

TOWN OF SMITHERS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Council Chambers, 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C., on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

Council Present:

Cress Farrow, Mayor
Norm Adomeit, Councillor
Mark Bandstra, Councillor
Frank Wray, Councillor.

Council Excused:

Lorne Benson, Councillor
Jo Ann Groves, 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
Wilf Taekema, Director of Works and Operations
Penny Goodacre, Recording Secretary.

Staff Excused:

Keith Stecko, Fire Chief
Kelly Zacharias, Airport Manager/Deputy Fire Chief.

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

Public Present: S. Becker, M. Edwards, J. Froese, J. Hayek, M. Hewitt, S. Hewitt, M. Hobson, E. Jacobsen, C. MacLeod, I. McDonough, D. Pflugbeil, and C. Schley.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (including Supplemental Items)

- 1A. Adomeit/Bandstra
09.0080 THAT Council approves the agenda, and the following supplemental items:
AGENDA
APPROVAL 14-1 Local Government Management Association of British Columbia
Information Circular, February 6, 2009, regarding the proposed
Fire/Rescue System Model (0230-30, 0230-40).
14-2 Email dated February 10, 2009, from J. Rysavy, North West Regional
Hospital District, regarding concerns for the attention of the Ombudsman
(0400-55).

AND THAT: a) Item 14-1 be discussed in conjunction with Item 11-3; and
b) Item 14-2 be discussed under the Mayor's Reports 6-7.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1 Wray/Bandstra
09.0081 THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 27, 2009, be
REG JAN 27 adopted by amending motion #09.0052 to replace the word “regular” with “trial”
and note that Councillor Wray was opposed to the motion.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4-1 Adomeit/Wray
09.0082 THAT Report ADM 09-010 dated January 30, 2009, from D. Sargent, Chief
ITEMS Administrative Officer, recommending items be made public from the Special
MADE (In-Camera) meeting of Council held January 13, 2009, be received;
PUBLIC AND THAT the following items be placed on the public agenda: (0640-01).

8. CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS (LEGAL / LAND) – ACTION AS NECESSARY (“A”)

8-1 Town of Smithers Logo

Benson/Northrup

THAT the letter dated January 7, 2009, from Murdy & McAllister, advising that the registration of the Town of Smithers’ alpenhorn trademark in foreign jurisdictions is not likely worth the cost and effort, be received (0595-01).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

09-002

12. PERSONNEL (LABOUR)

12-2 Council Remuneration

Wray/Groves

THAT Report ADM 09-001, dated December 31, 2008, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services, requesting direction for Council remuneration for 3-year term ending December 2011, be received (0530-01).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

09-005

Northrup/Benson

THAT the Council Remuneration Policy indicate an increase in stipend of 0% for 2009; 2% for 2010; and 2% for 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 09-006

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. McLeod requested the following from Council:

1. The Town of Smithers continue to support the Woodstove Exchange Program.
2. The Town of Smithers waive any necessary permit or installation fees, to assist with the storage and/or decommissioning of old stoves at the Municipal Works Yard, and to contribute funds to increase the rebate incentives for residents within Town limits.
3. The Town of Smithers assist in promoting awareness of the Woodstove Exchange Program and proper wood burning habits.

5-2
3578
VICTORIA
DRIVE

Shelley Becker and Pastor Ian McDonough, B.V. Christian Fellowship (3360-20/R08-03)

S. Becker, B.V. Christian Fellowship, read aloud an email from the property owner Sharon Fisher who is ill and unable to attend. The email stated that S. Fisher has been trying to sell or lease the property for over four years without much luck, due to the unique building structure. S. Fisher requested that Council redesignate and rezone the property located at 3578 Victoria Drive from medium industrial to P3 to allow for a church to occupy the building.

Pastor McDonough, B.V. Christian Fellowship, stated that he moved to Smithers in December 2008. He gave the history of the B.V. Christian Fellowship being without a home since 2006 and how they have used different venues around the Town, but have found nothing permanent to call their own. The congregation over the years has grown to 40 adults and 12 children.

S. Becker stated that if the property is approved to be rezoned, then the B.V. Christian Fellowship would enter into a lease-to-purchase agreement for a year.

