



Questionnaire

April 29, 2019

Dear Resident:

RE: RETAIL SALE OF CANNABIS IN LADYSMITH

On behalf of Council and staff of the Town of Ladysmith, I invite you to participate in helping to shape our Town's approach to Canada's cannabis laws by completing a very brief survey.

There are two ways to complete your survey:

On Paper: Complete this paper survey and return it in the postage-paid return envelope.

Online: Simply go to <u>www.ladysmith.ca/survey</u> and click the <u>survey link for residents</u> where you will be asked to enter your household's survey code (see below). If someone else in your household would like to complete a survey, see the enclosed information sheet for how to do this.

We take this survey very seriously and your opinions will help Council decide how to regulate the retail sale of recreational cannabis (marijuana) in Ladysmith. Ladysmith's zoning bylaw does not currently allow the retail sale of recreational cannabis.

Your answers are completely anonymous and will be compiled with all others.

Please complete this survey and put it in the mail by Wednesday May 22, 2019.

Recreational cannabis became legal in Canada on October 17, 2018. 'Cannabis' refers to any product made from the leaves and flowers of the cannabis plant. It is also commonly known as marijuana, weed or pot. It can be smoked, used with a vaporizer, or added to food or drinks. Only dried and fresh cannabis, cannabis oils and seeds, and plants for personal cultivation will be legal for purchase. The sale of edible products will remain illegal until federal legislation allows otherwise.

The Province of BC is responsible for regulating the sale and use of cannabis in this province. Many topics related to the legalization of cannabis are beyond the powers of the Town of Ladysmith (see the chart on the back). What we can control is where non-medical cannabis can be sold. So, we want to hear from you about where cannabis should be sold in Ladysmith.

I highly recommend that before you complete the survey, you visit our website and check the back page of this document for background information: <u>www.ladysmith.ca/city-hall/cannabis-consultation</u>

And, you can continue the conversation on Place Speak at: http://placespeak.com/ladysmithcannabis

Thank you for taking the time to provide your thoughts and helping Council to make decisions on this important matter.

Yours truly,

Aaron Stone Mayor

If you prefer to complete online, please use this Survey Code:

ABC

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250.245.6400 / info@ladysmith.ca / www.ladysmith.ca 410 Esplanade MAIL PO Box 220, Ladysmith, BC V9G Page 43 of 62^{co} This is an anonymous survey. We will not see your personal information, and we will not share it. Thank you for taking the time to tell us what you think about this important issue.

1. Overall, do you support or oppose the opening of retail cannabis business(es) in the Town of Ladysmith?

O₁ Support O₂ Oppose

O₉₉ Don't Know/No Opinion

2. If Council allows the opening of retail cannabis businesses, how many should be allowed in the Town of Ladysmith?

O₁One O₂Two O₃Three O₄Four O₅Five or more O₆No Limit

O₉₉ Don't Know/ No opinion

3. If Council supports the opening of more than one cannabis outlet, how far apart from each other do you think cannabis outlets should be located?

O ₁ 200m (2 blocks)	O ₂ 500m (5 blocks)	O₃1 km
O ₄ Further	O ₅ No Restriction	O ₉₉ Don't Know/ No Opinion

4. Where do you think cannabis retail sales should be allowed? (*please check all that apply*)

□₁ Downtown

- **Q**₂ Coronation Square
- □₃ Anywhere retail sales are currently allowed
- □₄ Industrial park
- **D**₅ Specific locations only on application for approval by Council
- \square_{96} Other (please specify): _
- **D**₉₇ Nowhere, cannabis should not be sold in Ladysmith
- **D**₉₉ Don't Know/ No Opinion

