

# TOWN OF SMITHERS

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

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Council Present:

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

Council Excused:

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

Staff Excused:

Keith Stecko, Fire Chief.

Media Present: B. Bloom, The Interior News.

## CALL TO ORDER

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

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA (including Supplemental Items)

- 1A. Bandstra/Adomeit  
09.0153 THAT Council approves the agenda, and the following supplemental items for  
AGENDA discussion later in the meeting (under Section 14):  
APPROVAL

14-1 Report DEV 09-015 dated March 9, 2009, from M. Allen, Director of Development Services, recommending the Town apply for Building Canada Fund Communities Component grant program funding for the "Railway Avenue Watermain Looping: Pacific Street to Moncton Reservoir" project (18555-05).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. PUBLIC HEARING

2-1 None.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3-1 Benson/Wray  
09.0154 THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 24, 2009,  
REG FEB 24 be adopted, by amending the paragraph on page 5, item 6-7-4, regarding Alcan by stating the funding received is \$630,000 plus per year for the region.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4-1                    Item 5-1 of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 24, 2009  
09.0155

Wray/Benson

THAT Council appoint A. Walker, Planner, as the Town of Smithers representation on the Smithers Community Services Association's Housing Toolkit Project Task Force (0530-05).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

09.0156

Wray/Adomeit

THAT Council support in principle the objectives of the Chain Reaction Community Labour Force, as requested in the delegation package from E. McGiffin, Housing Toolkit Project Coordinator, Smithers Community Services Association (0530-05).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

5-1  
NORTHERN  
HEALTH  
UPDATE

C. Hikisch, Northern Health Update

C. Hikisch, Health Services Administrator for the East Cluster, presented a general update on Northern Health. He stated this is his third presentation to Council and his first presentation to the new Council.

Northern Health (NH) has developed a new Mission, Vision, Values, and Strategic Plan. The Mission Statement: "Through the efforts of our dedicated staff and physicians, in partnership with communities and organizations, we provide exceptional health services for Northerners."

NH local and regional improvements to patient care include:

- a) Bulkley Valley District Hospital (BVDH) Community Cancer Clinic: BC Cancer Agency and NH funding for renovations to the clinic; a new chemotherapy hood to be installed in Pharmacy; and a new clerical position.
- b) Comprehensive Advance Life Support (CALs) course: Smithers will be hosting the course focused on rural emergency room (ER) care to be held on June 12 and 13, 2009, at the Hudson Bay Lodge. C. Hikisch will send a formal letter requesting the Mayor and Council extend a welcome to the delegates.
- c) Visiting Specialists (general surgery, Urology, ENT, OBGYN, neurology, orthopaedics, psychiatry, and psycho geriatrics) continue to provide services to Smithers. Additional visits have been approved for this year under the Northern and Isolation Travel Assistance Outreach Program for Internal Medicine.

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- d) Smithers Health Committee: Working with the Committee to develop its goal and priorities.
  - e) Bulkley Lodge: Implementing a new palliative care bed, which is intended to provide relief and support to caregivers of palliative clients.
  - f) NH welcomes two new positions: a Biomedical technician, and an Infection Control Practitioner.
  - g) Nursing students from the University of Northern British Columbia; Thompson Rivers; University of British Columbia, and University of Victoria will be at the BVDH for a six-week practicum.
  - h) NH welcomes two new family physicians: Dr. Volter Morkel, GP, is working in Houston and at the Walk-in Clinic in Smithers on Main Street. Dr. Nikki Froese is visiting as a locum and is expected to join the Central Square clinic this fall.
  - i) NH welcomed back the BVDH Pharmacist - Marion Schultz.

Some challenges facing NH: a) operating budgets pressure to remain status quo; b) Recruiting: Director of Care for acute care, a Home and Community Care manager, a site coordinator for the Bulkley Lodge, and OR nurses.

