

# TOWN OF SMITHERS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Council Chambers, 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C., on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

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## Council Present:

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

## Council Excused:

Norm Adomeit, 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  
Kelly Zacharias, Airport Manager/Deputy Fire Chief  
Wilf Taekema, Director of Works and Operations  
Penny Goodacre, Recording Secretary.

Media Present: K. Stanfield, The Peak; and K. Koppitz, CFTK-TV.

Public Present: P. Briennesse R. Coltura, C. Dohler, S. Franklin, B. Garner, S. Kempenaar, A. Mattson, S. Stoltenberg, and R. Zitkauskas.

## CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor Farrow called the meeting to order (7:30 p.m.).

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA (including Supplemental Items)

- 1A. There were no Supplemental Items.  
AGENDA  
APPROVAL

## 2. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3-1 Wray/Bandstra  
09.0001 THAT the minutes of the Special (Open) Meeting of Council held  
REG DEC 9 December 9, 2008, be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 3-2 Northrup/Bandstra  
09.0002 THAT the minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of Council held December 9, 2008,  
INAUGURAL be adopted.  
DEC 9

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 3-3 Benson/Wray  
09.0004 THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held  
C.O.W. December 18, 2008, be adopted.  
DEC 18

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4-1  
09.0005  
ITEMS  
MADE  
PUBLIC

Groves/Wray  
THAT Report ADM 08-090 dated December 18, 2008, from D. Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer, recommending items be made public from the Special (In-Camera) meetings of Council held November 25, 2008, and December 9, 2008, be received;

AND THAT the following items be placed on the public agenda: (0640-01).

**Special (In-Camera) Meeting held November 25, 2008**

**11. OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

11-1 Policy COU-001 – Code of Ethics for Members of Council

*Council reviewed Policy COU-01 – Code of Ethics for Members of Council, which was amended and adopted by Council at its Special (In-Camera) meeting held November 10, 2008.*

*Groves/Benson  
THAT Policy COU-001 – Code of Ethics for Members of Council be adopted.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 08-196**

**12. PERSONNEL**

12-3 J. Davidson – Freedom of the Municipality

*Benson/Goodacre  
THAT Report ADM 08-080 dated November 20, 2008, from Deputy Mayor Farrow requesting approval to grant James Arthur Davidson Freedom of the Municipality be received and J. Davidson be granted Freedom of the Municipality.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 08-199**

**Special (In-Camera) Meeting held December 9, 2008**

**12. PERSONNEL**

12-3 Mineral Exploration Roundup 2009

*Bandstra/Benson  
THAT Mayor Farrow be authorized to attend the Mineral Exploration Roundup 2009.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 08-211**

*Groves/Northrup  
THAT Item 12-3 of the Special In-Camera meeting held December 9, 2008 be released to the public.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 08-212**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4-2                    Item 7A-6 of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 14, 2008:

09.0006

DEV 09-01

Northrup/Groves

THAT Council approve the 50% cost-sharing amount for A. Watson, owner of property at 3724 First Avenue, for the 3700 Block of First Avenue (East Side) Red Brick Paving Stone Sidewalk - 2009 project, as recommended in Report DEV 09-01 dated January 5, 2009, from M. Allen, Director of Development Services (5320-01).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

5-1

BV

AQUATIC  
CENTRE

S. Franklin and R. Coltura, Bulkley Valley Aquatic Centre Management Society (0530-05):

S. Franklin presented the Bulkley Valley Aquatic Centre Management Society 2009 budget. The Society has requested a proposed increase of 4% in taxation support for the following reasons: a) rising utilities costs; b) cost of living allowance; and c) wage increases. This is their first request for an increase in taxation support for the operating portion of the budget since the 2005 referendum.

The Town of Smithers, Village of Telkwa, and Regional District Bulkley-Nechako Electoral Area A contribute to a funding formula for the Bulkley Valley Aquatic Centre. The taxation funding formula is to assist the Society in properly maintaining the facility, making the staff wages more competitive with the industry averages, and to be indexed to inflation and growth.

The Bulkley Valley Aquatic Centre is widely used by the residents of the Bulkley Valley, including the Smithers Secondary School, Squash Club, Climbing Club, and Swim Club, and it is a small economic driver in the community. In 2008, the Centre has over 228 visits per day and approximately 80,000 visits over the course of the year.