- 5. If approved, should Ladysmith establish distance rules between cannabis outlets and any of the following other uses: *(please check all that apply)*
 - \Box_1 Schools
 - **D**₂ Playgrounds
 - \square_3 Park entrances
 - **Q**₄ Retirement Homes
 - **□**⁵ Seniors Centre
 - **D**₆ Day cares
 - □₉₆ Other (*specify*): _
 - \square_{97} None of the above, no need for distance rules
 - 99 Don't Know/ No Opinion
- 6. If you believe distance rules should be established, what should they be (*i.e. how far should cannabis outlets be from the various other uses such as schools, park entrances or Seniors Centres*)?
 - **O**₁ 100 metres (1 block)
 - O₂ 200 metres (2 blocks)
 - O₃ 500 metres (5 blocks)
 - O₄ 1 kilometre
 - \mathbf{O}_5 Further
 - \mathbf{O}_{97} I don't think cannabis should be sold in Ladysmith
 - **O**₉₉ Don't Know/ No Opinion

Finally, so we know responses are representative of the community, please state:

- 7. Your gender:
- 8. Into which age group do you fall:
- O₁ Male O₂ Female
- O₃ Other

○₃ 25-34
○₄ 35-44
○₅ 45-54
○₆ 55-64

O₂ 19-24

O₁ Under 19

O7 65+

Thank you for your time and valued input!

Legalization of Recreational Cannabis – Who's Responsible for What?

Federal Government	BC Government	Town of Ladysmith
		(within the federal and provincial legislation)
Possession limits	Set the minimum age to possess, buy or consume cannabis (19)	Zoning and business licensing to determine where cannabis stores may be located
Taxation	Allows adults to possess up to 30 grams of cannabis in a public place	Identifying where consuming cannabis will be allowed in Ladysmith (through the Smoking Regulation Bylaw)
Regulatory compliance	Prohibits cannabis smoking and vaping everywhere tobacco smoking and vaping are prohibited, as well as at playgrounds, sports fields, skate parks, and other places where children commonly gather	Setting rules on public visibility and security requirements for growing cannabis plants at home to ensure public safety and limit nuisances (such as odours and visibility).
Education	Authorizes adults to grow up to four cannabis plants per household, but the plants must not be visible from public spaces off the property, and home cultivation will be banned in homes used as day-cares	
Setting minimum regulatory standards that the province may uphold or further restrict	Established a cannabis retail licensing regime similar to the current licensing regime for liquor	

For more information on this topic you can visit:

Town of Ladysmith: https://www.ladysmith.ca/city-hall/cannabis-consultation

Facebook Cannabis Posts and Feedback

Total	11,994	2,151	37	69	30	26	11	96	11	2
22-May	584	38	1	0	-	-	-	1	0	0
18-May	932	133	1	7	1	5	1	2	1	1
16-May	1,056	85	6	3	3		-	2	0	0
14-May	1,011	47	3	0	-		-	6	0	0
11-May	838	126	0	5	2	3		5	0	0
09-May	1,200	134	7	0	-	-	-	3	0	0
06-May	1,320	354	1	14	6	6	2	16	1	0
03-May	2,831	677	11	26	9	12	5	35	4	0
30-Apr	2,222	557	7	14	9	0	3	26	5	1
					Comments	Comments	Comments			
Post Date	Reached	Engagements	Shares	Comments	Positive	Negative	Neutral	Likes	Loves	Angry face

Previously

Twitter Cannabis Posts and Feedback

Post Date	Retweets	Likes	Comments	Positive	Negative	Neutral
				Comments	Comments	Comments
30-Apr	3	3	0			
03-May	3	3	0			
06-May	1	1	0			
09-May	1	3	0			
11-May	1	3	0			
14-May	1	0	0			
16-May	1	0	0			
18-May	1	0	0			0
22-May	2	1	0			
Total	14	14	0	0	0	0

Previously

Instagram Cannabis Posts and Fedback

Post Date	Likes	Comments	Positive Comments	Negative Comments	Neutral Comments	
30-Apr						
03-May						
06-May	16	5	3	1	1	
09-May						
11-May						
14-May						N
16-May						
18-May						
22-May	15	2		1	1	
Total	31	7	3	2	2	

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PlaceSpeak Cannabis Posts and Feedback

Poll Views 540 Support 86% 15 Comments Oppose Connects 68 16% Previously reviewed **Discussion Comments** Positive 14



August 9th, 2019

Mayor Aaron Stone Town of Ladysmith P.O. Box 220, Station Main Ladysmith, BC, V9G 1A2 RECEIVED AUG 0 8 2019 TOWN OF LADYSMITH

Dear Mayor Stone;

The Cowichan Housing Association would like to invite you, or a designate of your choosing, to become a member of the *Regional Housing Service* Community Advisory Committee (CAC). The Committee is being formed to provide input to our organization on how best to achieve the goals of the Regional Housing Service; creating affordable and attainable housing for residents of the Cowichan Region.

