

TOWN OF SMITHERS

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1027 ALDOUS STREET, SMITHERS, B.C. ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2010, AT 12:00 PM.

Council Present:

Cress Farrow, Mayor
Norm Adomeit, Councillor
Lorne Benson, Councillor
Charlie Northrup, Councillor
Frank Wray, Councillor.

Council Excused:

Mark Bandstra, Councillor
Jo Ann Groves, Councillor.

Invited Guest:

Stoney Stoltenberg, Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Rural "A" Director.

Staff Present:

Deborah Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer
Susan Bassett, Director of Corporate Services
Leslie Ford, Director of Finance
Janice McKay, Recording Secretary.

Staff Excused:

Mark Allen, Director of Development Services
Andrew Hillaby, Directory of Recreation, Parks and Culture
Keith Stecko, Fire Chief
Wilf Taekema, Director of Work and Operations.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Farrow called the meeting to order (12:15 p.m.). D. Sargent distributed the email from Councillor Bandstra providing comments regarding the grant-in-aid requests for discussion.

2. GRANT-IN-AID REQUESTS

2.1 BV Community Arts Council:

Adomeit/

THAT Council approves the BV Community Arts Council's request for 2011 operating funding in the amount of \$4,000, which represents both the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and the Town of Smithers' contributions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2.2 Bulkley Valley Historical and Museum Society:

Adomeit/

THAT the Bulkley Valley Historical and Museum Society's request for 2011 operating funding in the amount of \$71,750, be received;

AND THAT Council approves a 2011 grant-in-aid in the amount of \$70,000, which represents both the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and the Town of Smithers' contributions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2.3 Smithers RCMP Based Victim Assistance Program:

Adomeit/

THAT the Smithers RCMP-Based Victim Assistance Program's request for 2011 operating funding in the amount of \$27,040, be received;

AND THAT Council approves a 2011 grant-in-aid in the amount of \$26,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

S. Stoltenberg advised that he invited D. Chatfield to apply to the Regional District for funding for volunteer training.

2.4 Smithers RCMP Auxiliary:

Benson/

THAT Council approves the Smithers RCMP Auxiliary's request for 2011 operating funding in the amount of \$5,500.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

S. Stoltenberg advised that he will contact the RCMP Auxiliary to invite them to apply for a grant from the Regional District in the amount of \$2,500.

2.5 Smithers Gallery Association:

Adomeit/

THAT the Smithers Gallery Association's request for 2011 operating funding in the amount of \$14,000, be received;

AND THAT Council approves a 2011 grant-in-aid in the amount of \$7,500;

AND THAT staff advise the Smithers Gallery Association that the Association may apply for funding from the Regional District for a specific project or a specific event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2.6 Smithers District Chamber of Commerce:

Wray/

THAT Council denies the request from the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce for a 2011 fee waiver for use of the Civic Centre for the Trade Show, in the amount of \$1,689.

OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR BENSON.

CARRIED.

3. CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS

3.1 School District No. 54:

Northrup/

THAT Council approves the request for a \$2,000 2011 grant-in-aid from School District No. 54, under the Joint Use Agreement with the Town, to cover wear and tear and replacement of gym equipment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3.2 Navy League

Council directed L. Ford to create a 2011 grant contingency in the amount of \$1,000.

Mayor Farrow stated that letters to the above groups could be sent out after the January 11, 2011, Regular Meeting of Council, when the minutes of today's meeting will be adopted.

4. OTHER BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Joint News Release regarding Disposition of Assets

D. Sargent advised that S. Richards, Treasurer, School District No. 54, has requested input for a joint news release, now that the Province has made public the matter of Chandler Park School.

4.2 Council was reminded of the In-Camera meeting being held on December 13, 2010.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Benson/

THAT the meeting be adjourned (1:07 p.m.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting
held on Thursday, December 9, 2010 at noon.

Cress Farrow
Mayor

Deborah Sargent
Chief Administrative Officer/CA

Certified a True and Correct Copy of the
Minutes of the Committee of the Whole
Meeting of Council held Thursday,
December 9, 2010, at noon in the Council
Chambers, 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers,
B.C.

Deborah Sargent
Corporate Administrator