

May 24th, 2021 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

4:30 pm City of Ladysmith Council Chambers. Members Present: A. Hraban, J. Pohlman III, M. Reynolds.

Others Present: T. Devine, K. Vacho, R. Grey

Call to Order: A. Hraban called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

Committee members discussed and reviewed the monthly paid invoices. Motion by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Pohlman that the invoices be presented to Council for approval. Motion carries by voice vote.

Discussion and possible recommendation to Council on Community Center user fees:

Mr. Reynolds explained that Community Development looked at the user fees for the Community Center. It is his understanding that Flambeau School charges \$20 or \$25/hour plus a custodian, and Ladysmith School is charging \$20/hr. for use of their gyms. We charge \$25 for 2 hours use of the Community Center gym. Mrs. Grey explained that YTD expenses for the Community Center are more than \$15,000, and YTD revenues are just over \$7,700. Mr. Reynolds made a motion that, at this point, there is no recommendation from Finance to Council, effectively leaving the user fees unchanged. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pohlman. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion of possible Sewer rate increase:

Mr. Devine explained that a Sewer rate increase has been in the works for some time, but had been delayed as we worked on the Water rate increase. He referred to the calculations performed by April Anderson concluding that the volume and unit charges should be increased by 21% each. This would increase the consumption rate from \$4.07/1000 gallons to \$4.92/1000 gallons, and the unit charge from \$51.84 to \$62.73 (per quarter). Mr. Vacho is in favor of increasing in steps. It was decided that this needed to be a discussion for Public Works AND Finance. A joint meeting will be arranged. No motions made.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:55pm