

TOWN OF SMITHERS

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN OFFICE, 1027 ALDOUS STREET, SMITHERS, B.C. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011 AT 4:44 PM.

Council Present:

Cress Farrow, Mayor
Mark Bandstra, Councillor
Jo Ann Groves, Councillor
Frank Wray, Councillor.

Council Excused:

Norm Adomeit, Councillor
Lorne Benson, Councillor
Charlie Northrup, Councillor.

Staff Present:

Deborah Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer
Leslie Ford, Director of Finance
Mark Allen, Director of Development Services
Rob Blackburn, Airport Manager
Wilf Taekema, Director of Work and Operations
Lindsay Blair, Recording Secretary.

Staff Excused:

Susan Bassett, Director of Corporate Services
Andrew Hillaby, Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture
Keith Stecko, Fire Chief.

Media Present: The Peak: Mariska Dekkema and The Interior News: Jon Muldoon.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Mayor Farrow called the meeting to order (4:44 p.m.).

2. CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS

2.1. Water Conservation Plan - South Trunk Storm Sewer Project

2.1.1 Groves/Wray
THAT Report DEV 11-16 dated January 13, 2011, from M. Allen, Director of Development Services, presenting the Amended Water Conservation Plan, be received (5320-20/2010-04).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council is in agreement of the need to place a greater emphasis on communication and education to the public with regards to Water Conservation.

Bandstra/Wray
THAT the following items be removed from the Draft Amended Water Conservation Plan as follows:

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (PAGE 12)

Universal Metering:

- Amend Priority Level from "High Priority" to "Medium Priority"
- Delete 2nd bullet, "Apply for Grant Funding".

Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Customers:

- Amend Priority Level from "High Priority" to "Medium Priority".

Residential Customers

- Remove 2nd bullet, "Amend the Water Regulation Bylaw to require water meters in all new homes and home renovations over \$20,000 in construction value".

Electronic Remote Meters

- Remove 3rd bullet, "All new meters are required to be electronic remote".

Lead By Example

- Remove 3rd bullet, "Facility retrofit program for low flow fixtures".

3.1.2 Residential Customers (Page 8)

- Remove 2nd bullet, "The Town of Smithers will assume 100% of the costs of voluntary meters and installation in existing homes (approximately \$550/meter including installation)."
- Remove 4th bullet, "Recommended amendment to the Water Regulation Bylaw to implement water metering in all new building construction and installation of water meters in all home renovations over \$20,000".

AND THAT the revised Town of Smithers Water Conservation Plan, with amendments made as above, to be placed on the January 25, 2011 Regular Meeting of Council agenda, for Council ratification, with a copy of the amended Water Conservation Plan attached.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. OTHER BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

3.1 None.

4. ADJOURNMENT

- 4.1 Groves/Wray
THAT the meeting be adjourned (5:18 p.m.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Certified a True and Correct Copy of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 4:44 p.m. in the Town Office, 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C.

Deborah Sargent
Corporate Administrator/CAO.