



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, September 12, 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
Chris Barfoot
Jake Belobaba

Ryan Bouma
Chris Geiger
Matt O'Halloran
Andrea Hainrich

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Paterson, Chair, called this Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and acknowledged with gratitude that it was being held on the unceded territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

CW 2023-061

That the agenda for this September 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved.

Motion Carried

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held July 11, 2023

CW 2023-062

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held July 11, 2023 be approved.

Motion Carried

4. REPORTS

4.1 Building Inspector's Report to August 31, 2023

CW 2023-063

That the Committee receive the Building Inspector's Report for the months May to August 2023.

Motion Carried

4.2 Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Reports for April to August 2023

CW 2023-064

That the Committee receive the Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Reports for the months April to August 2023.

Motion Carried

4.3 Coastal Animal Control Services Reports for April and June 2023

CW 2023-065

That the Committee receive the Coastal Animal Control Services Reports for the months April and June 2023.

Motion Carried

4.4 RCMP Reports for January to June 2023

CW 2023-066

That the Committee receive the RCMP Reports for the months January to March, and April to June 2023.

Motion Carried

4.5 2023 Q2 (April - June) Financial Update

CW 2023-067

That the Committee receive the staff report dated September 12, 2023, regarding the 2023 Q2 (April - June) Financial Update and direct staff to prepare an amendment to the "Town of Ladysmith 2023-2027 Financial Plan Bylaw, 2023 No. 2141" to reflect the changes.

Motion Carried

4.6 Establishment of Electric Vehicle Charging rates

CW 2023-068

That the Committee recommend that Council direct staff to amend the “Town of Ladysmith Fees & Charges Bylaw 2008, No.1644” to include a charge of \$1 per hour for the first two hours and \$2 per hour thereafter for Electric Vehicle Charging.

Motion Carried

4.7 Rain Barrel Program

CW 2023-069

That the Committee recommend that Council:

1. Establish a Rain Barrel Rebate program starting in 2024 to rebate 50 percent to the maximum of \$75 of the cost of one new rain barrel purchased after January 1, 2024, manufactured from a BPA-free Polyethylene material and with the minimum barrel size of 189 litres; and
2. Create an annual Rain Barrel Rebate budget of \$7,500 by cancelling and redirecting the budgeted funds from the Low Flow Toilet Rebate program.

Motion Carried

4.8 Aggie Hall – Wi-Fi Internet Service

CW 2023-070

That the Committee recommend that Council not provide Wi-Fi at Aggie Hall.

Motion Carried

5. COUNCIL SUBMISSIONS

5.1 Per Diem Rates

CW 2023-071

That the Town’s Per Diem policy be amended to align the rates with the Provincial Government and to escalate as per the Provincial rates for Council, Staff and Fire Department members.

Motion Carried

5.2 Ladysmith Days Grant in Aid as a Budget Line Item

CW 2023-072

That the Committee defer item 5.2., "Ladysmith Days Grant in Aid" to a Closed Meeting of Council.

Motion Carried

5.3 Allowing Goats or Sheep Under Permit for Plant or Weed Control

CW 2023-073

That the Committee direct staff to return to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with policy options for allowing livestock, under permit, for plant or weed control.

Motion Carried

6. ADJOURNMENT

CW 2023-074

That this Committee of the Whole meeting adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

Motion Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair (Councillor D. Paterson)

Corporate Officer