C. Hikisch stated that last year NH and the Regional Hospital District supported \$250,000 in renovations and additional equipment for the BVDH Operating Room. Renovations were also completed on the second floor admitting area, waiting area, additional storage, and two additional washrooms added. This renovation was the final supporting step to the efforts of the Operation Keyhole foundation.

The Operation Keyhole foundation was a local fundraising drive that raised over \$300,000 towards endoscopy equipment for BVDH, which was spearheaded by former Councillor Stewart. After Councillor Stewart left the community in September 2007, the foundation became defunct.

C. Hikisch stated that BVDH equipment needs are still very high and stressed the need for Operation Keyhole to continue.

C. Hikisch requested that Council resume the Operation Keyhole Foundation fundraising efforts, to support the BVDH surgical services, under the guidance of the Smithers Health Committee.

Mayor Farrow thanked C. Hikisch for his presentation and stated that Council is aware of the importance of Operation Keyhole.

5-2  
SMITHERS  
LIBRARY  
BLD DESIGN

W. Bergen, B. Brown, and P. Parry - Smithers Library Board

Mayor Farrow stated that Council would bury their process tonight of waiting until the next meeting, and would be providing the Smithers Library Board with direction and their decision tonight on their requests.

B. Brown, Smithers Library Board, introduced W. Bergen and P. Parry and stated that they would provide a brief summary to Council regarding the library design process and tentative building designs.

W. Bergen gave a summary of the Urban Arts Architecture's "Smithers Public Library, Expansion Project – Design Phase, Assessment of Existing Building for Retention/Expansion, February 2009" report.

Highlights included:

- New Library will be approximately 12,000 sq ft, based on population projections to 2030.
- Assessment consists of: a) an evaluation of the condition of the existing Library; b) exploration of site options and developing concept options; c) a cost benefit analysis of retaining the existing structure and adding onto it, versus the cost of building a new stand-alone facility; and d) a recommendation against retention.
- The current Library building was built in 1967, it was renovated in 1980 to 4,000 sq ft, and in 2001 an external covered entryway and an Alpine Theme was added.
- The current Library building is crowded, dark, has limited wheelchair accessibility, has ground water in the crawl space, and mould problems, and is very undersized to serve the population of the Bulkley Valley.
- It was recommended that there be no retention of the existing Library building. Due to the building coming to the end of its useful life, the building envelope needing upgrading, inadequate mechanical system for a larger facility, would compromise the aesthetics and functionality of the new facility.
- The key site strategies for the new building are: a) maximize space; b) capitalize on solar energy; c) access to views of the Hudson Bay Mountain; d) create "civic synergy"; e) create strong connections to the Veteran's Peace Park; f) ease of access; g) support visual access from the end of Main Street; and h) create a positive street presence and high visibility from Main and Alfred Streets.
- There were four concept options submitted for the site options for the new Library facility. Options 1 – the expansion of the existing Library Facility and Option 2 – a stand-alone facility were discussed in depth. The preliminary costs of Option 1 are \$3,884,800 and the preliminary costs of Option 2 are \$3,828,000.

The Smithers Library Board requests that the Council consider approving Building Option #2: To replace and demolish the existing 4,000 sq ft library building and construct a new stand alone 12,000 sq ft energy efficient wood frame library. And that Council consider approving the siting location of Option #2 that places the new library building on the northwest quadrant of Veterans Peace Park to enhance Main Street and Civic Synergy.

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09.0157 Benson/Wray  
THAT Council authorize the Smithers Library Board to proceed with Building Option #2: To replace the existing 4,000 sq ft library building and construct a new stand alone 12,000 sq ft energy efficient wood frame library; to be located on the northwest quadrant of Veterans Peace Park as recommended in the siting location of Option #2;

AND THAT Council retain the current Library building for further consideration.

