CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (including Supplemental Items)

1A. AGENDA APPROVAL

THAT Council approves the agenda, and the following supplemental items for discussion later in the meeting (under Section 14):

14-1 Letter dated July 24, 2009, from K. Spiro, President of the Board, Smithers Art Gallery, requesting a letter of support to accompany a Wetzin’kwa Community Forest grant application (0230-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING

2-1 PUBLIC HEARING BYLAW 1607

Deputy Mayor Groves opened the Public Hearing for “Bylaw No. 1607 - Town of Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment No. 09-04” (shipping containers) at 7:31 p.m.

Letter of approval dated July 7, 2009, from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (3360-20/R09-04).

No further written or verbal submissions were made to Bylaw No. 1607.

Deputy Mayor Groves called three times for submissions to Bylaw No. 1607 and, receiving none, closed the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
THAT the letter of approval dated July 7, 2009, from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, be received (3360-20/R09-04).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Benson/Adomeit
THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 23, 2009, be adopted, by amending page 3-1-I Item 15.1 to state that Councillor Wray was opposed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adomeit/Wray
THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held June 30, 2009 (RDBN and Broadway Place Shelter), be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Adomeit/Northrup
THAT Report ADM 09-052 dated June 23, 2009, from D. Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer, recommending items be made public from the Special (In-Camera) meeting of Council held June 23, 2009, be received;

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

11. OTHER BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Northern Medical Trust Donation

Northrup/Groves
THAT Council donate $1,000 from Council Contingency to the Northern Medical Trust posthumously in memory of Carole Young, former Mayor of the Town of Smithers;

AND THAT this item is to be released to the public agenda (0400-70).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 09-064

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Delegation - Smithers Public Library Board - Regular Meeting of Council held June 23, 2009 (0530-05)

Wray/Adomeit
THAT Council allow the Smithers Public Library Board to begin to apply for grants funding opportunities on the condition that they liaise with the Chief Administrative Officer to ensure that they are not in conflict with the Town’s own applications.

OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS ADOMEIT, BANDSTRA, AND NORTHRUP. DEFEATED DUE TO TIE VOTE.

Adomeit/
THAT Council table the Library Board’s request to apply for grant funding to August 25, 2009, to obtain more information.  

MOTION LOST DUE TO LACK OF SECONDER.

Delegation - One Sky - Regular Meeting of Council held June 23, 2009 (0530-05)

Request that the Town of Smithers place anti-idling signs at all municipal facilities. D. Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer, informed Council that the cost to place signage at all Town owned parks and buildings is approximately $7,000 to $9,000.

Northrup/Adomeit

THAT Council refer the request to place anti-idling signs at all municipal facilities to the 2010 budget deliberations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 9-5 - Regular Meeting of Council held June 23, 2009 - Northern Roots Community Garden’s request for letter of support to accompany grant application (0530-05)

Benson/Wray

THAT the letter dated July 12, 2009, from J. Pfalz provided details regarding the Community Participation and Leadership Funding for Growing Together with our Elders project, be received;

AND THAT Administration draft a letter of support to the Northern Roots Community Garden for the Community Participation and Leadership Funding for Growing Together with our Elders project. (0530-05).

OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS BANDSTRA, NORTHRUP. DEFEATED AND GROVES.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

J. Snih and E. Wodjak, United Way of Northern British Columbia (0530-05).

J. Snih from Prince George and E. Wodjak from Smithers provided a PowerPoint presentation updating Council on United Way activities in Smithers and Northern Scoping Exercise.

United Way has changed its name from Prince George United Way to United Way of Northern British Columbia to reflect their entire servicing area, which is two thirds of the Province and the diversity of the region.

Mission: to improve lives and build community by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action.
Customer Relations Strategies: corporate strategy of “Serving the North” and supporting community and resource development.

Community Impact Model: a) Identifying the needs through an in-depth assessment of current gaps in service; b) Bringing community partners together to take action and to ensure programs and services are available for people in our community; c) Raising money with the help of hundreds of volunteers and thousands of individual and corporate donors; d) Investing resources where they will have the greatest impact through 150 member and non-member agencies in northern BC; and e) Monitoring the effectiveness of programs that receive funding and providing regular accountability back to the donor.

Over the past three years, the Smithers Community United Way Campaign has raised over $6,000 annually (with less than one percent of the population participating). There are numerous supporting partners participating in the campaign. In Smithers, 68% of fundraising efforts have been funneled back to the community through the Community Investment Committee. The remainder has been donated to other needy organizations in the region.

