



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

6:30 P.M.

Ladysmith Seniors Centre

630 2nd Avenue

Council Members Present:

Councillor Amanda Jacobson, Chair
Mayor Deena Beeston
Councillor Ray Gourlay

Councillor Tricia McKay
Councillor Duck Paterson
Councillor Jeff Virtanen

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Marsh Stevens

Staff Present:

Allison McCarrick
Erin Anderson
Chris Barfoot
Tim Tanton

Chris Geiger
Sue Bouma
Nick Pescod
Hayley Young

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Jacobson, 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 traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

CW 2026-001

That the agenda for this January 27, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved.

Motion Carried

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held November 18, 2025

CW 2026-002

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held November 18, 2025 be approved.

Motion Carried

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 RCMP 3rd Quarter Report

S/Sgt. Trevor Busch presented the RCMP's October–December 2025 report, including updates on calls for service, traffic enforcement, community policing initiatives, and ongoing detachment priorities. He responded to Council's questions.

CW 2026-003

That the Committee receive the RCMP report for the months October to December 2025.

Motion Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1 Building Inspector's Report for September to December 2025

CW 2026-004

That the Committee receive the Building Inspector's Report for the months September to December 2025.

Motion Carried

5.2 Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Reports for August to December 2025

CW 2026-005

That the Committee receive the Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Reports for the months August to December 2025.

Motion Carried

5.3 Coastal Animal Control Services Reports for July to December 2025

CW 2026-006

That the Committee receive the Coastal Animal Control Services Reports for the months July, August, September, October and December 2025.

Motion Carried

5.4 2026 Grant in Aid Requests

CW 2026-007

That the Committee use the median total calculation as the method for determining the 2026 Grant-in-Aid amount for the Ladysmith & District Historical Society, resulting in an award of \$500.

Motion Carried

CW 2026-008

That the Committee recommend that Council approve the allocated amounts of the 2026 Grant in Aid requests as follows:

Ladysmith Chemainus Swim Club Society	1,000.00
Ladysmith Pilots Baseball Club	2,500.00
Take A Hike Youth Mental Health Foundation	1,875.00
Ladysmith Little Theatre Society	2,100.00
Ladysmith & District Historical Society	500.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Vancouver Island	1,125.00
Ladysmith Lugnuts Car Club	1,500.00
Ladysmith & District Marine Rescue Society	1,625.00
Royal Canadian Legion Ladysmith Branch 171	7,495.00
Ladysmith Friends & Family Society	1,000.00
Mid-Island Air Search & Rescue Society	2,340.00
Old English Car Club of BC	375.00
Cowichan Family Caregivers Support Society	2,063.00
Ladysmith Pride Society	5,000.00
Friends of Holland Creek Society	1,500.00
Ladysmith Downtown Business Association	2,500.00

Motion Carried

5.5 Ladysmith Cemetery Facilities Plan

CW 2026-009

That the Committee recommend that Council direct staff to prepare a report outlining a Cemetery Facilities Plan.

Motion Carried

6. ADJOURNMENT

CW 2026-010

That this Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair (Councillor A. Jacobson)

Deputy Corporate Officer
(H. Young)