5-3
BC WEB -
ROOM
RENTAL
POLICY

M. Edwards, BC Web (0340-01)

M. Edwards, BC Web, requested Council allow him to continue using the Town of Smithers Municipal Hall, NEWPRO meeting room to administer his MAC computer courses. He stated that he has rented the room 18 times, since November 2008, without incident and that he pays the half-day room rental rate of \$45, which brings in revenue for the Town.

During the MAC computer course, participants bring in their own computer and/or laptops, and learn how to operate their new MAC system. The course runs over four evenings, usually a Wednesday or Thursday between 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. These dates and times have not conflicted with any Council or Committee meetings. M. Edwards stated that there is a nominal fee charged for the course and believes that his use of the NEWPRO Room is not in contravention of the Town Hall Room Rental Policy ADM 04-003 (see 7B-1).

M. Edwards stated that he prefers to hold the computer course in a neutral

location. His needs are as follows: a) single floor access; b) single table top; c) room already set-up; d) projector and screen access; e) after hours access; and f) washrooms. He commented that no other venue in the Town has all these features and has used the Alpenhorn, Aspen, Smithers Community Services, and Hudson Bay Lodge in the past.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

COUNCILLOR ADOMEIT

6-1-1 None.

COUNCILLOR BANDSTRA

6-2-1 None.

COUNCILLOR BENSON

6-3-1 None.

COUNCILLOR GROVES

6-4-1 Adomeit/Wray
09.0086 THAT the minutes of the Health Committee meeting held January 15, 2009, be
HEALTH received.
COM JAN 15 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

09.0087 Adomeit/Wray
EMER- THAT Council send a letter to Telus requesting a public payphone be installed
GENCY on Main Street, for emergency purposes.
PAY PHONE **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COUNCILLOR NORTHRUP

6-5-1 None.

COUNCILLOR WRAY

6-6-1 None.

MAYOR FARROW

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- 6-7-1
09.0088
RDBN
JAN 15
- Adomeit/Wray
THAT the following minutes of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako meetings held January 15, 2009, be received for information: a) Meeting No. 1; and b) Environmental Services Committee.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 6-7-2
09.0089
NORTHERN
ECONOMIC
SUMMIT
- Adomeit/Bandstra
THAT the notes by Mayor Farrow summarizing the Northern Economic Summit held January 22 and 23, 2009, in Prince George, be received (0400-20).
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- NORTH-
WIND
- Mayor Farrow suggested that the Northwind Ethanol be referred to the Economic Development Committee to research and report back. Councillor Wray added that this should also be referred to the Smithers Sustainable Advisory Committee to research and report back.
- TOURISM
AND THE
OLYMPICS
- Mayor Farrow suggested that a Committee of the Whole meeting should be scheduled with G. Atrill to discuss the Northern Tourism and the Olympics.
- 6-7-3
MTGS
JAN 26 TO
FEB 2
- Adomeit/Wray
THAT the notes by Mayor Farrow regarding meetings between January 26 and February 2, 2009, be received (0550-01).
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 6-7-4
09.0090
BC HIGH
SCHOOL
CURLING
- Adomeit/Bandstra
THAT Council authorize Mayor Farrow to give a welcome address to the BC High School Curling Championships participants and to attend the banquet, as requested in the letter dated January 27, 2009, from J. Cameron, Principal, Smithers Secondary School (0400-70).
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 6-7-5
09.0091
OBAC
- Adomeit/Wray
THAT the following Omineca Beetle Action Coalition (OBAC) correspondence be received for information (0230-40):
- a) Agenda for the OBAC Board of Directors meeting held January 24, 2009.
 - b) Minutes of the OBAC Annual General Meeting held October 18, 2008.
 - c) *OBAC Orientation - January 2009.*
 - d) Letter dated December 17, 2008, from OBAC to Premier Campbell regarding "*Our vision for resilience in the north is emerging with the completion of six OBAC strategies*".
 - e) Letter dated January 12, 2009, from Premier G. Campbell to OBAC advising that the letter regarding regional strategies was forwarded to the Ministry of Technology, Trade and Economic Development.
 - f) Letter dated October 3, 2008, from B. Lekstrom, Minister of Community Development.