Continuing steps: a) identify community needs; b) bring community partners together; c) fundraising; and d) form a Community Investment Committee to invest resources and monitor the effectiveness of the programs/services that have received funds.

E. Wodjak stated that she is a member of the Smithers Community Investment Committee, which reviews all local grant applications and that High Roads has received a grant.

J. Snih stated that the fundraising campaign takes place September to December. There will be a luncheon held in Smithers during October to generate more interest in the campaign.

The Northern Scoping Exercise is a socio-demographic research project, in partnership with the Community Development Institute of the University of Northern British Columbia. The research will guide United Way’s campaign and community investment activities. The research will be of value to municipal governments, social service organizations, and regional stakeholders, by providing a better understanding of social challenges and pressures faced by their communities and work within local partnerships to address those issues. Addressing social issues will have a direct impact on the economic stability, quality of life, and sustainability of northern communities.

Request of Council: 1) Provide additional information to assist in the gathering of data; and 2) Provide $2,000 towards the costs of the project (approximately $0.40 per person in Smithers).

Deputy Mayor Groves thanked them for the presentation and stated that it is Council’s policy to revisit delegation requests at their next meeting. In this case it will be on August 25, 2009.
CONCERNS regarding the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline Project (0530-05).

G. Brown, Pembina Institute, provided Council with a handout that illustrated the route of the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline Project. Pembina's mission is to advance sustainable energy solutions through innovative research, education, consulting and advocacy. G. Brown grew up in Kitimat and is proud to call the Bulkley Valley home. He congratulated the Town for hosting the successful "Northern Sustainability Summit: Our Communities, Our Future" in May.

G. Brown stated that Enbridge's proposal consists of the construction of a twin pipeline running from the coast at the Kitimat Port to the oil fields in Alberta. Pembina's issues with this proposal include the following: 1) Jobs; 2) Environment, 3) Tanker traffic;

1) Jobs: Over the two-year construction period, it is estimated to create over 1,050 job years. At the end of the day most of the permanent jobs created for the pipeline will mostly be located in either Kitimat or Alberta. This economic activity may jeopardize existing industries including tourism, guiding and fishing.

2) Environment: The pipeline is proposed to be adjacent to the Morice River for over 50 kilometres. When oil is moved, there is a great probability that there will be large ruptures and breaks in the pipeline with oil spilling out into the environment, putting our drinking water and ecosystems at risk. The oil that will be transported from the oilsands is very heavy and will sink to the bottom of the river, get caught in logjams, and then release toxins in the water. Our rivers are important to our community.

3) Tanker traffic: Enbridge predicts up to 225 oil tankers will visit the Kitimat Port per year. Tanker spills do happen, and when it does, we could lose ocean fisheries. There is no proven technology to clean up spills. Enbridge's liability stops once the tanker ship leaves the port.

The question is whether or not an oil port should be built. There was an application in the 80's but it was subsequently withdrawn. The Federal Government's National Energy Board and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency have formed a Joint Review Panel to review all proposed projects. Enbridge is to submit an application soon. There is much public interest in the project. The community needs to be able to have a forum available to discuss all issues around the proposed pipeline. He encouraged Council to support the need to have a public inquiry.

D. deWit, Natural Resources Manager, stated that the Vision Statement for the Office of the Wet'suwet'en includes being dedicated to preservation of the area and working together for the betterment of all.

D. deWit stated that the Wet'suwet'en have been in the position of reacting to proposals instead of being in on the consulting stages. Some examples include Kemess North and the Blue Pearl Davidson Project.

The Wet'suwet'en use a number of principles when reviewing projects including: 1) What is the protection of long-term interests? How will this affect
the health and wellbeing of the Wet’suwet’en people and the surrounding communities? 2) Promotion of economic resource development (land, plants, animals, fish, water, people). The actions we take affect all. The health and wellbeing of a community is a reflection of the management of our resources.

The Enbridge proposal does not align with the Office of the Wet’suwet’en’s Resource Management Plan. The project is not just a pipeline. There are two ends to it. We have spent time at Fort McMurray, Athabasca River, and communities surrounding the area. There are now contaminants in the rivers and food chains from the oilsands and this has caused a higher rate of cancer among the people in the surrounding communities. The supporting of the development to move heavy oil is not a solution to climate change. We are interested in cleaner forms of energy and meaningful jobs.

