

TOWN OF SMITHERS

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held in Council Chambers, 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C., on Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at Noon.

Council Present:

Cress Farrow, Mayor
Norm Adomeit, Councillor (left 1:00 p.m.)
Mark Bandstra, Councillor
Lorne Benson, Councillor (1:28 p.m.)
Jo Ann Groves, Councillor
Charlie Northrup, Councillor
Frank Wray, Councillor (left 1:00 p.m.)

Staff Present:

Deborah Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer
Susan Bassett, Director of Corporate Services
Mark Allen, Director of Development Services
Andrew Hillaby, Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture (1:00 p.m.)
Janice McKay, Recording Secretary.

Guests:

Jeremy Penninga, Calderwood Realty
Bill Webster and Bruce Carscadden,
Bruce Carscadden Architect Inc.

Staff Excused:

Leslie Ford, Director of Finance
Keith Stecko, Fire Chief
Patricia Berg, Airport Manager
Wilf Taekema, Director of Works and Operations.

Media Present: K. Koppitz, CFTK-TV (1:00 p.m.) and R. Schierer, The Interior News (1:00 p.m.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

1-1 Mayor Farrow called the meeting to order (12:15 p.m).

1-2 Groves/
THAT Council approve varying the agenda to include a delegation by J. Penninga under Other Business/New Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

3-1 L.B. Warner Property

J. Penninga, Calderwood Realty, stated the importance of going out to market for the L.B. Warner property, well priced, and requested Council consider a reduction in the original price.

Groves/
THAT Council approve the recommended reduced list price for the L.B. Warner property of \$350,000.

OPPOSED: ONE MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

CARRIED.

Groves/
THAT Council provide direction to Administration to bring back estimates of all offsite costs for the L.B. Warner property and provide multiple development scenarios to the April 27, 2010, Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Farrow called a brief recess (1:00 p.m.). At this time, Councillor Adomeit, Councillor Wray, and J. Penninga left for the duration of the meeting. A. Hillaby, K. Koppitz, R. Schierer, Bill Webster and Bruce Carscadden joined the meeting.

2. **CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**

2-1 **Multiplex Presentation by Bruce Carscadden Architect**

Mayor Farrow reconvened the meeting (1:06 p.m.).

Bandstra/Northrup

THAT Council approves the agenda and the supplemental item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Webster and B. Carscadden, of Bruce Carscadden Architect Inc., presented multiplex concept options 5 and 6, as contained in the supplemental agenda. They advised that they would be presenting a report to Council next month after further refinements and cost calculations, based on decisions by Council at this meeting.

The presentation, and discussion that followed, included the following topics: a) the major differences between options 5 and 6; b) the public consultation process used and the resulting priorities; c) ability to break the project into phases; d) lack of affordability to taxpayers; e) the community's 'wants' being different than its 'needs'; f) efforts of the Second Sheet of Ice Committee; g) the unlikelihood of government funding for a single-use facility; h) the value of having a strategic plan for Heritage Park; i) the discrepancy in costs for the most basic second sheet of ice; j) design timelines; k) whether there is a need for a second sheet, based on population and ice-time demand, and what phase it should be in the overall project; l) whether or not one NHL-sized rink is better than two rinks; m) the ramifications of having a feasibility study 'on the shelf', with no immediate plan to implement it; n) whether Council should consider renovations to the existing arena, with a very basic second sheet addition; o) growth trends of recreation programs; and p) possibility of a portable wood floor system to allow gym use.

Northrup/Bandstra

THAT Council request the consultant, Bruce Carscadden Architect Inc., to not proceed any further with multiplex design concepts, until Council has had an opportunity to meet with the Second Sheet of Ice Committee at a Committee of the Whole Meeting on April 8, 2010, at 12:00 p.m., in order for Council to decide what direction to provide to the consultant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Webster requested that Council be as specific as possible, with as much clarity as possible, as to what Council would like to see in the final document.

Mayor Farrow called a brief recess (2:09 p.m.).

The meeting reconvened (2:13 p.m.).

2-2 Utility Fund Five-Year Plan

Discussion took place regarding the three scenarios for the 2010-2014 Utility Fund Five-Year Plan, as presented in Report FIN 10-03 dated March 25, 2010, from L. Ford, Director of Finance.

Although Council favoured Scenario 'C', it was agreed that the matter should be deferred to a Committee of the Whole meeting (April 6, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.) when the Director of Finance would be present to provide clarification regarding mathematical calculations.

As per Report FIN 10-03, Scenario 'C' would show a reduction of offsetting future residential water/sewer revenue, as a result of the reduced senior fee waiver expense reductions, rather than increasing the net transfer to utility surplus. The water/sewer commercial revenue within Scenario 'C' would continue to show a 2 percent revenue increase.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Cress Farrow
Mayor

Deborah Sargent
Corporate Administrator/CAO

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Deborah Sargent
Corporate Administrator/CAO