

TOWN OF SMITHERS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Council Chambers, 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C., on Tuesday, January 27, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

Council Present:

Jo Ann Groves, Acting Mayor
Norm Adomeit, Councillor
Lorne Benson, Councillor
Frank Wray, Councillor.

Council Excused:

Cress Farrow, Mayor
Mark Bandstra, Councillor
Charlie Northrup, 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
Janice McKay, Recording Secretary.

Media Present: K. Stanfield, The Peak; K. Koppitz, CFTK-TV; and B. Bloom, The Interior News.

Public Present: E. Jacobsen, D. Pflugbeil, J. Pflugbeil, J. Stenset, S. Becker, S. Hewitt, M. Hewitt, G. Richmond, I. McDonough, S. Fisher, T. Davidson, C. Thomas, L. Borrett, P. Briennesse, C. Schley, Bridie O'Brien, and S. Groves.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (including Supplemental Items)

1A. Adomeit/Benson

09.0042 THAT Council approves the agenda and the following supplemental items:

AGENDA
APPROVAL

14-1 Report ADM 09-009 dated January 26, 2009, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services, recommending Council reappoint Dean Daly to the position of Director representing the Town of Smithers on the Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation Board; and

14-2 Facsimile dated January 27, 2009, from S. Becker, Bulkley Valley Christian Fellowship, regarding the rezoning application for property located at 3578 Victoria Drive;

AND THAT: a) Item 14-1 be discussed under Section 14; b) Item 14-2 be discussed at this point in the meeting; and c) Report DEV 09-005 (Item 7A-2) dated January 16, 2009, from A. Walker, Planner, recommending Council deny the application to redesignate and rezone property located at 3578 Victoria Drive, be moved up to this point in the meeting (3360-20/R08-03).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14-2 & 7A-2
09.0043
3578
VICTORIA
DRIVE

Adomeit/Wray

THAT Council's decision regarding the matter of redesignation and rezoning of property located at 3578 Victoria Drive, be deferred until the Regular Meeting of Council being held February 24, 2009;

AND THAT the B.V. Christian Fellowship be given the opportunity to appear as a delegation at the February 10, 2009, Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1 Adomeit/Wray
09.0044 THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 13, 2009, be
REG JAN 13 adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3-2 Wray/Benson
09.0045 THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 8,
C.O.W. 2009, be adopted.
JAN 8

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4-1 Adomeit/Wray
09.0046 THAT Report ADM 09-005 dated January 14, 2009, from D. Sargent, Chief
ITEMS Administrative Officer, regarding items being made public from the Special (In-
MADE Camera) Meeting of Council held December 9, 2008, be received;
PUBLIC AND THAT no items be placed on the public agenda at this time (0640-01).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4-2 Item 5-1 of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 13, 2009
09.0047 Benson/Wray
POOL THAT the request from the Bulkley Valley Aquatic Centre Management Society,
BUDGET for approval of the Society's 2009 budget, be referred to the Council budget
deliberations being held March 3, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

5-1 C. Schley, Society of BC Conservation Officers, informed Council of a charity
CHARITY hockey game, with the Vancouver Canucks Alumni, being held in Smithers on
HOCKEY March 28, 2009, to benefit BC Children's Hospital and KidSport.
GAME

The 2008 game, hosted by 100 Mile, raised approximately three thousand dollars, as well as being an economic boost to the community. Mr. Schley advised that KidSport's proceeds will stay in Smithers and that KidSport is considering opening an office in Smithers.

Mr. Schley was advised that Council will deal with his requests for waiver of arena fees and a welcome address from Mayor Farrow at the February 10th Regular Meeting of Council.

Councillor Adomeit suggested that KidSport communicate with Affordable Recreation, so that the two agencies do not overlap services. Councillor Groves requested that the charity hockey game promote the One-Year Countdown to the Olympics, being held February 12, 2009, to maximize publicity.

5-2
STORY
TELLER'S
FOUND-
ATION

Storyteller's Foundation (0530-05).