We need to work together. The “Northern Sustainability Summit: Our Communities, Our Future” and the creation of the Bulkley Valley Economic Development Initiative are a good starting point and progressive way to move forward together to support our community. The goal at the end of the day is to protect the lands and resources for the Wet’suwet’en to preserve for future generations.

A number of First Nation communities have requested to be included in the review process with the Joint Review Panel, as there is currently no representation to local or First Nations interests. The challenge is that there are no Terms of Reference for the Joint Review Panel yet. We want the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) and the National Energy Board (NED) to involve the Wet’suwet’en and other First Nations as a part of designing the regulatory process for the Enbridge Project and to deal with rights and title.

The pipeline is inextricably linked to the expansion of the tar sands projects, which will in turn increase Canada’s greenhouse gas emissions. The tar sands are the fastest growing source of climate pollution in Canada, and these impacts must be assessed by the government’s process.

Enbridge has created the Northern Gateway Alliance to support the regulatory process along the pipeline. Collectively we need to work together and have better communication over the process. We need to exercise due diligence and think about what the whole impact will be of the project.

Council comments:

- What is the alternate way to transport oilsands to the world markets? A pipeline is safer than using the railway.
The question should be: what is Canada’s energy future like? Expanding our markets to produce more oil? The oil/tar sands are bad for the environment with tailings ponds. The industry is inadequately able to deal with the amount of oil being pumped out of the ground per day. The first question should be: what to do with existing tar sands impacts, then move to the next project. Are the royalties being returned to the taxpayer and oil moved into the markets.

- Fundamental issues with project. In the Northwest we continue to see proposed projects and reasons not to proceed. When are we going to find the yes to move forward with a project? Some examples are Kemess North and Blue Pearl. Why did we not support them? We need to develop more industry and economic generators for our community. When are we going to see movement in our economy?

  - The Wet’suwet’en have a meeting scheduled for July 31, 2009, with Nathan Cullen, MP Skeena-Bulkley Valley, to discuss economic development in the area. We are in dialogue with wind energy, run of river projects, bio mass projects, and turning fibre into synthetic gasoline projects for the area. It is important to allow First Nations to be part of economic discussions and assist in finding solutions.

  - Clarification, you are requesting a letter of support for a full public inquiry into the process. What is the difference of this versus the Joint Review Panel?

    - The Joint Review Panel follows a civil court proceeding, and is inaccessible to most people. Enbridge has set up Community Advisory Boards to provide input into the Joint Review Panel. Our concern is that the Community Advisory Boards are not driven by a third party, but by the Company. Agree that we need to work together for a yes to a proposal.

Deputy Mayor Groves thanked G. Brown and D. deWit for their presentation. She agreed that it is important to work together to ensure that the communities receive social, environmental, and economic benefits from the project. We need answers to many questions. She stated she would like to have a joint meeting with Enbridge and the Wet’suwet’en regarding the proposed pipeline.
6-1-1  None.

COUNCILLOR BANDSTRA

6-2-1  Bandstrawray
09.0497  EDC JUL 13
THAT the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held July 13, 2009, be received (0360-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCILLOR BENSON

6-3-1  Benson/Northrup
09.0498  VIC STATS
JUNE 30
THAT the Visitor Information Statistics from the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce for the period ending June 30, 2009, be received (0230-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6-3-2  Benson/Wray
09.0499  SPIRIT
JUNE 24
THAT the Notes of the Spirit 2010 - Torch Relay Host Community Celebration Working Group meeting held June 24, 2009, be received (0360-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

09.0500
THAT Council approve the expenditure of $1,700 from the Torch Relay budget to bring the 2010 Olympic Mascots to the Smithers Fall Fair, in order to generate excitement and support for the Relay.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6-3-3  Benson/Bandstra
09.0501  BV POOL
MAY 2009
FINANCIALS
THAT the May 2009 Financial Statements for the BV Pool and Recreation Centre, be received (0230-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6-3-4  Benson/Bandstra
09.0502  TAC JULY 17
THAT the minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee meeting held July 17, 2009, be received (0360-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6-3-5  Councillor Benson informed Council that he is currently reading a book titled “Tar Sands Dirty Oil and the Future of the Continent”. He stated that it is important for Council to be informed on all sides of an issue. The book provides a detailed history on the oil industry. He encourages Council to read the book.