Some of the challenges faced by the Society since the 2005 referendum include inflation resulting in the capital and maintenance costs doubling. There are an increased number of capital projects to do including: a) replacement of the pool deck; b) installation of the CLASS computer system; c) exterior door replacement; d) replacement pool grates; e) replacement of fitness studio equipment; f) interior door replacement; g) signage; h) aquatic wheelchair; i) sauna; j) aquafit stereo and mic system; k) tot slide; and l) replacement office equipment.

Mayor Farrow welcomed S. Stoltenberg, Director, Regional District Bulkley-Nechako Electoral Area A, and Councillor R. Zitkauskas, Village of Telkwa, to the meeting.

Council asked if the Centre keeps an inventory of parts on hand for when repairs are needed, so they can happen in a timely manner. The reply was yes they do.

Council asked how many employees work at the Centre. The reply was that the staffing levels fluctuate throughout the year depending on the season. Currently there are between 30 to 35 full time, part time and casual employees of which 6 employees are full time.

Council requested that the 2008 comparison between the Bulkley Valley Aquatic Centre and the Terrace Aquatic Centre be re-calculated to be compared on a tax base for a better understanding of the statistics.

Council requested that the Society provide them with the 2008 actual figures to compare with the 2008 budget. S. Franklin replied that once the actual figures are in, that Council would be provided with a copy.

Council asked why the 2009 budget amount for donations and grants is lower than the 2008 budget amount? It was encouraged that the Society focus on obtaining grants to assist with funding the Bulkley Valley Aquatic Centre.

There will be a Pool Committee meeting between the Town of Smithers, Village of Telkwa, Regional District Bulkley-Nechako Electoral Area A, and the Bulkley Valley Aquatic Centre, tomorrow to review the 2009 budget request.

S. Franklin thanked Council for their time and offered to give them a tour of the facility.

Mayor Farrow thanked the Society for their presentation.

5-2 Ms. B. O'Brien, Executive Director, Storytellers' Foundation (0530-05):

Not available to attend due to road conditions.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

#### **COUNCILLOR ADOMEIT**

6-1-1 Mayor Farrow informed Council that Councillor Adomeit's brother passed away today. Council's support goes out to the family.

#### **COUNCILLOR BANDSTRA**

6-2-1 Bandstra/Wray  
09.0007 THAT the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held  
EDC DEC 9 December 9, 2008, be received (0360-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**COUNCILLOR BENSON**

6-3-1 Benson/Northrup  
09.0008 THAT the Visitor Information Statistics from the Smithers District Chamber of  
VIC DEC 31 Commerce for the period ending December 31, 2008, be received (0230-20).  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-3-2 Benson/Wray  
09.0009 THAT the minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee meeting held  
TAC December 15, 2008, be received (0360-20).  
DEC 15  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

09.0010 Benson/Wray  
THAT Council award Archetype Enterprises the contract for the Smithers and Area Visitors Guide for production of 30,000 copies at a cost of \$14,237.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

09.0011 Benson/Northrup  
THAT Council refer the Tourism Advisory Committee's recommendation to the Budget Meeting being held January 17, 2009, for a Contribution by Town of Smithers (Taxation) under Revenue of the Five Year Plan be increased 3% annually.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

09.0012 Benson/Wray  
THAT Council approve the amended Tourism Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference that include: a) a notation that 4 members of the Committee constitute a quorum, and b) excessive absenteeism or missing three consecutive Committee meetings without notice to the Recording Secretary or the Chairperson may result in a member's removal from the Committee.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COUNCILLOR GROVES**

6-4-1 Groves/Bandstra  
09.0013 THAT the minutes of the Health Committee meeting held December 11, 2008,  
HEALTH be received (0360-20).  
DEC 11  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-4-2 Groves/Benson  
09.0014 THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held December 18, 2008,  
FINANCE be received (0360-20).  
DEC 1  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COUNCILLOR NORTHRUP**

6-5-1 Northrup/Bandstra  
09.0015 THAT the Report from Councillor Northrup regarding the local governance  
LOCAL workshop held December 15 to 17, 2008, in Terrace, be received (0390-01).  
GOVT  
WORKSHOP **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-5-2 Councillor Northrup stated that he attended the Library Board meeting on  
January 6, 2009.