It is vitally important to the success of this work that we have regular input from the stakeholders and decision makers in the Cowichan region, and that our work is aligned with the aspirations and needs of the community. Bringing the voice of your community to the table will help us do that, and ensures that we achieve maximum impact with the investments that are made in affordable housing.

The attached Terms of Reference outline what is involved in being a member of Community Advisory Committee; the Committee would meet about 3 times per year and would include a wide range of individuals, encompassing the geographic, cultural and socio-economic diversity of the communities comprising the CVRD. Each meeting represents an opportunity to provide advice to the Cowichan Housing Association on the strategic direction of the organisation, the implementation of the Regional Housing service and the priorities for affordable housing. It also means that we are able to convey to members and through them to their respective communities what work is being done by the CHA and its partners to deliver on affordable and attainable housing.

In addition to the Regional Housing Service Community Advisory Committee CHA intends to strike a Housing Trust Fund Allocations Committee which will review and advise CHA on applications from developers of affordable housing for financial support from the CVRD Housing Trust Fund. It is our intent to have a joint meeting of the two committees on Wednesday September 18th, 7:00pm, in the Driftwood Room at the Ramada Duncan, and we would welcome your participation.

For your information I have enclosed the Terms of Reference for the CAC committee and Executive Summary of the Regional Housing Service. The Terms of Reference for the Housing Trust Fund Allocations Committee and the Cowichan Attainable Housing Strategy can be found on our website.

Please RSVP your attendance to admin@cowichanhousing.com.

Regards,

John Horn, Executive Director, Cowichan Housing Association



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COWICHAN HOUSING ASSOCIATION

CVRD REGIONAL HOUSING SERVICE

Executive Summary

On April 11th, 2018 the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) adopted Bylaw 4201 which established an **Annual Financial Contribution Service** (the "Service") to assist with providing programs and services related to affordable housing and homelessness prevention in the Cowichan region.

The Service has two primary goals;

- To increase local funds for affordable housing in order to leverage funds from other sources and to incentivize the development of affordable and attainable housing options in the Cowichan region.
- To increase the capacity of local communities to develop affordable housing projects by providing expertise, knowledge and support.

Bylaw 4201 sets out that the maximum annual budget that may be requisitioned in support of this service shall be the greater of \$765,000 or an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax of \$.04585 per \$1,000 of net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area.

Under an agreement with the CVRD the **Cowichan Housing Association** will receive 1/3 of the total annual funding from the Financial Contribution Service to provide housing development assistance, research and planning activities. A Housing Trust Fund, held by the CVRD, will be resourced by the other 2/3 of the annual Financial Contribution Service (\$500,000 per annum) and will be used to provide capital contributions to rental housing projects, to support project development activities and provide emergency assistance to households affected by natural disasters that result in sudden and unforeseen housing loss.

The Cowichan Housing Association intends to create two advisory bodies to support this work:

- 1. Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
- 2. Housing Trust Fund Allocations Committee (HTFAC)

The Community Advisory Committee will provide input to the Executive Director on the strategic direction of the Cowichan Housing Association and on the funding priorities of the Regional Housing Service, while the Housing Trust Fund Allocations Committee reviews and makes recommendations on requests for assistance from the CVRD Housing Trust Fund to the CHA Board of Directors.

The Cowichan Housing Association will receive requests for financial assistance from the Housing Trust Fund via the HTFAC and make recommendations to the CVRD Board. Additionally CHA staff will provide assistance and support to affordable housing developers on an ongoing basis.

