

TOWN OF SMITHERS

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
1027 ALDOUS STREET, SMITHERS, B.C. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012, AT
NOON

Council Present:

Taylor Bachrach, Mayor
Mark Bandstra, Councillor
Phil Brienesse, Councillor
Bill Goodacre, Councillor
Charlie Northrup, Councillor
Frank Wray, Councillor.

Council Excused:

Norm Adomeit, Councillor.

Invited Guests:

Stoney Stoltenberg, Director, Area 'A',
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Doug Donaldson, Member of the
Legislative Assembly, Stikine
Shelly Worthington, Office Manager for
Smithers' Constituency Office.

Media Present: None.

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
Rob Blackburn, Airport Manager
Wilf Taekema, Director of Works and
Operations
Janice McKay, Recording Secretary.

Staff Excused:

Keith Stecko, Fire Chief.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bachrach called the meeting to order (12:15 p.m.).

Wray/

THAT all items included in the agenda package, as well as the
Supplemental Item, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS

2.1 LIBRARY BUDGET DECISION

Northrup/

THAT Council approves increased budget funding in 2012 of \$21,628,
to the Smithers Public Library Board, of the total \$26,628 requested by
the Smithers Public Library Board.

**OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS BANDSTRA,
BRIENESSE, GOODACRE, WRAY AND
MAYOR BACHRACH.**

DEFEATED.

- 2.1 cont'd Bandstra/
THAT, of the total \$26,628 requested by the Smithers Public Library Board, Council approves increased budget funding for 2012 of \$15,628, which represents a total of \$239,152 funding from the Town of Smithers and the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, with the \$11,000 balance requested being referred to budget.
OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR BRIENESSE AND MAYOR BACHRACH. CARRIED.

2.2 GRANT-IN-AID DECISIONS

Smithers RCMP Auxiliary

Northrup/
THAT Council approves the Smithers RCMP Auxiliary's request for 2012 operating funding in the amount of \$7,850, of the total \$11,350 requested.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Rural Director S. Stoltenberg stated that he would contribute the balance of \$3,500 from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako to cover some meals, expenses, and training for the Pepsi Bike Program.

Smithers RCMP Based Victims Services

Bandstra/
THAT Council approves the Smithers RCMP Based Victims Services' request for 2012 operating funding in the amount of \$26,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

~~Council~~ **Councillors** expressed concern that the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine is receiving services for Moricetown residents and not contributing. ~~Council~~ **Councillors** suggested that funding be requested by Victims Services on a per capita basis in future years for all areas being served.

Bulkley Valley Community Arts Council

Northrup/
THAT Council approves the Bulkley Valley Community Arts Council's request for 2012 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.

Smithers Gallery Association

Briennesse/

THAT Council approves the Smithers Gallery Association's request for 2012 operating funding in the amount of \$15,700.

**OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS BANDSTRA, DEFEATED.
GOODACRE, NORTHRUP AND WRAY.**

Bandstra/

THAT Council approves 2012 operating funding to the Smithers Gallery Association in the amount of \$7,500, with the additional \$8,200 referred to budget.

**OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS BRIENESSE, DEFEATED.
NORTHRUP AND MAYOR BACHRACH.**

Wray/

THAT Council approves 2012 operating funding to the Smithers Gallery Association in the amount of \$9,000, with the \$6,700 balance of the request referred to budget.

**OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS NORTHRUP CARRIED.
AND BANDSTRA.**

Bulkley Valley Museum

Briennesse/

THAT Council approves 2012 operating funding to the Bulkley Valley Museum in the amount \$70,000, plus two percent, for a total of \$71,400;

AND THAT Council approves a two percent increase for each year over the next three years.

**OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS GOODACRE, DEFEATED.
WRAY AND MAYOR BACHRACH.**

Wray/

THAT Council approves 2012 operating funding to the Bulkley Valley Museum in the amount of \$70,000, plus two percent for 2012, for a total of \$71,400, which represents both the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and the Town of Smithers' contributions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

School District No. 54

Wray/

THAT Council approves the request from School District No. 54 for a \$2,000 2012 grant-in-aid, under the Joint Use Agreement between School District No. 54 and the Town of Smithers, to cover wear and tear and replacement of equipment used by Town of Smithers' users.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2.3 DOUG DONALDSON, MLA

Doug Donaldson, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Stikine, introduced Shelly Worthington, Smithers' Office Manager, and congratulated Council on being elected. He advised that: a) attending annual meetings with Council, as well as attending meetings with Ministers and Council during Union of British Columbia Municipalities conferences, helps him present Council's priorities in the Legislature; b) the Legislature will begin discussions regarding the new budget on February 21, 2012; c) the Legislation session runs until the end of May; d) some communities are being briefed today regarding the RCMP Contract; e) Smithers is the only community in the constituency with a population over 5,000, and therefore affected by the RCMP Contract; and f) he will be attending the Natural Resources Forum in Prince George in the next couple of days and Minerals Roundup at the end of January.

Councillor Bandstra left for the duration of the meeting (1:25 p.m.)

Council apprised Doug Donaldson of: a) its strategic priorities chart, and asked for his support regarding Airport land development; and b) recent acquisition of Central Park lands. Council thanked him for assisting a resident whose home was dismantled during the last flood. In response to Council's question regarding Council's request for CT scan capabilities and renal dialysis services for the Bulkley Valley District Hospital, Mr. Donaldson advised Council that there will be an upcoming renal therapy strategy session with Northern Health. Council confirmed that the Ministry of Forests is taking Council's request very seriously, for a lift to the community forest allowable cut.

Mayor Bachrach invited Doug Donaldson to meet with Council whenever it fits his schedule.

3. OTHER BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Bachrach advised that a Strategic Planning Session with facilitator Gord McIntosh is tentatively scheduled for March 15 and 16 and reminded Council of the facilities' tour on January 11, 2012. D. Sargent advised that she will survey Council regarding 2012 conference participation.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Northrup/

THAT the meeting be adjourned (1:45 p.m.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Deborah Sargent
Chief Administrative Officer

Taylor Bachrach
Mayor

Certified a True and Correct Copy of the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Tuesday, January 10, 201, at 12:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C.

Deborah Sargent
Chief Administrative Officer