- g) Letter dated October 10, 2008, from K. Krueger, Minister of Small Business and Revenue.
- h) Letter dated October 27, 2008, from Premier G. Campbell.
- i) Email dated December 3, 2008, from R. Coleman, Minister of Housing and Social Development.
- j) Letter dated November 6, 2008, from M. de Jong, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.
- k) Letter dated December 11, 2008, from R. Neufeld, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14-2
09.0092
NWRHD AND
OMBUDSMAN
MTG

Adomeit/Wray
THAT the email dated February 10, 2009, from J. Rysavy, North West Regional Hospital District, regarding concerns for the attention of the Ombudsman, be received;

AND THAT Mayor Farrow bring forward the issue of the need for dialysis services in Smithers (0400-55).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STAFF (A) REPORTS

7A-1
09.0093
FALL FAIR
GROUNDS
ATTENDANT

Adomeit/Bandstra
THAT Council authorize the renewal of the lease between the Town of Smithers and the Lubbers for the provision of security services on the Fall Fairgrounds for a further five year period ending December 31, 2013; as recommended in Report ADM 09-012 dated February 2, 2009, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services (Vault).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7A-2
09.0094
BC CLIMATE
ACTION
CHARTER

Bandstra/Wray
THAT Report DEV 09-007 dated January 26, 2009, from A. Walker, Planner Council, recommending the Town signing the British Columbia Climate Action Charter, be received (6440-01).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

09.0095

Adomeit/Wray
THAT Council approved the Town signing the British Columbia Climate Action Charter, as recommended in Report DEV 09-007 dated January 26, 2009, from A. Walker, Planner (6440-01).

OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR WRAY.

CARRIED.

7A-3
09.0096
ATRILL
TOURISM

Adomeit/Wray
THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the agreement between the Town and Gladys Atrill, Tourism Coordinator, for the

TOURISM COORD provision of tourism coordination services for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2009, as recommended in Report ADM 09-013 dated February 3, 2009, from D. Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer (0360-20/TAC, Vault).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7A-4 Adomeit/Wray
09.0097 THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a bid package for hosting the 2010 North Central Municipal Association conference May 5 to 7, 2010, as recommended in Report ADM 09-014 dated February 3, 2009, from D. Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer (0230-40).
2010 NCMA
HOST BID

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7A-5 Adomeit/Wray
09.0098 THAT Council send the following two resolutions to the North Central Municipal Association, as recommended in Report ADM 09-015 dated February 4, 2009, from D. Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer, by amending the NAV Canada resolution by removing the words “to less than 15 hours per day of year round coverage” from the last paragraph (0230-40).

1. NAV CANADA (FLIGHT SERVICE STATION)

WHEREAS NAV Canada had previously recommended closure of the Smithers Flight Services Station in 2004 and it remains operational 24 hours per day / 7 days a week and NAV Canada is currently conducting a level of service review;

WHEREAS the high level of support from the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako, Provincial and Federal Governments to expand the Smithers Regional Airport runway from 5,000 feet to 7,500 feet solidifies the importance of flight services to the region, and the Smithers Regional Airport supports mining, resources, tourism sectors, as well as medical evacuation flights along the Highway 37 corridor and west as far as Cedarville and east as far as Burns Lake;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Smithers Regional Airport Flight Services Station hours of operation not be reduced.-

2. BULKLEY RECREATION ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS the Town of Smithers and others within the Bulkley Valley have an interest in the completion of the Bulkley Recreation Access Management Plan (RAMP), which has been in progress for many years, and a community-supported RAMP has been identified as a priority for the implementation of the Bulkley Land and Resources Management Plan (LRMP);

WHEREAS benefits of completing the (RAMP) include improved ability: (1) to provide certainty for recreation users; (2) to provide support for recreation organizations who build and maintain trails and structures; (3) to promote tourism; (4) to reduce conflicts in the community that can take considerable resources to address; and (5) for the community-at-large to better get along and

respect each others recreational pursuits;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia provide funding to complete the Bulkley Valley Recreation Access Management Plan (RAMP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STAFF (B) REPORTS

7B-1 Adomeit/Wray
09.0099 THAT Report ADM 09-011 dated February 2, 2009, from S. Bassett, Director of
TOWN HALL Corporate Services, presenting Town Hall Room Rental Policy ADM 04-003, be
ROOM received (0340-01).
RENTAL
POLICY

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council requested that the Town Hall Room Rental Policy ADM 04-003 be included on the February 24, 2009, agenda under Business Arising with 5-3.

