



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 13, 2021
6:30 P.M.

This meeting was held electronically as per Ministerial Order No. M192

Council Members Present:

Councillor Rob Johnson, Vice Chair
Mayor Aaron Stone
Councillor Tricia McKay

Councillor Duck Paterson
Councillor Marsh Stevens
Councillor Jeff Virtanen

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Amanda Jacobson

Staff Present:

Allison McCarrick
Erin Anderson
Chris Barfoot
Jake Belobaba

Geoff Goodall
Ryan Bouma
Donna Smith
Sue Bouma

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Johnson, Chair, called this Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., and acknowledged with gratitude that this meeting was being held on the traditional unceded territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

CW 2021-041

That the agenda for this July 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved.

Motion Carried

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held May 11, 2021

CW 2021-042

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held May 11, 2021 be approved.

Motion Carried

4. REPORTS

4.1 Changes to Cannabis Retail Applications

The Committee received the report.

4.2 Alternative Locations for Community Themed Lighting

CW 2021-043

That the Committee recommend that Council direct staff to:

1. Proceed with Option 3 - lighting conversion for Bob Stuart Park with project costs to be funded by remaining funds from the recent themed lighting project at City Hall; and
2. Investigate funding options related to Option Nos. 1 and 2 provided in the staff report dated July 13, 2021, and report back to Council.

Motion Carried

4.3 Alternative Water Billing Structures and Subsidies

Councillor Virtanen requested that the Committee consider the recommendations seriatim.

CW 2021-044

That the Committee recommend that Council direct staff to draft a Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Subsidy Program bylaw with the benefit of a 50% reduction to the sewer rate, a 50% reduction to the fixed base rate for water only, and a 50% reduction to the solid waste rate, with the following criteria :

- a. the subsidy is only eligible for single, residential class properties;
- b. the owner/applicant is over 65 years of age with an annual income less than \$24,878 per person or \$41,049 per household, to be adjusted by BC CPI which is verified annually by the Finance Department based on the most recent federal notice of assessment; and

- c. the property receives a quarterly individual Town of Ladysmith utility bill and contributes to the respective utility by paying an applicable parcel tax.

Motion Defeated

OPPOSED: Mayor Stone and Councillors Johnson, Paterson and Virtanen

CW 2021-045

That the Committee direct staff to report back at a future Committee of the Whole meeting the impact of establishing:

- a. a single family dwelling-with-a-suite rate structure based on 1.5 times the single family dwelling charge, allowing an initial consumption of 37.5m³ for the quarter; and
- b. an additional charge for summer water consumption starting at 200m³ and increasing in increments of 25m³, charging an additional 30% per amounts for the single family dwelling rate and the single family dwelling with a suite structure.

Motion Carried

4.4 Eradicate Graffiti Reward Program

CW 2021-046

That the Committee recommend that Council direct staff to work with the RCMP in the promotion of the Block Watch programs.

Motion Carried

5. COUNCIL SUBMISSIONS

5.1 Community Gardens

CW 2021-047

That the Committee recommend that Council direct staff to work with the Vancouver Island Health Authority and the Ladysmith Community Gardens Society to discuss the possibility of using a portion of the former hospital property for community gardens.

Motion Carried

5.2 Brown Drive Park

CW 2021-048

That the Committee recommend that Council request that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee provide recommendations to Council on ways that Brown Drive Park can be used to its full potential, including the possible creation of a Parks Implementation Plan.

Motion Carried

5.3 Bike Lanes

CW 2021-049

That the Committee recommend that Council direct staff to provide a report for a future meeting of Council with design and costing for painted lines or, preferably, low-level physical barrier bike lanes (both sides) from Bayview to Methuen and key intersection treatment at 1st Avenue and Methuen Street to be included in the budget.

Motion Carried

CW 2021-050

That the Committee recommend that Council direct staff to work with Ministry of Transportation staff to reduce the shoulder width on the highway from the base of the Bayview bicycle path to Davis Road by moving the no-post barrier over, to leave a wider path for Active Transportation.

Motion Carried

5.4 Town of Ladysmith Street Naming Policy 11-5450-A

CW 2021-051

That the Committee request staff to recommend amendments to the Road Name Guidelines contained in Town of Ladysmith Street Naming Policy 11-5450-A for consideration at a future Committee of the Whole Meeting

Motion Carried

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee briefly discussed upcoming community events and noted that the public is anticipating them with great enthusiasm.

CW 2021-052

That this meeting of the Committee of the Whole adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

Motion Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Vice Chair (Councillor R. Johnson)

Corporate Officer (D. Smith)