

# TOWN OF SMITHERS

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
HELD AT THE TOWN OFFICE, 1027 ALDOUS STREET, SMITHERS, B.C.  
ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011, AT NOON.

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Council Present:

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

Council Excused:

Lorne Benson, Councillor  
Norm Adomeit, Councillor.

Guest Present:

Nathan Cullen, MP

Staff Present:

Deborah Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer  
Lindsay Blair, Recording Secretary.

Staff Excused:

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.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Farrow called the meeting to order at (12:31 p.m.).

2. **CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS**

NATHAN CULLEN MP

Mayor Farrow began with discussing issues that have been brought forward during past meetings with Nathan Cullen, Member of Parliament, Skeena-Bulkley Valley, and issues that are current, such as: a) NAV Canada/Transport Canada, specifically the implementation of a new LPV landing system at the Smithers Airport; b) Federal Grant Funding, specifically joint federal grant funding for RINC funding, trail work and the Second Sheet of Ice; c) Western Diversification available project funds, particularly for the Smithers Airport; d) RDBN services; e) Provincial/National Police Force, specifically Policing Costs and the unbalanced cost proportions to smaller communities; f) Federal Gas Tax Funds/Formula, disproportionate criteria across small communities; g) Affordable Housing; and h) meeting frequencies between the Town of Smithers and Nathan Cullen, MP, specifically drawing up a meeting schedule to ensure for more annual frequent meetings.

3. **OTHER BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

None.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Bandstra/

THAT the meeting be adjourned (1:26 p.m.).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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Deborah Sargent  
Corporate Administrator/CAO

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Cress Farrow  
Mayor

**Certified a True and Correct Copy** of the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Thursday, October 13, 2011, at 12:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C.

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Deborah Sargent  
Corporate Administrator/cao