

TOWN OF SMITHERS

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1027 ALDOUS STREET, SMITHERS, B.C. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2011, AT 12:00 PM.

Council Present:

Cress Farrow, Mayor
Mark Bandstra, Councillor
Charlie Northrup, Councillor
Frank Wray, Councillor.

Staff Present:

Deborah Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer
Susan Bassett, Director of Corporate Services
Leslie Ford, Director of Finance
Rob Blackburn, Airport Manager
Penny Goodacre, Recording Secretary.

Council Excused:

Norm Adomeit, Councillor
Lorne Benson, Councillor
Jo Ann Groves, Councillor.

Staff Excused:

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

Guests:

Paul Wellington, BVEDA Director
Ian Grieve, BVEDA Director
Joe Wong, BVEDA Director
David Belford, BVEDA Director
Allan Stroet, Economic Development Officer, BVEDA
Debbie Pierre, Office of the Wet'suwet'en
Mayor Carman Graf, Village of Telkwa.

Media Present: M. Dekkema, The Peak.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Farrow called the meeting to order (12:12 p.m.) and informed that S. Stoltenberg, Regional District Bulkley Nechako, Director Rural Area A, sends his regrets.

2. CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS

2.1 Bulkley Valley Economic Development Association Quarterly Update:

A. Stroet, Economic Development Officer, Bulkley Valley Economic Development Association (BVEDA), provided the BVEDA Funding Partners with a quarterly update on the recent and upcoming activities of the BVEDA.

The objective of the Bulkley Valley Economic Development Association (BVEDA) is "to work towards creating an economically diverse and stable landscape which takes into account the balance between social and economic drivers of the surrounding communities."

The 2011 BVEDA Work Plan (attached) includes the following: a) Tourism Focus; b) Mining Focus; c) Commercial Real Estate Focus; d) First Nations Focus; e) Partnerships Focus; and f) Business Expansion Focus. **Council suggested a focus on the Smithers Regional Airport and Forestry be added to the BVEDA Work Plan.**

At the next BVEDA Quarterly Update the Financial Plan and Work Plan will be reviewed.

3. OTHER BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

None.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Northrup/
THAT the meeting be adjourned (1:10 p.m.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cress Farrow
Mayor

Deborah Sargent
Corporate Administrator (CAO)

Certified a True and Correct Copy of the minutes of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting held Tuesday, February 15, 2011, at noon in the Council Chambers, 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C.

Deborah Sargent
Corporate Administrator (CAO)