



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 9, 2023
6:30 P.M.

Ladysmith Seniors Centre
630 2nd Avenue

Council Members Present:

Councillor Duck Paterson, Chair
Mayor Aaron Stone
Councillor Ray Gourlay
Councillor Amanda Jacobson

Councillor Tricia McKay
Councillor Marsh Stevens
Councillor Jeff Virtanen

Staff Present:

Allison McCarrick
Erin Anderson
Jake Belobaba
Ryan Bouma

Chris Geiger
Matt O'Halloran
Mike Gregory
Andrea Hainrich

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Paterson, Chair, called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

CW 2023-028

That the agenda for this May 9, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved.

Motion Carried

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 14, 2023

CW 2023-029

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held March 14, 2023 be approved.

Motion Carried

4. DISCUSSION

4.1 Ladysmith Detachment Annual Policing Priorities for 2023 to 2024

CW 2023-030

By unanimous consent, the Committee agreed to move item 5.4 "RCMP Reports for October to December 2022" to appear after item 4.1 "Ladysmith Detachment Annual Policing Priorities for 2023 to 2024".

Staff Sergeant Wes Olsen brought forward possible policing priorities for 2023-2024 and responded to the Committee's questions. They expressed their appreciation and support of the RCMP.

CW 2023-031

That the Committee recommend that Council support the following policing priorities for 2023/2024, including:

- Continued visibility in the downtown core
- a bylaw, created by the Town, to aid the RCMP in addressing open drug use
- Online frauds/scams
- High risk driving and enforcement of the *Motor Vehicle Act*

Motion Carried.

4.2. RCMP Reports for October to December 2022

CW 2023-032

That the Committee receive the RCMP Reports for the months October to December 2022.

Motion Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1 Building Inspector's Report to April 30, 2023

CW 2023-033

That the Committee receive the Building Inspector's Report for the months January to April 2023.

Motion Carried

5.2 Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Reports for January to March 2023

CW 2023-034

That the Committee receive the Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Reports for the months January to March 2023.

Motion Carried

5.3 Coastal Animal Control Services Reports for March 2023

CW 2023-035

That the Committee receive the Coastal Animal Control Services Reports for the month of March 2023.

Motion Carried

5.4 Use of Growing Communities Fund

CW 2023-036

That the Committee refer consideration of the use of the Growing Communities Fund to a future Committee of the Whole meeting, in six months' time or sooner.

Motion Carried

5.5 2023 Q1 (January to March) Financial Update

CW 2023-037

That the Committee receive the staff report dated May 9, 2023, regarding the 2023 Q1 (January to March) Financial Update.

Motion Carried

5.6 Protective Services Communication - New Format

CW 2023-038

That the Committee recommend that Council:

1. Dissolve the Protective Services Committee;
2. Direct the Manager of Protective Services to regularly liaise with the community safety partner agencies on reports and concerns in order to address issues efficiently and rapidly; and
3. Direct the Manager of Protective Services to conduct annual or semi-annual emergency management and planning exercises with the community safety partner agencies.

Motion Carried

The Committee requested that going forward the Manager of Protective Services keep the Committee informed by sharing with them communications received from other agencies, including reports.

5.7 Downtown Planter Contents and Historical Significance

CW 2023-039

That the Committee recommend that Council receive the staff report, dated May 9, 2023, from the Director of Infrastructure Services, regarding downtown planter contents and their historical significance.

Motion Carried

5.8 Single-Use Plastics Business Engagement

CW 2023-040

That the Committee recommend that Council:

1. Receive for discussion the results of the engagement survey distributed to the local business community regarding the impact of the proposed single-use plastic regulations being introduced by senior levels of government;
2. Provide preferences for regulating single-use plastics in the Town of Ladysmith based on this feedback and the information outlined in the staff report dated May 9, 2023, by the Communications and Engagement Specialist; and
3. Direct staff to draft a single-use plastics bylaw incorporating this feedback, as well as best practices introduced by other municipalities.

CW 2023-041

AMENDMENT

That the Committee amend resolution CW 2023-040 as follows:

1. Remove item 2; and
2. Remove “this feedback, as well as” from item 3.

Amendment Carried

OPPOSED: Councillor McKay

Mayor Stone called a Point of Order, clarifying the amendment.

Resolution CW 2023-040, as amended reads:

That the Committee recommend that Council:

1. Receive for discussion the results of the engagement survey distributed to the local business community regarding the impact of the proposed single-use plastic regulations being introduced by senior levels of government; and
2. Direct staff to draft a single-use plastics bylaw incorporating best practices introduced by other municipalities.

Main Motion, as Amended, Carried

6. COUNCIL SUBMISSIONS

6.1 Wi-Fi at Aggie Hall and Transfer Beach

CW 2023-042

That the Committee recommend that Council direct staff to investigate costs of improving the wi-fi service at Aggie Hall and return to a future meeting of Council with a report outlining options.

Motion Carried

6.2 Rain Barrel Rebate Program

CW 2023-043

That the Committee recommend that Council direct staff to investigate options for a rain barrel rebate program and bring a report back to Council.

Motion Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Town of Ladysmith 2023-2026 Strategic Plan - Final Draft

CW 2023-044

That the Committee recommend that Council endorse the final draft of the Town of Ladysmith 2023-2026 Strategic Plan.

Motion Carried

Staff confirmed that all edits will be made prior to publication.

8. ADJOURNMENT

CW 2023-045

That this Committee of the Whole meeting adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

Motion Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair (Councillor D. Paterson)

Corporate Officer (M. O'Halloran)