**OPPOSED: ONE COUNCILLOR.**

**CARRIED.**

5-3 BV MUSEUM F. Tomlin, Curator, and A. White, Assistant Curator - Bulkley Valley Museum:

F. Tomlin requested permission to display Dutch and Swiss flags from the Central Park Building, during the summer months. He stated that the Dutch exhibit will be shown at the Kondolas building and the Swiss exhibit will be shown at the Safeway store. These two exhibits will enhance the "cultural crawl" for tourist in our Town. F. Tomlin stated that this summer, the exhibit at the BV Museum is titled "History of Music in the Bulkley Valley".

F. Tomlin requested permission to place a mobile music gazebo in Goat Park or Central Park parking lot; or wherever Council thought appropriate. This mobile stage will allow local musicians a venue in which to perform. The mobile music gazebo would be funded by the BV Museum, with the construction being completed by the carpentry students from Northwest Community College.

F. Tomlin introduced the new Assistant Curator Allison White, who is on a six month contract thanks in part to funding from Service Canada. A. White has been tasked with the accession of artifacts in the museum.

A. White stated she moved from Ontario to Smithers three weeks ago and has university degrees in Film History and Museum Studies. Her focus is to archive and accession into the permanent collection at the museum. She will also be assisting the Telkwa Museum with their database management system.

It was suggested that F. Tomlin also investigate the possibility of placing the mobile music gazebo on the old Mohawk lot at the corner of Main Street and Highway 16, after the remediation of the land.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

#### **COUNCILLOR ADOMEIT**

6-1-1 CHAMBER AGM Councillor Adomeit informed Council that the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting and election of new officers would take place on Thursday, March 19, 2009, at 12 noon, in the Pioneer Place Activity Centre.

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**COUNCILLOR BANDSTRA**

6-2-1 Bandstra/Benson  
09.0158 THAT the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held  
EDC FEB 17 February 17, 2009, be received (0360-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

09.159 Bandstra/Wray  
THAT the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held  
February 17, 2009, regarding the Smithers Economic Development Office be  
referred to the March 31, 2009, Finance Committee Budget Meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COUNCILLOR BENSON**

6-3-1 Councillor Benson advised Council that G. Atrill, Tourism Coordinator, has been  
G. ATRILL appointed on the Board of Directors for the newly formed BC Destination  
Marketing Organization Association.

09.0160 Wray/Benson  
RDBN THAT Council send the following resolution to the Regional District of Bulkley  
BUILDING Nechako, as requested in the email dated March 10, 2009, from C. Swenson:  
CANADA  
FUND

*THAT the Town of Smithers is supportive of the Regional District of  
Bulkley Nechako's application to the Building Canada for infrastructure  
upgrades to the Bulkley Valley Regional Pool and Recreation Centre.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COUNCILLOR GROVES**

6-4-1 Wray/Bandstra  
09.0161 THAT the notes of the Spirit 2010 - Torch Relay Host Community Celebration  
SPIRIT Working Group meeting held February 25, 2009, be received (0360-20).  
TORCH  
FEB 25

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-4-2 Benson/Wray  
09.0162 THAT Council receive and view the two 2010 Olympics DVD's.  
2010

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLYMPIC  
DVD'S

**COUNCILLOR NORTHRUP**

6-5-1 None.

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**COUNCILLOR WRAY**

6-6-1 None.

**MAYOR FARROW**

6-7-1 Adomeit/Bandstra  
09.0163 THAT the following minutes of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako meetings  
RDBN held February 12, 2009, be received for information: a) Meeting No. 3;  
FEB 12 b) Environmental Services Committee; and c) Rural Directors Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-7-2 Benson/Wray  
09.0164 THAT the following correspondence relating to the North West Regional  
NWRHD Hospital District, be received for information: a) Minutes dated January 16,  
2009, and February 3, 2009; b) Letter to Ministers regarding Shelf Ready  
Projects; and c) Letter dated February 10, 2009, from Premier Campbell,  
regarding timely access to trauma care.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-7-3 Adomeit/Benson  
09.0165 THAT the following correspondence from the Northern Development Initiative  
NDI NW-RAC Trust - Northwest Regional Advisory Committee, be received for information:  
a) Agenda, February 19, 2009; and b) Minutes, December 15, 2008.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**STAFF (A) REPORTS**