6-5-2 Northrup/Bandstra  
09.0016 THAT Council approve Councillor Northrup's vacation leave from January 14,  
NORTHRUP 2009 to March 30, 2009.  
ABSENCE **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councillor Northrup indicated that he could be reached by telephone and email during his absence.

**COUNCILLOR WRAY**

6-6-1 Councillor Wray stated that he made a presentation to the Walnut Park  
SCHOOL Elementary School Grade 3 class regarding Local Government.  
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Mayor Farrow added that he conducted a tour of the Municipal Hall with the Muheim Elementary School Grade 3 class.

**MAYOR FARROW**

6-7-1 Benson/Northrup  
09.0017 THAT the minutes of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako meetings held  
RDBN November 20, 2008, be received: a) Meeting No. 20; and b) Planning  
NOV 20 Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-7-2 Northrup/Groves  
09.0018 THAT the program from the District of New Hazelton for the Allen Park Winter  
HAZELTON Festival held December 5, 2008, be received (0400-50).  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**STAFF (A) REPORTS**

7A-1 Benson/Wray  
09.0019 THAT Council approve the Policy #COU-002, Freedom of the Municipality; as  
POLICY recommended in Report ADM 09-002 dated December 31, 2008, from  
#COU-002 S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services (COU-002).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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7A-2 Benson/Wray  
09.0020 THAT Council authorize the following Council members to attend the 2009  
2009 conferences and conventions for 2009, as recommended in Report ADM 09-003  
CONVENTION dated January 2, 2009, from D. Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer: 1) North  
Central Municipal Association: Councillors Wray, Groves (tentative);  
2) Federation of Canadian Municipalities: Mayor Farrow; 3) Union of British  
Columbia Municipalities: Councillors Groves, Bandstra (tentative), Benson,  
Northrup, Wray (tentative); 4) Council of Forest Industries: Councillor Bandstra  
(tentative); and 5) Minerals North: Mayor Farrow, Councillor Groves (tentative).  
(0530-01)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7A-3 Wray/Benson  
09.0021 THAT Council endorse the Smithers Cycling and Pedestrian Plan;  
CYCLING  
AND AND THAT Council authorizes Administration to apply for the Provincial  
PEDESTRIAN Local Motion Grant in order to accomplish future capital improvements to the  
PLAN Cycling and Pedestrian Plan; as recommended in Report PR 09-02 dated  
January 7, 2009, from A. Hillaby, Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture  
(6140-01).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **STAFF (B) REPORTS**

7B-1 Northrup/Bandstra  
09.0023 THAT the following monthly reports for November 2008 be received: a) Airport  
NOV DEPT Services; b) Development Services Department; c) Fire Department;  
REPORTS d) Prevention and Community Safety; and e) Works and Operations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7B-2 Wray/Benson  
09.0024 THAT Report DEV 08-143 dated December 29, 2008, from A. Walker, Planner,  
LIBRARY regarding the design phase of the Smithers Public Library Expansion Project, be  
EXPANSION received (7960-02).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7B-3 Groves/Northrup  
09.0025 THAT Report AIR 09-01 dated January 6, 2009, from K. Zacharias, Airport  
NAV Manager/Deputy Fire Chief, regarding Nav Canada's *Discussion Paper on Air*  
CANADA *Traffic Service Requirements*, be received (1640-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Farrow suggested that the Town start the lobbying process with Provincial and Federal elected officials at the Grand Opening of the Airport on January 26, 2009, and that a resolution be sent to the North Central Municipal Association.

7B-4 Groves/Benson  
09.0026 THAT Report ADM 09-004 dated January 7, 2009, from D. Sargent, Chief  
EDO Administrative Officer, regarding facilitated discussion concerning Sustainable  
Economic Development Office, be received (0360-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **BYLAWS**

None.

### **CORRESPONDENCE - (A) ITEMS**

9-1 Northrup/Wray  
09.0027 THAT the letter dated November 17, 2008, from the B.C. Wildlife Federation  
BC WILD seeking participation and fundraising donations for the 2009 Convention being  
LIFE FED held April 22 to 25, 2009, in Fernie, be received (0390-01).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-2 Bandstra/Northrup  
09.0028 THAT the letter from G. Halseth and D. Manson, University of Northern British  
UNBC Columbia Community Development Institute, congratulating Mayor Farrow on  
being elected Mayor and proposing a meeting with Council, be received (0400-  
70).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-3 Northrup/Bandstra  
09.0029 THAT the letter dated November 26, 2008, from N. Cullen, Member of  
CULLEN MP Parliament, Skeena-Bulkley Valley, congratulating the new Council and  
proposing a meeting with Council, be received (0530-05).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Farrow suggested that N. Cullen be invited to attend a future Regular Council meeting as a delegation as his schedule permits.