7B-2 Adomeit/Bandstra
09.0100 THAT Report DEV 09-008 dated February 3, 2009, from A. Walker, Planner,
LIBRARY presenting an update on the Smithers Public Library Expansion Project, be
EXPANSION received (7960-02).
PROJECT

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BYLAWS

8. None.

CORRESPONDENCE - (A) ITEMS

9-1 Adomeit/Wray
09.0101 THAT the letter dated January 19, 2009, from K. Felker, Coordinator, Honours
ORDER OF and Awards Secretariat, calling for nominations for the Order of British
BC Columbia, be received;

AND THAT Council nominate James A. Davidson (0220-01).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-2 Wray/Bandstra
09.0102 THAT the email dated January 21, 2009, from T. Steidel, Smithers Branch of
LEGION 90th the Royal Canadian Legion, presenting ways to celebration the 90th Anniversary
and asking about the Town's requirements, be referred to a Committee of the
Whole meeting (0300-02).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-3 Adomeit/Bandstra
09.0103 THAT the letter dated January 27, 2009, from E. Hockaday, Man Maid House
MAN MAID Cleaning Services, requesting reconsideration of the Town of Smithers home-
HOUSE based business licence fee, be received (4300-20).
CLEANING **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-4 Adomeit/Bandstra
09.0104 THAT the information regarding the "Pitch-in Canada Week - Operation: Clean
CLEAN Sweep" campaign and membership application, be received (5360-10).
SWEEP **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

CORRESPONDENCE - (B) ITEMS- RECEIVE AND REPLY

10. None.

CORRESPONDENCE - (B) ITEMS - RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION

11-1 to 11-16 Adomeit/Bandstra
09.0105 THAT the following correspondence be received:
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- 11-1 Email dated January 30, 2009, from T. Davidson, presenting two letters dated January 27, 2009 (the first is for Councillors Wray, Groves, Adomeit, and Benson and the second is for Mayor Farrow and Councillors Bandstra and Northrup) regarding Council's edits to the draft Official Community Plan (0530-05).
- 11-2 Email dated January 30, 2009, from T. Davidson presenting an article from The Tyee.ca written by L. Solomon, "In Canada, a Push for Obama-style Green Stimulus (0530-05).
- 11-3 Letter received January 22, 2009, from C. Seychuk, Executive Director, Northern Society for Domestic Peace, presenting quarterly statistical for October, November and December 2008 (7400-02).
- 11-4 Email dated January 22, 2009, from J. Whitlow, participant in the "Texas 4000 for Cancer" charity bike ride, requesting information on a location in Smithers to give a presentation on July 23, 2009 (0530-05).
- 11-5 Letter dated January 13, 2009, D. Hadwen, Tradeshow Coordinator, Minerals North 2009, providing information regarding booths and registration (0360-20).
- 11-6 Email dated January 26, 2009, from Northwest Community College presenting the news release "Applied Research Agenda Gains Momentum" (0400-70).
- 11-7 Email dated January 21, 2009, from M. Koppe, North Central Municipal Association, presenting registration information for the (Measuring Up the North) "Creating Universally Designed Healthy Sustainable Communities" workshop being held April 6 to 8, 2009, in Prince George (0230-40, 0360-20).
- 11-8 Letter dated January 8, 2009, from G. Lunn, Minister of State (Sport) congratulating Smithers on being selected as a designated community

along the route of the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay (0400-40, 0360-20).