7A-1 Benson/Wray  
09.0166 THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the  
STRATEGIC Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement, as recommended in Report  
COMMUNITY FIN 09-13 dated March 3, 2009, from L. Ford, Director of Finance (1610-01).  
INVEST-  
MENT  
FUNDS

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7A-2 Benson/Wray  
09.0167 THAT Council table the appointments to the Sustainable Smithers Advisory  
COMMITTEE Committee and the Economic Development Committee until Councillor  
APPT Bandstra reports back to Council at the March 24, 2009 Council Regular  
Meeting, after contacting each of the applicants mentioned in Report ADM 09-  
027 dated March 2, 2009, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

09.0168 Benson/Wray  
TAC APPT THAT Council appoint Debby Meissner to the Tourism Advisory Committee, as  
recommended in Report ADM 09-027 dated March 2, 2009, from S. Bassett,  
Director of Corporate Services (0360-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**STAFF (B) REPORTS**

7B-1 Adomeit/Benson  
09.0169 THAT Report DEV 09-012 dated March 3, 2009, from M. Allen, Director of  
SEWER Development Services, announcing the award of the sewer main flushing and  
MAIN FLUSH video inspection contract to Dougness Holdings, be received (5330-20/2009-  
VIDEO 01).  
INSPECTION

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7B-2 Bandstra/Benson  
09.0170 THAT Report AIR 09-05 dated March 5, 2009, from K. Zacharias, Airport  
AIRPORT Manager, providing the Airport Services monthly report for February 2009, be  
FEB 2009 received.  
REPORT

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14-1 Benson/Bandstra  
09.0171 THAT under the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component grant  
program, that the Town of Smithers apply for the “Railway Avenue Watermain  
Looping: Pacific Street to Moncton Reservoir” project at an estimated cost of  
\$600,000 with the Town’s funding portion to come from the Utility Surplus;  
AND THAT the Capital Budget amount for this project be increased from  
\$540,000 to \$600,000;  
AND THAT this capital project be moved from 2012 to 2010; as recommended  
in Report DEV 09-015 dated March 9, 2009, from M. Allen, Director of  
Development Services (1855-05).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**BYLAWS**

8-1 “Bylaw No. 1595 - Town of Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment No.  
09-01”  
09.0172  
BYLAW

NO. 1595 Wray/Benson  
THAT Bylaw No. 1595, cited as “Bylaw No. 1595 - Town of Smithers Zoning  
Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment No. 09-01”, be read a third time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

09.0173 Benson/Wray  
THAT Bylaw No. 1595, cited as “Bylaw No. 1595 - Town of Smithers Zoning  
Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment No. 09-01”, be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8-2 “Bylaw No. 1596 - Cemetery Fees and Charges Amendment”

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09.0174  
BYLAW Benson/Adomeit  
NO. 1596 THAT Bylaw No. 1596, cited as "Bylaw No. 1596 - Cemetery Fees and Charges Amendment", be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**CORRESPONDENCE - (A) ITEMS**