9-4 Groves/Northrup  
09.0030 THAT the letter dated December 11, 2008, from B. Dewar, Chief Executive  
2010 Officer, 2010 Legacies Now, congratulating the new Council and presenting the  
LEGACIES 2007/08 Annual Review, be received (0360-20).  
NOW

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-5 Benson/Bandstra  
09.0031 THAT the registration information for the Building Sustainable Communities  
BLD conference being held February 24 to 26, 2009, in Kelowna, be received (0390-  
SUSTAIN 01).  
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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-6  
09.0032  
COURAGE  
TO COME  
BACK  
AWARDS

Bandstra/Northrup  
THAT the letter dated December 1, 2008, from the Coast Mental Health Foundation seeking nominations for the 2009 Courage To Come Back Awards, be received (0530-05).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-7  
09.0033  
UBCM  
GRANTS

Northrup/Benson  
THAT the memorandum dated December 12, 2008, from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding *Built Environment and Active Transportation Community Planning Grants - Phase 2*, be received (0230-30).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-8  
09.0034  
UBCM C2C  
FUNDING

Wray/Groves  
THAT the circular dated December 9, 2008, from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Executive and First Nations Summit inviting First Nations and Local Governments to apply for Newly-Elected Community to Community Forum funding, be received (0230-30).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-9  
09.0035  
NCMA  
CONVENTION

Benson/Groves  
THAT the letter dated December 19, 2008, from the North Central Municipal Association advising that March 6, 2009, is the deadline for resolutions for the May 6 to 8, 2009, Annual General Meeting and Convention being held in Dawson Creek, be received;

AND THAT Council send a resolution to the North Central Municipal Association regarding the NAV CANADA issue: prefer 24/7 flight at the Smithers Flight Service Station; but could operate with 15 hours year round coverage (0230-40).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-10  
09.0036  
COFI  
CONVENTION

Groves/Northrup  
THAT the letter dated December 11, 2008, from D. Routledge, Council of Forest Industries (COFI), inviting Mayor Farrow to participate in the Local Government Leaders' Program being held during the COFI Convention taking place April 1 to 3, 2009, in Prince George, be received (0510-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**CORRESPONDENCE - (B) ITEMS- RECEIVE AND REPLY**

10. None.

**CORRESPONDENCE - (B) ITEMS - RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION**

11-1 to 11-33  
09.0037  
'B' RFI

Groves/Benson  
THAT the following correspondence be received:

11-1 Letter dated December 11, 2008, from the City of Langley urging the federal government to support a phase out of the flame retardant polybrominated diphenyl ethers (0230-30).

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- 11-2 Letter dated December 17, 2008, from the City of Langley to the Minister of Housing and Social Development expressing concerns regarding the creation of a supportive housing assessment class (*Bill 11*) (0230-30).
  - 11-3 Registration information and agenda for the Northern Economic Summit being held January 22 and 23, 2009, in Prince George (0400-20, 0390-01).
  - 11-4 Union of British Columbia Municipalities' Member Release dated January 5, 2009, advising that a trust fund has been established for Sparwood Avalanche Victims (0230-30).
  - 11-5 Letter dated December 1, 2008, from R. Coleman, Minister of Housing and Social Development, following up on a meeting held during the Union of British Columbia Municipalities conference regarding low-income housing programs (0400-20).
  - 11-6 Memorandum dated December 10, 2008, from School District No. 54 announcing officers for the 2008/2009 school year (0400-70).
  - 11-7 Letter dated December 5, 2008, from 2010 Legacies Now and Volunteer Canada congratulating Smithers on being selected as a celebration community for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay and promoting VolWeb.ca (0360-20).
  - 11-8 Letter dated December 4, 2008, from B. Lekstrom, Minister of Community Development, regarding the Trees for Tomorrow initiative (0400-20).
  - 11-9 Memorandum dated December 15, 2008, from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, regarding *Strengthening the Connection* grants (0230-30).
  - 11-10 Letter dated December 16, 2008, from D. Shaw, Secretary Treasurer, Diocese of Caledonia, requesting clarification regarding the Town's previous letter of support for Camp Caledonia, and reply from A. Hillaby, Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture (0530-05).
  - 11-11 Letter dated December 22, 2008, from L. Fitt, Regional Strategic Development Analyst, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, requesting a letter of support for 911 Service to accompany grant applications (0400-55).
  - 11-12 Letter dated December 11, 2008, from R. Neufeld, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, following up on the meeting held during the Union of British Columbia Municipalities conference (0400-20, 0400-30).
  - 11-13 Letter dated December 19, 2008, from the BC Transmission Corporation presenting an update on the Northwest Transmission Line (0410-30).
  - 11-14 Letter dated December 15, 2008, from the David Suzuki Foundation requesting that Council support the *Species and Ecosystem Protection Act* (0530-05).

