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 WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2011, AT 12:00 PM.

Council Present:
Cress Farrow, Mayor
Norm Adomeit, Councillor
Mark Bandstra, Councillor
Jo Ann Groves, Councillor
Charlie Northrup, Councillor
Frank Wray, Councillor.

Council Excused:
Lorne Benson, Councillor.

Staff Present:
Deborah Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer
Susan Bassett, Director of Corporate Services
Leslie Ford, Director of Finance
Mark Allen, Director of Development Services
Andrew Hillaby, Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture
Keith Stecko, Fire Chief
Rob Blackburn, Airport Manager
Wilf Taekema, Director of Works and Operations
Jan McKay, Recording Secretary (Noon-1:27 p.m.)
Penny Goodacre, Recording Secretary (1:27-1:35 p.m.).

Media Present: M. Dekkema, The Peak; and R. Schierer, The Interior News.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Farrow called the meeting to order (12:18 p.m.).

2. CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS

2.1 RECREATION FEES

Ranger Park Licensed Preschool Discussion:

Discussion occurred around the possibility of the licensed pre-school program being on a cost recovery basis. As of February 2011, the preschool hourly rate was increased by one dollar per hour, from $6 per hour to $7 per hour, with no complaints or loss of registration numbers, as the Town offers quality programs and instructors in a quality facility. The Town operates a licensed preschool in two to three hour blocks, for ten weeks, four seasons per year, for ages 2.5 to 5 years of age.

Schedule "A" - Arena:
Northrup/
THAT Council target 64% to 70% for a cost recovery rate for the arena.
OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS ADOMEIT AND WRAY. **CARRIED.**

Schedule "B" - Fall Fairgrounds:
Bandstra/
THAT Council discuss preparation of a Business Plan with the Fall Fair Management Committee for the Fall Fairgrounds, in order to keep the fairgrounds updated;

AND THAT Council approve the 46% recovery rate for the Fall Fairgrounds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Schedule "C" - Riverside Park Campground:
Northrup/
THAT Council approve a 75% cost recovery rate for the Riverside Park and Campground.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Schedule "D" - Fields:
Bandstra/
THAT Council approve a 40% cost recovery rate for Town-owned sports fields;

AND THAT staff provide a more detailed report with exact costs and compare Smithers rates to those of other municipalities.

OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR NORTHRUP. CARRIED.

Councillor Wray left for the duration of the meeting (1:08 p.m.).

Schedule "E" - Ranger Park Building:
Northrup/
THAT Administration strive not to fall below 80% cost recovery for the Ranger Park Building including programs, facility and park area.

OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR GROVES. CARRIED.

Schedule "F" - Recreation Program:
Northrup/
THAT Administration separate the year round Youth Recreation Programs from the Adult Recreation Programs;

AND THAT the Adult Recreation Programs cost recovery be 100%;

AND THAT the Youth to age 18 Recreation Programs cost recovery be 75%.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Schedule "G" - Summer Programs:

Northrup/

THAT Administration set the Summer Day Camp program fees for 2011 at $200 per week.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2.2 CORPORATE ENERGY PLAN

D. Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that R. Haycock, Hyla Environmental, was not able to produce the "Draft Corporate Energy and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Management Plan" and will not be presenting at today's Committee of the Whole meeting. R. Haycock will be available for the "Open House" tonight to review the "Community Energy and Emissions Plan".

3. OTHER BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

3.1 RURAL BC:

Councillor Groves advised of a meeting being held Wednesday, May 11, 2011, with R. Braam, Regional Manager Rural BC, to discuss the amount of money the mining industry spends in our community. She will advise of the meeting time and place to anyone who is interested in attending the meeting with her.

3.2 NCLGA:

Councillor Northrup advised that he will be driving to NCLGA on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, with Councillor Adomeit and Gordon Williams Sr.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Northrup/

THAT the meeting be adjourned (1:35 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 Council meeting held Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at noon in the Council Chambers, 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C.

Deborah Sargent
Corporate Administrator/CAO