COUNCILLOR GROVES

6-4-1  None.
COUNCILLOR NORTHRUP

6-5-1
Northrup/Adomeit
THAT the minutes of the Advisory Planning Commission meeting held June 25, 2009, be received (0360-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6-5-2
Councillor Northrup informed Council that he attended the following functions:
a) June 26 - Smithers District Chamber of Commerce luncheon with the Federal New Democratic leader Jack Layton and spoke to him about the NAV Canada concerns; b) June 27 – Smithers Secondary School graduation ceremony; c) July 1 – along with Councillor Benson cut cake at the Canada Day celebrations at Heritage Park. The Recreation Department did an excellent job; d) July 15 - Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride; e) July 17 – Tourism Advisory Committee meeting; f) July 22 – meeting with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en to discuss the issues of displaced and marginalized persons in Smithers.

COUNCILLOR WRAY

6-6-1
Wray/Benson
THAT the Smithers Public Library Design Report dated June 26, 2009, from Urban Arts Architecture, be received (7960-02).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MAYOR FARROW

6-7-1
Adomeit/Benson
THAT the following minutes of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako meetings be received for information: a) Meeting No.11 held June 11, 2009; b) Environmental Services Committee held July 11, 2009; c) Meeting No. 12 held June 25, 2009; d) Planning Committee held June 25, 2009; e) Rural Directors Committee held June 25, 2009; and f) Strategic Development Committee held May 28, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6-7-2
Benson/Wray
THAT the following Omineca Beetle Action Coalition (OBAC) information be received for information: a) Draft minutes of the OBAC Board of Directors meeting held June 12, 2009; b) Monthly Member Update - June 2009; c) Briefing Note: OBAC Emergency Preparedness and Response Project; and d) Briefing Note: OBAC Regional Agricultural Strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6-7-3
Wray/Adomeit
THAT the invitation from Branch 63 of the Royal Canadian Legion to attend the 90th Anniversary Celebrations dance held June 20, 2009, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
STAFF (A) REPORTS

7A-1
09.0508
2008
ANNUAL
REPORT

Bandstra/Wray


CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7A-2
09.0509
TORCH
RELAY
PERFORM-
ANCE LINEUP

Wray/Benson

THAT Council approve the preliminary performance lineup for the January 30, 2010 Olympic Torch Relay Community Celebration as recommended in Report ADM 09-048 dated July 2, 2009, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services;

AND THAT the lineup be amended to include Marwan Martial Arts and the deletion of the Smithers Dixieland Band (0360-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7A-3
09.0510
TORCH
RELAY
COMMUNITY
GRANT

Benson/Northrup

THAT Council send a letter of endorsement for the Town’s application to the Olympic Torch Relay Community Grant Program, as recommended in Report ADM 09-050 dated July 2, 2009, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services (0360-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7A-4
09.0511
TORCH
RELAY
BROCHURE

Benson/Northrup

THAT Council approve the expenditure of $1,200 to produce 2,000 community promotional brochures for the Olympic Torch Relay Community Celebration from the budget allocated for the event, as recommended in Report ADM 09-047 dated June 30, 2009, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services (0360-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7A-5
09.0512
GALLAGHER
EDC
APPOINT

Bandstra/Benson

THAT Council ratify the appointment of H. Gallagher, Smithers District Chamber of Commerce, to the Economic Development Committee, as recommended in Report ADM 09-051 dated July 2, 2009, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services (0360-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7A-6
09.0513
PROTOCOL
AGREEMENT

Adomeit/Benson

THAT Council approve the revised protocol agreement between the Town of Smithers and the Office of the Wet’suwet’en, as recommended in Report ADM 09-053 dated July 8, 2009, from D. Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer (0400-60).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
7A-7
09.0514
DV09-01

Northrup/Adomeit
THAT Council approve Development Variance Permit application DV09-01 to vary Section 4.2.2 of the Zoning Bylaw No. 1403 by reducing the interior side yard setback from 3 metres to 0.5 metres for the property located at 4921 Fourth Avenue, as recommended in Report DEV 09-050 dated July 14, 2009, from A. Walker, Planner (3020-20/DV09-01).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(Councillor Wray declared a conflict of interest and left meeting at 9:12 p.m.)