- 11-15 Letter dated December 19, 2008, from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding 2008 UBCM-administered grants (0230-30).
- 11-16 Letter dated December 23, 2008, from the Northern Development Initiative Trust advising that a report on the Airport Runway Expansion project is due by January 31, 2009 (6750-20, 8400-03).
- 11-17 Letter dated December 23, 2008, from the Northern Development Initiative Trust advising that a report on the 2008 Annual Economic Development Funding is due by January 31, 2009 (6750-20).
- 11-18 Letters dated December 19 and 8, 2008, from the Canadian Association of Home and Property Inspectors requesting Council urge the provincial government to ensure the highest home inspection standards (0530-05).
- 11-19 Correspondence from Communities in Bloom encouraging membership (0530-05).
- 11-20 Letter dated December 5, 2008, from Premier G. Campbell regarding the Towns for Tomorrow, LocalMotion, and Trees for Tomorrow programs and the Ministry of Community Development's RuralBC Secretariat (0400-20).
- 11-21 Letter dated December 5, 2008, from C. Ulrich, President and Chief Executive Officer, Northern Health, congratulating Mayor Farrow on being elected and expressing interest in meeting with Mayor Farrow (0400-80).
- 11-22 Letter dated December 2008 from J. Sterk, Leader, Green Party of British Columbia, congratulating Council on being elected (0530-05).
- 11-23 Letter dated December 1, 2008, from M. Klitch, Health Promotion Coordinator, Canadian Cancer Society Northern Region, congratulating Mayor Farrow on being elected (0530-05).
- 11-24 Letter dated December 10, 2008, from Mayor F. Clarke, Village of Granisle, congratulating Mayor Farrow on being elected (0400-50).
- 11-25 Letter dated December 1, 2008, from B. Lekstrom, Minister of Community Development, congratulating Mayor Farrow and Council on being elected (0400-20).
- 11-26 Letter dated December 5, 2008, from Senator M. Jaffer congratulating Mayor Farrow on being elected Mayor (0400-04).
- 11-27 Letter dated December 10, 2008, from K. Svendsen, Regional Manager, Public and Government Affairs, CN, congratulating Mayor Farrow on being elected Mayor (0400-40).
- 11-28 Letter dated December 5, 2008, from Mayor D. Rogers, City of Prince George, congratulating Mayor Farrow on being elected Mayor (0400-20).
- 11-29 Letter dated December 16, 2008, from B. O'Neill, President, CUPE BC Division, congratulating Mayor Farrow on being elected Mayor (2710-01).

- 11-30 Letter dated December 17, 2008, from J. Carruthers, President, Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipelines, congratulating Mayor Farrow on being elected Mayor (0510-20).
- 11-31 Letter dated December 16, 2008, from G.W. Powell, Board Chair, Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA), congratulating Council on being elected and providing an update regarding collaborations between the PHSA and Northern Health (0400-80, 0360-20).
- 11-32 Letter dated December 17, 2008, from G. Dirom, President and Chief Executive Officer, Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia, congratulating Mayor Farrow on being elected Mayor (5280-18).
- 11-33 Letter dated December 17, 2008, from H. Kroeker, President, Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association, congratulating Council on being elected (0230-01).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11-1  
09.038  
FLAME  
RETARDANT  
PBDE

Benson/Wray  
THAT the letter dated December 11, 2008, from the City of Langley urging the federal government to support a phase out of the flame retardant polybrominated diphenyl ethers, be submitted as a resolution to the North Central Municipal Association (0230-30)

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

11-8  
TREES FOR  
TOMORROW

Councillor Benson suggested that the letter dated December 4, 2008, from B. Lekstrom, Minister of Community Development, regarding the Trees for Tomorrow initiative, be referred to the Smithers Sustainable Advisory Committee (0400-20).