The Regional Housing Service is expected to play a significant role in achieving the vision of the community and the Cowichan Housing Association; *"All citizens of the Cowichan region have appropriate, affordable housing and have a sense of belonging in their community."*

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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE 2019

COWICHAN HOUSING ASSOCIATION



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1. BACKGROUND

Cowichan Regional Housing Service

In the spring of 2018, Cowichan Housing Association (CHA) put forward a proposal to the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) to establish a *Regional Housing Service*. In October 2018, a public referendum was held seeking a mandate from CVRD residents to provide such a service;

Are you in favour of the Cowichan Valley Regional District adopting *CVRD Bylaw No. 4201 - Cowichan Housing Association Annual Financial Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw, 2018* to provide regional programs and services related to affordable housing and homelessness prevention?

On October 20th 2018 the assent of the voters was received to establish an *Affordable Housing Annual Financial Contribution Service*. Subsequently CVRD Bylaw No. 4201 was adopted by the CVRD;

CVRD <u>Bylaw No. 4201</u>; Cowichan Housing Association Annual Financial Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw, 2018", will allow the CVRD to annually requisition up to the greater of \$765,000 or an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax of \$0.04584 per \$1,000 of net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area to assist the Cowichan Housing Association with costs associated with providing programs and services related to affordable housing and homelessness prevention in the Cowichan Valley.

Bylaw No. 4201 enabled a Regional Housing Service with two primary components:

- Housing Trust Fund (HTF) and,
- Cowichan Housing Association Operating Programs and Services.

The Housing Trust Fund will be provided annually with \$500,000 derived from property taxation (less referendum costs in 2019). The fund will be held by the CVRD and allocations from the Housing Trust Fund to affordable housing developers will be based on recommendations made by the Cowichan Housing Association. In addition the Cowichan Housing Association has entered into a Financial Contribution Agreement (May 2019) with the CVRD to provide the following Programs and Services;

- 1. Planning, research, housing development coordination and housing loss prevention
- 2. Service Management and Administration



Cowichan Attainable Housing Strategy

In April 2019, CHA launched a *Cowichan Attainable Housing Strategy* (Appendices A and B) that lays out priorities and an implementation plan for increasing the stock of affordable housing in the Cowichan Region. The programs and activities of the Regional Housing Service are articulated in the Regional Housing Service Guidelines and they will be implemented to serve the aims of the Strategy and will be evaluated on that basis. The success of the strategy is contingent on the collective involvement of a number of organizations and levels of government.

2. PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE

The Community Advisory Committee

In support of its mandate to facilitate the development of affordable housing within the CVRD electoral boundaries the Cowichan Housing Association seeks to establish a **Community Advisory Committee (CAC)**. The **CAC** will provide broad oversight, stakeholder input, advice and recommendations to the CHA on affordable housing development priorities and on the strategic direction of the organisation.

The purpose of the **Community Advisory Committee (CAC)** is to provide advice and support to the CHA in furtherance of its mandate to facilitate the development of affordable and attainable housing. The specific activities of the Committee are to provide advice and recommendations to the Executive Director of the Cowichan Housing Association relating to,

- 1. Regional and local objectives and priorities for affordable housing development and services
- 2. The delivery of the Regional Housing Service

The CHA Executive Director will receive the input of the CAC and provide recommendations to the CHA Board of Directors based on that input. The CAC is an advisory body whose work is facilitated by CHA staff, but it is not a subcommittee of the Cowichan Housing Association Board of Directors.

3. VALUES AND OPERATING PRINCIPLES

The Community Advisory Committee

The work of the CAC will be guided by the following Values and Operating Principles:

- Inclusive: ensuring that the issue of housing affordability is viewed from a range of lenses including; Immigrant, Disability, Rural/Urban, Aboriginal, LGBTQ2S, social equity and community liveability
- Connected: acknowledging the impact of related issues such as poverty, food security, health status, etc.
- Participatory: operating from an inclusive, participatory, transparent and respectful basis in evaluating, planning and implementing actions
- Collaborative: promoting collaboration with community stakeholders and encourage their active participation in the dialogue on affordable and attainable housing
- Regional: ensuring that all the constituent communities of the CVRD have a voice



4. MEMBER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Community Advisory Committee

The CAC provides advice and support to the CHA in the implementation of the Regional Housing Service and on priorities for affordable housing development and services in the Cowichan region. Members are expected to attend CAC meetings regularly and in the event of an absence members are to arrange for an informed alternate to attend. If a Committee member finds it necessary to resign from the Committee, a letter to that effect should be sent to the Chair of the CAC and copied to the CHA Executive Director. Members are expected to bring forward to the CAC meetings the concerns and experiences of the communities they are connected to so as to guide the CHA in its delivery of services ands supports to developers of affordable housing.