- 11-9 Email dated January 21, 2009, from Northern Health presenting an open editorial to northern media, "Meet the Environmental Health Officer" (0400-80).
- 11-10 News Release and Backgrounder dated January 22, 2009, from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development, regarding "New \$1M Skills Training Program for Rural Communities" (0400-20).
- 11-11 *Member Release* dated January 23, 2009, from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (0230-30).
- 11-12 *In the House* dated January 23, 2009, from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (0230-30).
- 11-13 *Member Notices* dated January 29, 2009, and December 18, 2008, from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding "Report on New Model for Delivery of Fire Services" and reply by Mayor Farrow on the proposed Fire/Rescue System Model (0230-30, 7200-01).
- 11-14 Letter dated January 19, 2009, from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities presenting a DVD of the 2008 FCM-CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Awards (0230-30).
- 11-15 Letters dated January 12, 2009, from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators, seeking nominations for 2009 professional recognition awards and Honourary Membership for Life Award (0230-40).
- 11-16 Correspondence from the Smithers Art Gallery regarding the exhibit, in celebration of BC's 150th Anniversary, showcasing the past, present and future of the Bulkley Valley (May 1 to May 18, 2000) (7930-02).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11-4
09.0106
TEXAS 4000
FOR
CANCER

Adomeit/Wray
THAT Council forward the email dated January 22, 2009, from J. Whitlow, participant in the "Texas 4000 for Cancer" charity bike ride, requesting information on a location in Smithers to give a presentation on July 23, 2009, to the Smithers Relay for Life group (0530-05).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11-13 and
14-1
09.0107
FIRE/
RESCUE
SYSTEM
MODEL

Adomeit/Bandstra
THAT the following correspondence be received:
11-13 *Member Notices* dated January 29, 2009, and December 18, 2008, from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding "Report on New Model for Delivery of Fire Services" and reply by Mayor Farrow on the proposed Fire/Rescue System Model, be received (0230-30, 7200-01).
14-1 Local Government Management Association of British Columbia

Information Circular, February 6, 2009, regarding the proposed Fire/Rescue System Model (0230-30, 0230-40).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE - (C) ITEMS

12. None.

CORRESPONDENCE - (D) ITEMS

13-1 to 13-7
09.0108
'D' ITEMS

Adomeit/Wray

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

13-1 *Taking Nature's Pulse: The Status of Biodiversity in British Columbia, 2008*, from Bio Diversity BC.

13-2 *2009 Calendar*, Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia.

13-3 Registration brochure for the 2009 Minerals North conference being held April 21 to 23, 2009, in Fort St. James.

13-4 *Roundup 08 Daytimer*.

13-5 *Roundup 08 Abstract*.

13-6 *Community Messages*, Winter 2008/2009.

13-7 *Military Service Recognition Book*, Volume III, BC/Yukon Command.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

14-1
FIRE/
RESCUE
SYSTEM
MODEL

See Section 11-13.

14-2
OMBUDSMAN

See Section 6-7.

OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

15-1
ROAD
WEIGHT
RESTRICTION

Councillor Wray requested clarification on the Ministry of Transportation's correspondence regarding road weight restrictions. Mayor Farrow responded that the notices come out in the spring with the warmer weather thawing the snow and ice.

15-2
LIBRARY

Mayor Farrow requested that Administration arrange an earlier time for Council to attend the Library Expansion Open House, as it is on the same night as the

OPEN HOUSE Council and Office of the Wet'suwet'en meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

16-1. EDUCATION FORUMS M. Hobson suggested that Council may want to hold educational forums to better understand climate change and carbon credits.

16-2. BRIENESSE P. Briennesse thanked Councillor Wray for his thoroughness of preparing for tonight's meeting, for catching the amendments to the NAV Canada resolution, and for recommending the Northwind be also referred to the Smithers Sustainable Advisory Committee.

P. Briennesse thanked Mayor Farrow for his leadership in the Climate Action Charter review. He stated that there will be a tax for carbon regardless, but it is beneficial to be part of the Charter now, as the Town will be ahead of the curve; it is an investment on the future competitiveness of the community.

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

17. 09.0109 NOTICE OF IN-CAMERA Adomeit/Wray THAT, pursuant to Section 92 of the *Community Charter*, Council gives notice 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 24, 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. 09.0110 ADJOURN Adomeit/Wray THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned (9:25 p.m.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Certified Correct:

Cress Farrow
Mayor

Deborah Sargent
Corporate Administrator/CAO

Certified a True and Correct Copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C.

Deborah Sargent
Corporate Administrator/CAO

SB/jm/plg