7A-8
09.0515
DV09-02

Benson/Northrup
THAT Council deny Development Variance Permit application DV09-02 to vary Section 12.1.f. of the Sign Bylaw No. 1450, 2005, by increasing the permitted height of the proposed freestanding sign from 5 metres (16 ft.) to 7.3 metres (24 ft.) and increasing the permitted area from $10m^2$ to $14m^2$;

AND THAT Council deny the request to reconsider the terms of Development Variance Permit No. 08-07 and specifically deny the request to permit backlighting the four fascia signs, for property located at 3883 Highway 16, as recommended in Report DEV 09-051 dated July 14, 2009, from A. Walker, Planner (3020-20/DV09-02).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(Councillor Wray returned to the Chambers at 9:18 p.m.).

7A-9
09.0516
D09-01

Benson/Northrup
THAT Council approve of the amendment to Development Permit application D09-01 for property located at 3760 Third Avenue, provided that in the curb transition area there are raised flower beds with irrigation, as recommended in Report DEV 09-052 dated July 13, 2009, from A. Walker, Planner (3020-20/D09-01).

OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR WRAY. CARRIED.

(Councillor Adomeit declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 9:25 p.m.)

7A-10
09.0517
WATSON/SPICER MEMORIAL BENCH

Benson/Northrup
THAT Council approve the placement of a dedicated memorial park bench in front of 1156 Main Street (Speedee Printers) for Smithers Pioneers Mary Catherine (Downey) Watson (1888-1954), and Wilma Mary (Watson) Spicer (1923-2000), as recommended in Report W/OPS 09-14 dated July 15, 2009,
from W. Taekema, Director of Works and Operations (5400-01).

AND THAT the owner of SpeeDee be contacted prior to bench installation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(Councillor Adomeit returned to the Chambers at 9:26 p.m.)

Northrup/Benson
THAT Council approve Bruce Carscadden Architect Inc. as the consultant to undertake the feasibility study for a Smithers Multiplex at a price of $42,800 (excluding G.S.T.), as recommended in Report PR 09-13 dated July 13, 2009, from A. Hillaby, Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture (6140-01).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**STAFF (B) REPORTS**

Adomeit/Wray
THAT the following monthly reports for June 2009 be received: a) Airport Services; b) Development Services Department; c) Fire Department; d) Prevention and Community Safety; and e) Works and Operations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adomeit/Benson
THAT the letter dated June 23, 2009, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services, to Minerals North Association applying to host the 25th Anniversary conference in 2013, be received (0390-01).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Wray/Adomeit
THAT Report ADM 09-055 dated July 10, 2009, from D. Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the draft Mutual Aid Agreement presented by J. Llewellyn, Director of Planning, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako on June 29, 2009, be received (0400-55).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Bandstra/Benson
THAT Report PR 09-12 dated July 16, 2009, from A. Hillaby, Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture, presenting a Riverside Municipal Campground update for May and June 2009, be received (6140-10).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Northrup/Benson
THAT Report AIR 09-12 dated July 17, 2009, from K. Zacharias, Airport Manager, advising of the public meeting on September 10, 2009, with T. Johnson, General Manager, Vancouver Flight Information Region, NAV Canada, be received (8400-20).

AND THAT Administration confirm the date of September 10 with NAV Canada and inform the public of this meeting through advertising.
7B-6  
09.0524  
RAILWAY AVENUE  
BIKE LANE  
Adomeit/Northrup  
THAT Report DEV 09-054 dated July 8, 2009, from R. Blackburn, Senior Engineering Technologist, advising of award of Railway Avenue bike lane paving project along the eastbound side of Railway Avenue, part of the Queen Street to Toronto Street Perimeter Trail construction, was awarded to LB Paving Ltd. for the quoted amount of $26,432.96 excluding GST, be received (5330-20/09-05).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BYLAWS

8-1  
09.0525  
BYLAW 1607  
"Bylaw No. 1607 - Town of Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment No. 09-04" (shipping containers)

Northrup/Wray  
THAT Bylaw No. 1607, cited as “Bylaw No. 1607 - Town of Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment No. 09-04” (shipping containers)”, be read a third time.

OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS ADOMEIT AND BANDSTRA.  CARRIED.

09.0526  
Wray/Benson  
THAT Bylaw No. 1607, cited as “Bylaw No. 1607 - Town of Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment No. 09-04” (shipping containers)”, be adopted.

OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS ADOMEIT AND BANDSTRA.  CARRIED.