9-1 Adomeit/Benson  
09.0175 THAT the letter dated February 27, 2009, from B. Blix, Smithers, requesting  
HOME reconsideration of the home-based business licence fee, be received (4320-20).  
BASED  
BUSINESS **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-2 Benson/Wray  
09.0176 THAT the letter dated February 24, 2009, from W. Jackson, Vice-President,  
ACCRA Mountain Trail Log and Timber Homes Ltd., wishing to present to the Mayor of  
TWIN CITY Accra (the capital of Ghana) the idea of a twinning relationship between  
Smithers and Accra, be received (0530-05).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-3 Benson/Wray  
09.0177 THAT Council grant permission to bring the Big Bike fundraising event to  
BIG BIKE Smithers on June 9, 2009, as requested in the facsimile dated  
JUNE 9 February 18, 2009, from T. Runions, Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC and  
the Yukon (0300-02).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-4 Wray/Benson  
09.0178 THAT the letter dated February 17, 2009, from M. Hurst, Provincial Emergency  
PEP Program, advising of upcoming workshops for elected officials, be received;  
WORKSHOP AND THAT Councillor Wray be authorized to attend (7140-01).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-5 Bandstra/Adomeit  
09.0179 THAT the email dated February 19, 2009, from M. Koppe, North Central  
EI Municipal Association, forwarding correspondence on behalf of the District of  
REGIONAL Mackenzie regarding Employment Insurance Regional Boundaries, be received  
BOUNDARY (0230-40).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-6 Adomeit/Wray  
09.0180 THAT Council grant an extension on the covenant to March 2011 to the  
SPARROWS Sparrows Housing Project, as requested in the letter dated February 23, 2009,  
HOUSING from W. Vandenberg (3750-20 and 2360-04).  
PROJECT

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

10. None.

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

11-1 to 11-15  
09.0181  
'B' RFI

Adomeit/Wray

THAT the following correspondence be received:

- 11-1 News Release dated February 26, 2009, from Jay Hill, MP, Prince George-Peace River, announcing funding to improve the Town's existing storm water collection system (0400-20).
- 11-2 Letter dated February 9, 2009, from 2010 Legacies Now regarding a Local Sport Program Development Fund contribution to the Town's Recreation, Parks and Culture Department for the Smithers Youth Basketball Development Program (8000-01).
- 11-3 Letter dated February 12, 2009, from Northern Development Initiative Trust to Smithers Community Services Association presenting the first project disbursement for the Moricetown Supported Work/Manufacturing Centre project (6750-20).
- 11-4 Letter dated February 19, 2009, from the Northern Society for Domestic Peace advising that the fourth week of April is "Prevention of Violence Against Women Week" (0630-01).
- 11-5 Letter dated February 19, 2009, from the British Columbia Dental Association advising that April is "Oral Health Month" (0630-01).
- 11-6 Correspondence dated February 11 and 20, 2009, from the British Columbia Achievement Foundation advising that Smithers' nominees J. Davidson and F. Stokes were not chosen to receive B.C. Achievement Awards (and list of the 2009 award recipients) (0220-01).
- 11-7 Letter dated January 25, 2009, from HealthLinkBC introducing the new service, and the 8-1-1 phone line for non-emergency health issues launched in November 2008 (0400-20).
- 11-8 Invitation from the Northern Medical Society to attend the Bob Ewert Memorial Lecture and Dinner being held Saturday, April 4, 2009, at the Prince George Civic Centre, with speaker Gwynne Dyer speaking on *The Geopolitical Implications of Climate Change* (0400-70).
- 11-9 Registration information for the 2009 International Awards for Liveable Communities being held in the Czech Republic October 8 to 12, 2009 (0530-05).
- 11-10 Letter dated February 17, 2009, from the Canadian Union of Public Employees, presenting a report on Public Private Partnerships (2710-01).
- 11-11 Letter dated February 18, 2009, from Mayor D. Corrigan, City of Burnaby, regarding Burnaby School Lands and the Ministry of

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Education's "Disposal of Lands or Improvements Order" (0400-50).

- 11-12 Letter dated February 24, 2009, from the Ministry of Community Development presenting a bulletin explaining implementation of procurement provisions under the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement, to apply to local governments on April 1, 2009 (0230-30).
- 11-13 Letter dated March 2, 2009, from students of Walnut Park School requesting the Town of Smithers encourage residents not to let their vehicles idle (0530-05).
- 11-14 Letter dated February 28, 2009, from D. and S. Ripmeester, expressing concerns over lack of government incentives to support their green building initiative (0530-05).
- 11-15 Letter dated February 16, 2009, from D. MacKay, MLA Bulkley Valley-Stikine, thanking Council for their support during his time in office (0400-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11-13  
09.0182  
ANTI-IDLE  
POLICY