11-14  
DAVID  
SUZUKI  
FOUND-  
ATION

Councillor Benson suggested that the letter dated December 15, 2008, from the David Suzuki Foundation requesting that Council support the *Species and Ecosystem Protection Act*, be referred to the Tourism Advisory Committee (0530-05).

### **CORRESPONDENCE - (C) ITEMS**

12. None.

### **CORRESPONDENCE - (D) ITEMS**

13-1 to 13-17  
09.0039  
'D' ITEMS

Groves/Benson  
THAT the following correspondence, as routed, be received for information:

- 13-1 *BC Treaty Commission Annual Report 2008.*
- 13-2 *Tips for Living Well, Spring/Summer 2008, BC Coalition of People with Disabilities.*
- 13-3 *Draft Trails Strategy for British Columbia, Province.*

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- 13-4 *Power Grab - BC's Rivers and Streams at Risk*, Winter/Spring 2008, Western Canada Wilderness Committee.
  - 13-5 *Update*, University of Northern British Columbia, Fall 2008.
  - 13-6 *Network News*, Promotion Plus - Girls and Women in Sport and Physical Activity, Fall 2008.
  - 13-7 *Speaking of Children*, B.C. Children's Hospital, Fall 2008.
  - 13-8 *Transformations*, Plutonic Power Corporation, October 2008.
  - 13-9 *2007/2008 Annual Report*, University of British Columbia.
  - 13-10 *2009-2010 Membership CD*, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (0230-40).
  - 13-11 *Planting our Future: A Tree Toolkit for Communities*, Union of British Columbia Municipalities.
  - 13-12 *Snowmobile Safety*, Alberta Snowmobile Association.
  - 13-13 *The Wetlander*, Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area, Fall/Winter 2008.
  - 13-14 *The Woodland Almanac*, Winter 2008.
  - 13-15 *Transition*, BC Coalition of People with Disabilities, Winter 2008.
  - 13-16 *2010 Legacies Now Annual Review for 2007/08*.
  - 13-17 Information regarding the B.C. Wildlife Federation.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14. **SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED FOR DISCUSSION**

None.

**OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

- 15-1  
AIRPORT  
OPENING Mayor Farrow announced that the Grand Opening of the Smithers Regional Airport is to take place on Monday, January 26, 2009 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the airport.
- 15-2  
SNOW  
CLEARING W. Taekema, Director of Works and Operations, stated that the crew would be clearing snow in the nighttime during the next few days.
- 15-3  
GOOD JOB Councillor Benson extended the compliments of R. Purnell to the Works Crew for an excellent job of keeping the streets and sidewalks accessible during snow removal operations.
- 15-4  
PIR TOUR D. Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer, reminded Council of the Pacific Inland Resources (PIR) facility tour taking place on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. The rendezvous point is at their main office. Mayor Farrow and Councillor Groves confirmed their attendance for the tour.
- 15-5 M. Allen, Director of Development Services, informed Council that the street

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PACIFIC STREET lights have been installed on Pacific Street.

15-6 BUDGET L. Ford, Director of Finance, reminded Council of the all day budget meeting being held on Saturday, January 17, 2009.

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

16. None.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL (IN-CAMERA) MEETING OF COUNCIL PURSUANT TO SECTION 92 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER**

17. Northrup/Benson  
09.0040 THAT, pursuant to Section 92 of the *Community Charter*, Council gives notice  
NOTICE OF and exercises its authority and excludes the media and the public, except for  
IN-CAMERA municipal staff, from the Special (In-Camera) Meeting of Council being held on  
January 27, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. to deal with matters falling under Section 90,  
subsections 1 and/or 2 of the *Community Charter*.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

18. Wray/Bandstra  
09.0041 THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned (9:27 p.m.).  
ADJOURN

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Certified Correct:

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Cress Farrow  
Mayor

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Deborah Sargent  
Corporate Administrator/CAO

**Certified a True and Correct Copy** of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C.

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Deborah Sargent  
Corporate Administrator/CAO

SB/jm/pg