B. O'Brien, Storyteller's Foundation, made a presentation to Council regarding the work of the Foundation. The purpose of the presentation was to request that Council name a representative from Council, staff, or the public, having an ecological background, to participate in the working group to address potential oil and gas development in the Skeena and Bulkley watersheds.

The goal of the Working Group is to prepare a consensus document to address the questions: What is our bottom line to do business with oil and gas companies? What is our basic threshold for the environment? How do we want to do business? How can we ensure certainty for industry?

There is a window of opportunity right now to be pro-active and prepare collectively. The first meeting of the Working Group will take place in mid-February, with meetings to take place through Spring.

The representative for the Town of Smithers would be responsible to communicate with Council. Council would be asked to endorse the document before it is made public.

In response to Council's questions, Ms. O'Brien confirmed that: a) presently information resources are available to assist the Working Group formulate opinions, but not for all aspects; and b) there would not be anyone on the Working Group to represent industry.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

COUNCILLOR ADOMEIT

6-1 None.

COUNCILLOR BANDSTRA

6-2-1 Wray/Benson
09.0048 THAT the minutes of the Fall Fair Management Committee/User Group meeting
FALL FAIR held January 19, 2009, be received (0360-20).
MGMT
JAN 19 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-2-2 Adomeit/Benson
09.0049 THAT the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held
EDC JAN 20 January 20, 2009, be received (0360-20).
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6-2-3 Adomeit/Wray
09.0050 THAT the minutes of the Sustainable Smithers Advisory Committee meeting
SSAC held January 14, 2009, be received (0360-20).
JAN 14 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

09.0051 Wray/Benson

6-6-1
LIBRARY
BOARD
Councillor Wray reported that he will be attending the Smithers Public Library Board meeting on January 29, 2009, where Board members will present ideas that may be considered for the library expansion project. The ideas were gathered while touring a number of libraries in the Vancouver area.

MAYOR FARROW

6-7-1
09.0058
RDBN
DEC 11
Adomeit/Benson
THAT the minutes of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako meetings held December 11, 2008, be received: a) Meeting No. 21; and b) Environmental Services Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6-7-2
09.0059
SSS GRAD
JUNE 27
Benson/Adomeit
THAT Council authorize Mayor Farrow to make a brief address at the graduation ceremony being held June 27, 2009, as requested in the letter dated January 8, 2009, from Smithers Secondary School (0400-70).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6-7-3
09.0060
NWRHD
NOV 21
Benson/Adomeit
THAT the minutes of the North West Regional Hospital District Board meeting held November 21, 2008, be received (0400-55).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6-7-4
09.0061
LUCY
NAMOX
Adomeit/Benson
THAT Council recognize the passing of Lucy Namox (Hereditary Chief Gguhlat) on January 12, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STAFF (A) REPORTS

7A-1
09.0062
TELUS
LICENCE OF
USE
Benson/Wray
THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the 5-year renewal of the Telus Communications Inc. Licence of Use between the Town of Smithers and Telus Communications, as recommended in Report AIR 09-02 dated January 14, 2009, from K. Zacharias, Airport Manager/Deputy Fire Chief (8400-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7A-2
See Item 1A, Motion 09.0043.

STAFF (B) REPORTS

7B-1
09.0063
DECEMBER
REPORTS
Benson/Adomeit
THAT the following monthly reports for December 2008, be received: a) Airport Services; b) Development Services Department; c) Fire Department; d) Prevention and Community Safety; and e) Works and Operations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BYLAWS

8-1 "Bylaw 1595 - Town of Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment No. 09-01" (Text Amendment)
09.0064

BYLAW 1595

Benson/Wray

THAT Bylaw No. 1595, cited as "Bylaw 1595 - Town of Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment No. 09-01", as introduced in Report DEV 09-006 dated January 20, 2009, from A. Walker, Planner, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE - (A) ITEMS

9-1
09.0065
RESERVE
ACCT 2ND
SHEET

Benson/Wray

THAT the letter dated January 4, 2009, from Smithers Minor Hockey requesting information regarding the status of the proposed multi-use facility and the reserve account for a second sheet of ice, be received;

AND THAT the groups, which have paid into the reserve account for a second sheet of ice, be advised as to its status (0360-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-2
09.0066
QUONSET
HUT