Wray/Benson

THAT the letter dated March 2, 2009, from students of Walnut Park School requesting the Town of Smithers encourage residents not to let their vehicles idle, be received;

AND THAT Council send a letter to the students of Walnut Park School advising of the Town's anti-idle policy;

AND THAT an article be placed in the Town Gazette regarding the Town's anti-idle policy (0530-05).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11-15  
09.0183  
MACKAY  
MLA  
THANK YOU

Benson/Bandstra

THAT the letter dated February 16, 2009, from D. MacKay, MLA Bulkley Valley-Stikine, thanking Council for their support during his time in office, be received

AND THAT Council send a letter of appreciation to D. MacKay for all his support for the Town's projects during his time in office (0400-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**CORRESPONDENCE - (C) ITEMS**

12. None.

**CORRESPONDENCE - (D) ITEMS**

13-1 to 13-9 Adomeit/Wray

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- 09.0184  
'D' ITEMS
- THAT the following correspondence, as routed, be received for information:
- 13-1 *2007-2008 Annual Research Report*, Vancouver Island University.
  - 13-2 *Smithers Community Services Association Newsletter*, February 2009.
  - 13-3 *Heritage Quarterly*, B.C. Heritage, Winter 2009.
  - 13-4 *Care Quarterly*, BC Care Providers Association, Winter 2009.
  - 13-5 *Child Find British Columbia Newsmagazine*, Winter 2009.
  - 13-6 *Transformations*, Plutonic Power Corporation, January 2009.
  - 13-7 *DVD - Provincial Budget 2009*.
  - 13-8 Letter dated February 23, 2009, from the Energy Efficiency Branch, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, thanking M. Allen, Director of Development Services, for energy efficiency leadership through the Community Action on Energy and Emissions program; including program brochures (0400-20).
  - 13-9 Letter dated March 4, 2009, from K. Stunder, Aurora Resorts Inc., providing a copy of the Watson's Landing Disclosure Statement (3320-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

- 14-1 See Staff (B) Reports.

**OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

- 15-1  
09.0185 Wray/Bandstra
- THAT Council send a letter of support to E. Harding for the establishment of a Recycling Centre at the Smithers/Telkwa Transfer Station, as requested in the letter dated March 9, 2009, from E. Harding.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 15-2  
NAV  
CANADA
- K. Zacharias, Airport Manager, informed Council that NAV Canada has proposed that the Smithers Flight Service Station be closed and the service removed from Terrace between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. beginning at the end of March 2009 or early April 2009.

Mayor Farrow stated that he would send requests for letters of support for the Flight Services Station to the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition, the Northwest Regional Hospital District Board, and the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako. He encouraged the general public to also send letters of support.

- 15-3  
AUDITORS  
MTG
- L. Ford, Director of Finance, reminded Council of the March 25, 2009, meeting with the Auditors to review the 2008 Audited Financial Statements, being held at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

16.

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

16-1.  
HANSON  
SUPPORT  
FOR FSS

D. Hanson stated that she is a part-time flight attendant with Hawkair and stressed the importance of having people man the Smithers Flight Services Station. She stated that it is important to have a pair of eyes in the tower to view the weather at all angles and not just above where the proposed remote weather sensor would be located.

16-2.  
BRIENESSE

P. Brienesse commented that the BV Museum's proposal for a mobile bandstand is an excellent idea and cautioned against it being placed in Goat Park, as there is a high prevalence of vandalism there.

P. Brienesse suggested that the North West Regional Hospital District proposed recruitment video should focus on the entire Northwest Region and not solely on Terrace.

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

17.  
09.0186  
NOTICE OF  
IN-CAMERA

Benson/Bandstra

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 March 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.  
09.0187  
ADJOURN

Adomeit/Bandstra

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned (9:44 p.m.).

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**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, March 10, 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/plg