



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers, City Hall

Council Members Present:

Councillor Jeff Virtanen, Chair
Mayor Aaron Stone
Councillor Duck Paterson
Councillor Amanda Jacobson

Councillor Rob Johnson
Councillor Tricia McKay
Councillor Marsh Stevens

Staff Present:

Guillermo Ferrero
Erin Anderson
Jake Belobaba
Geoff Goodall
Joanna Winter

Joanna Winter
Ryan Bouma
Julie Tierney
Mike Gregory
Sue Bouma

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

CW 2020-001

That the agenda for this January 28, 2020 meeting of the Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion Carried

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Municipal Services Committee Meeting held December 9, 2019

CW 2020-002

That the minutes of the Municipal Services Committee meeting held December 9, 2019 be approved.

Motion Carried

4. DELEGATION

4.1 Jane Kiltnei, Marilyn Swallow and Guy Johnson, One Cowichan Community Education Society: Climate Emergency

Jane Kiltnei, Marilyn Swallow and Guy Johnson of One Cowichan Community Education Society made a presentation to Council requesting that the Town increase climate action by developing green infrastructure, planning denser neighbourhoods, increasing public transit and providing community education. They asked Council to make climate action a priority over expanding the Town in the next ten years, and to recognize the critical importance of the forest when considering development proposals going forward.

Council thanked Ms. Kiltnei, Ms. Swallow and Mr. Johnson for their presentation.

CW 2020-003

That Council amend the agenda to move Item 6.1., "Climate Declaration" to follow the delegation on Climate Emergency by the One Cowichan Community Education Society.

Motion Carried

5. Climate Declaration

CW 2020-004

That the Committee recommend that Council adopt the following resolution:

Whereas: Climate change creates risks to our economic, social and physical environments.

Whereas: The overwhelming scientific consensus is that human activities are causing climate change.

Whereas: A response to climate change will consist of mitigation and adaptation.

Whereas: Mitigation of climate change will necessarily include a transition to a low carbon society.

Whereas: The transition to a low carbon society could effect the economic and

social environments negatively for a period of time, and those negative effects on the lives of citizens must be minimized.

Whereas: Adaptation to climate change will involve the 'hardening' of public assets

Whereas: The Town of Ladysmith exists to provide: good government; services, laws and other matters for the benefit of the community; stewardship of public assets AND to foster the economic, social, and environmental well being of the community.

Therefore Be It Resolved That:

* The Town of Ladysmith acknowledges the emergent risks posed by climate change to our economic, social and physical environments.

And further, the Town of Ladysmith will continue to adopt plans, bylaws, policies and spending that: facilitate the smoothest possible socio-economic transition to a low carbon community; mitigate the carbon footprint of the Town and its citizens; and adapt/build public assets to withstand and/or overcome the effects of climate change.

AMENDMENT

CW 2020-005

That the third paragraph of resolution CW 2020-004 be amended to read as follows:

Whereas: The overwhelming scientific consensus is that human activities are contributing to climate change.

Amendment Carried

Main Motion as Amended Carried.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Churchill Property Development – Progress Report

CW 2020-006

That the Committee:

1. Receive the progress report by the Director of Infrastructure Services dated January 14, 2019, on options for potential development of the Town-owned property at 1260 Churchill Place; and

2. Recommend that Council authorize an additional \$15,000 to fund a geotechnical survey of the property with the funds to come from the real property reserve.

Motion Carried

6.2 2020 Grants in Aid Requests – Preliminary Review

CW 2020-007

That the Committee recommend that Council allocate \$3000 from the unspent funds from the 2019 Grant in Aid budget to offer a Grant Writing Workshop to local organizations.

Motion Carried

CS 2020-008

That the Committee recommend a Grant-in-Aid an allocation of \$7500 to the Ladysmith & District Historical Society.

Motion Carried

OPPOSED: Councillor Jacobson

CW 2020-009

That the Committee recommend a Grant-in-Aid allocation of \$3500 to the Ladysmith Golf Club Society.

Motion Carried

OPPOSED: Councillor Jacobson

CW 2020-010

That the Committee recommend a Grant-in-Aid allocation of \$2500 in to the Waiving of Fees.

Motion Carried

CW 2020-011

That the Committee recommend that Council allocate the 2020 Grants in Aid as follows:

Organization	Preliminary Approval 2020
Ladysmith Fire Rescue - Santa Parade	1200
Ladysmith Show and Shine	1500
Ladysmith Festival Of Lights	10000
Ladysmith Downtown Business Association	1500

Art Council of Ladysmith and District	1000
Stz'uminus First Nation	2500
Ladysmith and District Marine Rescue Society	2500
Ladysmith Ambassador Program	1500
Old English Car Club Central Island Branch	600
Ladysmith Maritime Society	1500
Ladysmith Celebrations Society	8000
Ladysmith Family and Friends Society	2500
Cowichan Family Caregivers Support Society	750
Cowichan Trail Stewardship Society - Ladysmith Chapter	1000
Ladysmith Community Gardens Society	1000
Ladysmith Little Theatre	2000
St Philips Church - Open Table	500
Citizens on Patrol	
LSS - Frank Jameson Bursary	1500
Late Applications/ Council Discretion	6579
Total	61,129

Motion Carried

CW 2020-012

That the Committee direct staff to provide a report for the Committee with options for reviewing and allocating Grants-in-Aid to help provide the best returns for the community in terms of economic activity and/or community growth and development.

Motion Carried

OPPOSED: Councillor Paterson

6.3 Park and Facility Naming Policy

CW 2020-013

That the Committee refer the draft Park and Facility Naming Policy and application process, with accompanied park and facility naming inventory, to Council for consideration.

Motion Carried

6.4 Building Inspector's Report to December 31, 2019

CW 2020-014

That the Committee receive the Building Inspector's Report for the month of December, 2019.

Motion Carried

6.5 Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Reports for November and December 2019

CW 2020-015

That the Committee receive the Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Reports for the months November and December, 2019.

Motion Carried

7. COUNCIL SUBMISSIONS

7.1 Budget Transfer Policy

CW 2020-016

That the Committee direct staff to bring back to the Committee amendments to the existing budget transfer policy which would allow staff to reallocate up to 0.3% of the current year municipal tax levy between projects, providing funds are available, and advise the Committee of such transfers in a future financial report.

Motion Carried

8. ADJOURNMENT

CW 2020-017

That this meeting of the Committee of the Whole adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Motion Carried

Chair (Councillor J.Virtanen)

Corporate Officer (J. Winter)