The CHA is responsible for nominating committee members, with the selection to be confirmed by the CAC. The Chair and Vice Chair will be elected annually from and by the membership of the Committee. The Chair (or Vice Chair) shall preside at all meetings of the committee, preserve decorum and decide all points of order.

5. MEMBERSHIP

The Community Advisory Committee

The Community Advisory Committee will consist of a minimum of fifteen (15) members.

Membership composition will strive to reflect the diversity within the CVRD and the community-based organizations and government agencies that intersect with the interests, mandate and mission of the CHA. Committee membership will strive for a balance between geographical representation of people and places, and a balance among the non-profit, co-operative, private and voluntary sectors, the business community and government agencies operating in the CVRD. The CAC will have representation from local government, both elected officials and municipal staff, and may include members of the general public and or service users.

CAC members will be recognized as leaders in their respective area of expertise or community, with a capacity to disseminate information, and the ability to comment on social, economic and health policy, and program and service development and implementation.

6. MEETINGS

The Community Advisory Committee

Formal (in person) meetings of the CAC will be held 3 times per year.

Meetings shall be scheduled at a time and place that allows, as much as possible, for full attendance by CAC members, and that makes allowance for the geographical spread and diverse population of the Cowichan region. Additional meetings, if required, will be set jointly by the CHA and the Community Advisory Committee.

CAC meetings will be open to members of the public; however, participation in discussion of agenda items during the CAC meetings will be limited to CAC members. Opportunities for input or comments from non-members of the CAC will be provided at the beginning of each meeting ("Delegations") and at the end (Question/Comment period).



The Community Advisory Committee will have recorded minutes, which will be distributed in a timely manner. Administrative support, minutes, agendas, correspondence and other documentation and filing processes will be maintained by the Cowichan Housing Association in collaboration with the Committee Chair(s).

7. DECISION MAKING

The Community Advisory Committee

The quorum for decision-making shall be 50% plus one (1) of the membership of the Committee.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY

The Community Advisory Committee

All members shall maintain confidentiality of sensitive issues and funding information as required. Where any Member wishes to raise and/or discuss confidential information, it is the responsibility of that Member to advise other Members that the information is to be treated as confidential. Members agree not to divulge any and all confidential information. Generally speaking confidentiality is required for all matters relating to specific business proposals or applications, major strategic and business issues, financial or legal information or potential real estate acquisitions.

9. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Community Advisory Committee

A conflict of interest exists when an individual has the opportunity to either advance or protect his or her interests, or to advance, protect or harm the interests of others. Examples may include:

- Exerting any influence to offer an advantage to an individual or organization with whom the member has a present or pre-existing relationship
- Exerting any influence that could result in a disadvantage to an individual or organization with whom the member has a present or pre-existing relationship
- Using or disseminating information acquired as a result of the member's association with the Committee for any activities external to the objectives of the Committee.

If a member's relationship with any individual or organization has the potential to impact their judgment on a decision or vote, that member shall be considered to be in conflict of interest and will declare the conflict.

When a conflict of interest is declared, the member in conflict will remove him or herself from any related discussion, motions or votes.



10. MEMBERSHIP DECLARATION

The Community Advisory Committee

Committee members are required to sign a copy of the Membership Declaration as follows:

I (print)

agree to serve as a member of the CHA Community Advisory Committee and/or as a member of a CAC Subcommittee, and adhere to the Committee Terms of Reference.

I will declare to the CAC when I believe myself to be in a conflict of interest as defined in the CAC Terms of Reference, and I agree to abide by any action the CAC deems appropriate.

I agree that confidential information I receive shall be kept in confidence, and not be used or shared for activities external to the CAC.

Signature

Date

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