

TOWN OF SMITHERS

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held in Council Chambers, 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C., on Thursday, April 8, 2010, at Noon.

Council Present:

Cress Farrow, Mayor
Norm Adomeit, Councillor
Mark Bandstra, Councillor
Lorne Benson, Councillor
Jo Ann Groves, Councillor
Charlie Northrup, Councillor
Frank Wray, Councillor.

Invited Guests:

John Wreggitt
Elizabeth Zweck.

Staff Present:

Deborah Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer
Mark Allen, Director of Development Services
Andrew Hillaby, Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture
Wilf Taekema, Director of Works and Operations
Penny Goodacre, Recording Secretary.

Staff Excused:

Susan Bassett, Director of Corporate Services
Leslie Ford, Director of Finance
Keith Stecko, Fire Chief
Patricia Berg, Airport Manager.

Media Present: R. Schierer, Interior News.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Farrow called the meeting to order (12:14 p.m).

2. **CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**

Meeting with the Second Sheet of Ice Committee

2-1 The following correspondence was referred to for information: 2-1) The Legacy
2-2 Fund Proposal; and 2-2) RinC Application #9243- Town of Smithers.

Discussion:

Mayor Farrow advised the Second Sheet of Ice Committee (SSIC) that the reason for today's meeting is to review the costs associated with building a second sheet of ice. Bruce Carscadden Architect Inc. informed Council at the March 30, 2010, Committee of the Whole meeting that the cost to build the second sheet of ice is estimated at \$9 million. The SSIC claims that they can build a second sheet of ice for approximately \$2,650,000 for the building; \$785,000 for the boards; \$30,000 for the ceiling; \$45,000 for the dehumidifier; and \$685,000 for site work, for a total construction cost of \$4.2 million.

The SSIC's proposal for \$4.2 million includes the following features: a) 85'x200' ice surface; b) six change rooms; c) referee room; d) figure skating room; e) mechanical room; f) ice resurfacing room; g) storage area; h) 300 person spectator area; and i) public washrooms.

The SSIC currently has over \$2.6 million in funds secured and needs to raise an additional \$1.5 million. The SSIC would like the Town of Smithers to approach the Provincial Government to request the additional funds. Once the project is approved, the SSIC believes it will receive numerous "in kind" donations for services from community businesses.

Council was assured by the SSIC that once the funding was in place, they are

ready to move forward with the project and start construction.

Council was reminded that in order to move forward with the project once the funding is secured, as per Council's Purchasing Policy, it is necessary to start a "Request for Proposals – Design Bid Build" tender process.

Council requested the following information from the SSIC: a) the true construction cost of the project; b) the operating costs associated with a second sheet of ice; c) the data on ice user enrollment numbers and the estimated demand for the service; and d) the 2005 Business Case Study.

Council raised the following questions: a) is the SSIC willing to fundraise to upgrade the existing arena if the Province does not provide the additional funds? b) is the Second Sheet of Ice Council's number one capital priority? c) should Council wait for the Bruce Carscadden Architect Inc. final report on the Multiplex study prior to making a decision?

(Councillor Adomeit left for the duration of the meeting at 12:59 p.m.).

Bandstra/Northrup

THAT Council instruct Bruce Carscadden Architect Inc. to concentrate their final report only on the costs associated with operating a second sheet of ice.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer, clarified that Council wishes to maintain for conceptual use only concepts five and six of the Multiplex Project (as both concepts include a Second Sheet of Ice as a potential plan); and to provide information on the operating and construction costs associated with a second sheet of ice.

Council agreed that Mayor Farrow would, in casual conversation with Premier Campbell, bring up the subject of the Town of Smithers requesting \$1.5 million to be used towards the Second Sheet of Ice Project.

3. **OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

None.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Northrup/Groves
THAT the meeting be adjourned (1:23 p.m.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Certified Correct:

Cress Farrow
Mayor

Deborah Sargent
Corporate Administrator/CAO

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Certified a True and Correct Copy of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Thursday, April 8, 2010, at 12:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C.

Deborah Sargent
Corporate Administrator/CAO