Benson/Adomeit

THAT Council approve the use of the Town's Quonset Hut (Johnstone Hall) to conduct the Smithers Secondary School/Northwest Community College Level 1 Carpentry Program, as requested in the letter dated January 13, 2009, from Smithers Secondary School (0400-70).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-3
09.0067
COFI

Adomeit/Benson

THAT the letter dated January 12, 2009, from the Council of Forest Industries (COFI) regarding upcoming events and offer by COFI to make a presentation to Council, be received (0510-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-4
09.0068
HIPPI
PROGRAM

Adomeit/Benson

THAT the overview regarding the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPI) Program and invitation to attend an early childhood forum on February 3, 2009, be received (0530-05).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-5
09.0069
RAMP

Benson/Wray

THAT the email dated January 13, 2009, from G. Storie, Chair, Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board, presenting a letter dated July 31, 2008, from S. Hagen, Minister of Agriculture, to D. MacKay, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Bulkley Valley-Stikine, regarding the Bulkley Valley Recreational Access Management Plan (RAMP), be received;

AND THAT Council submit a resolution, to the North Central Municipal Association, urging the Province to expedite completion of the Bulkley Valley Recreational Access Management Plan (0400-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-6
09.0070

Benson/Wray

THAT the letter dated January 13, 2009, from the Bulkley Valley Child

BVCDC Development Centre (BVCDC) inviting Mayor Farrow, or a representative, to attend a funding announcement being held at McDonalds Restaurant in Smithers for a Sensory Motor Room for the BVCDC, be received (0530-05).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-7 Benson/Adomeit
09.0071 THAT the registration information for the RoadHealth CrossRoads Conference
ROAD being held October 20 and 21, 2009, in Prince George, be received (0530-05).
HEALTH

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-8 Adomeit/Benson
09.0072 THAT the letter dated January 15, 2009, from the Recycling Council of British
ZERO Columbia seeking new members and registration form for the Zero Waste
WASTE Conference being held May 27-to 29, 2009, be tabled to a future Council
meeting, after Council has received, from staff, a list of all organizations to
which the Town of Smithers is a member (0360-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE - (B) ITEMS- RECEIVE AND REPLY

10. None.

CORRESPONDENCE - (B) ITEMS - RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION

11-1 to 11-20 Adomeit/Benson
09.0073 THAT the following correspondence be received:
'B' RFI

11-1 Letter dated January 14, 2009, from E. Benedict, Nominations Chair, North Central Municipal Association, calling for nominations for 2009-2010 Executive (0230-40).

11-2 Letter dated January 13, 2009, from R. Jorssen, Executive Director, Corporate Management Branch, Pacific Region, RCMP, regarding wage rate amendments (7400-02).

11-3 Letter dated December 31, 2008, from M. Xiao, Regional Director, Financial Management and Accounting Operations, Corporate Management Branch, RCMP, presenting an invoice for police services for the period October 1, 2008, to December 31, 2008 (7400-02).

11-4 Letter dated January 15, 2009, from the Smithers Public Library Board Chair and Building Committee to J. Baird, Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Communities, requesting infrastructure funding to reconstruct and expand the Smithers Public Library (7960-02).

11-5 Member Notice from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities dated January 9, 2009, regarding home and property inspection and presenting a letter from J. van Dongen, Solicitor General (0230-30).

11-6 Member Notice from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities dated January 19, 2009, regarding Resolution B120 - Municipal Pension Retirees Group Health Benefits (0230-30).

11-7 Letter dated December 31, 2008, from BC Assessment presenting highlights of the 2009 Property Assessment Roll (1950-03).

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- 11-8 Letter dated January 9, 2009, to the Spirit of BC Community Committee from 2010 Legacies Now regarding Spirit of BC Week 2009 contribution grants (0360-20).
 - 11-9 Letter dated December 22, 2008, from Canadian Heritage regarding Celebrate Canada funding (application available in Administration) and enclosing a Canada Day Youth Award nomination form (0400-40).
 - 11-10 *KSL Project Newsletter #4*, Pacific Trail Pipelines, January 2009 (0510-20).
 - 11-11 Email dated January 15, 2009, from J. Chaplin, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Smithers, regarding Eagle Peak Resources Inc.'s Dome Mountain Project and advising of the Northwest Mine Development Review Committee meeting being held February 3, 2009, in Smithers (0400-20).
 - 11-12 Letter dated January 12, 2009, from Premier G. Campbell replying to Mayor Farrow's letter regarding the Northwest Transmission Line along Highway 37 (0400-30, 0400-20).
 - 11-13 Letter dated January 15, 2009, from G. Hogg, Minister of State for Mining, regarding the Highway 37 Transmission project (0400-20, 0400-30).
 - 11-14 News Release and Backgrounder dated January 19, 2009, from the Ministry of Technology, Trade and Economic Development and Western Economic Diversification Canada regarding a new Canada-British Columbia Western Economic Partnership Agreement (0400-20).
 - 11-15 Media Release dated January 19, 2009, from the North West Regional Hospital District announcing the Board Executive, capital projects, commitments, and list of Board members (0400-55).
 - 11-16 Letter dated January 13, 2009, from J. van Dongen, Solicitor General, presenting a letter to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities responding to the letter sent to municipalities from the Canadian Association of Home and Property Inspectors (BC) (0400-20).
 - 11-17 Letter dated January 12, 2009, from the David Suzuki Foundation advising of the publication, "Doing Business in a New Climate: A Guide to Measuring, Reducing and Offsetting Greenhouse Gas Emissions" (0530-05).
 - 11-18 Letter dated January 15, 2009, from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC and the Yukon advising that February is Heart Month (0530-05).
 - 11-19 Letter dated January 2, 2009, from Mayor D. Pernarowski, City of Terrace, congratulating Mayor Farrow on being elected (0400-50).
 - 11-20 Letter dated January 10, 2009, from B. Gammer, BC Hydro, congratulating Mayor Farrow and Council on being elected (0400-30).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11-18
09.0074
PROCLAM-
ATION

Benson/Wray
THAT staff review any existing Proclamation policies or procedures and report back to Council.

ATIONS

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE - (C) ITEMS

12. None.

CORRESPONDENCE - (D) ITEMS

13-1 to 13-3
09.0075
'D' ITEMS

Adomeit/Wray

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

- 13-1 *CHOA Journal*, Condominium Home Owners' Association of BC, December 2008.
- 13-2 *2007/08 Annual Report, Ombudsman: BC's Independent Voice for Fairness*, Province of British Columbia.
- 13-3 *BC Forest Professional*, January/February 2009, from the Association of BC Forest Professionals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED FOR DISCUSSION

14-1
09.0076
DALY APPT

Benson/Wray

THAT D. Daly be reappointed to the position of Director, representing the Town of Smithers on the Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation Board, for a two-year term ending October 2010, as recommended in Report ADM 09-009 dated January 26, 2009, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services (0360-20/BVCF).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14-2

See Item 1A, Motion 09. 0042 and Motion 09.0043.

OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

15-1
09.0077
GROVES
VACATION

Benson/Adomeit

THAT Deputy Mayor Groves be authorized to be absent for four consecutive Council meetings, in February and March, due to vacation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

16.
C.O.W.
MINUTES
OCP DRAFT

T. Davidson, P. Briennesse, and C. Thomas, present in the gallery, voiced their individual concerns regarding edits made by Council to Draft 1 of the Official Community Plan at the Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 8, 2009. C. Thomas is a member of the OCP Steering Committee.

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

17.
09.0078

Benson/Adomeit

THAT, pursuant to Section 92 of the *Community Charter*, Council gives notice

NOTICE OF IN-CAMERA and exercises its authority and excludes the media and the public, except for municipal staff, from the Special (In-Camera) Meeting of Council being held on February 10, 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. Adomeit/Wray
09.0079 THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned (9:00 p.m.).
ADJOURN

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Certified Correct:

Councillor Jo Ann Groves
Acting Mayor

Deborah Sargent
Corporate Administrator/CAO

Certified a True and Correct Copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, January 27, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C.

Deborah Sargent
Corporate Administrator/CAO

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