8-2  
09.0527  
BYLAW 1608  
"Bylaw No. 1608 - Five-Year (2009 - 2013) Financial Plan, Amendment No. 1”

Wray/Benson  

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

09.0528  
Wray/Northrup  
THAT Bylaw No. 1608, cited as “Bylaw No. 1608 - Five-Year (2009 - 2013) Financial Plan, Amendment No. 1”, be read a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8-3  
09.0529  
BYLAW 1601  
"Bylaw No. 1601 - Smithers South Trunk Storm Sewer Loan Authorization Bylaw"

Wray/Adomeit  
THAT Bylaw No. 1601, cited as “Bylaw No. 1601 - Smithers South Trunk Storm Sewer Loan Authorization Bylaw”, be adopted, as recommended in Report ADM 09-054 dated July 21, 2009, from D. Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
CORRESPONDENCE - (A) ITEMS

9-1
09.0530
TIBETAN
FLAG
REQUEST

Northrup/Benson

THAT the letter dated July 1, 2009, from K. Soby and J. Vincent, Friends of Tibet, announcing a visit by Tibetan Lama Geshe Thupten Phelgye to Smithers on August 11, 2009, at Veteran’s Peace Park, and requesting approval to hang a Tibetan flag on Main Street and Town Hall, be received (0300-02, 0530-05).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Benson stated he would be providing the welcoming address.

09.0531

Northrup/Adomeit

THAT Council install a Tibetan flag on Main Street at two different locations, provided that the applicant consults Administration regarding the placement;

AND THAT all costs incurred with the flag installation and removal be at the expense of the Friends of Tibet.

OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS BANDSTRA, BENSON, WRAY, AND GROVES.

DEFEATED.

09.0532

Benson/Adomeit

THAT Council install a Tibetan flag at the Town of Smithers Municipal Hall (by temporarily replacing the Olympic flag), at no expense to the Friends of Tibet, with the applicant providing the Town with a flag, for the duration of the picnic event at Veteran’s Peace Park.

OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS ADOMEIT, BANDSTRA, AND NORTHRUP.

TIE VOTE.

9-2

09.0533
MUSEUM’S
GOAT PARK
REQUEST

Northrup/Wray

THAT Council authorize the use of the Goat Statue Park for the Annual Perennial Plant Sale on May 29, 2010, as requested in the letter dated June 22, 2009, from Dr. J. Pearce, President, Bulkley Valley Historical and Museum Society (7930-02).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-3

09.0534
2010
FOREST
CAPITAL OF
BC

Adomeit/Benson

THAT the letter dated June 29, 2009, from the Association of BC Forest Professionals seeking nominations for the 2010 Forest Capital of BC, be received (5280-16).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-4

09.0535
IPSOS REID

Northrup/Bandstra

THAT the letter dated June 23, 2009, from Ipsos Reid regarding upcoming syndicated study “Municipal Solutions for a Greener Earth” and how to subscribe, be received (0530-05).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-5

09.0536
CANADA

Bandstra/Northrup

THAT the letter dated June 2009 from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers regarding a report from the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review advisory
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| POST | POST panel examining all aspects of Canada’s postal service, be received (0530-05).  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  |
| 09.0537 | Wray/Adomeit  
THAT Council direct Staff to draft a letter expressing Council’s concerns regarding the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review.  
OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR NORTHRUP. CARRIED. |
| 9-6 09.0538 UBCM MTG WITH MINISTERS | Adomeit/Bandstra  
THAT the letter dated July 8, 2009, from Premier G. Campbell advising of the on-line form necessary to request meetings with Ministers during the 2009 Union of British Columbia Municipalities conference, be received (0400-20, 0230-30).  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  |
| 9-7 09.0539 WALKER CONCERNS | Benson/Northrup  
THAT the letter from O. Walker dated July 9, 2009, advising of water diversion issues concerning the creek behind Canadian Tire, be referred to Works and Operations (0530-05).  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  |
| 09.0540 | Northrup/Adomeit  
THAT Council send a letter of thanks to O. Walker to acknowledge her letter.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  |
| 9-8 09.0541 OBAC STRATEGY | Northrup/Adomeit  
THAT the letter dated July 9, 2009, from E. Andersen, General Manager, Omineca Beetle Action Coalition (OBAC), seeking support for a regional collaborative approach to the implementation of OBAC strategies, be received (0230-40).  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  |
| 09.0542 | Northrup/Bandstra  
THAT Council table the letter dated July 9, 2009, from E. Andersen, General Manager, Omineca Beetle Action Coalition, requesting a letter of support for the regional collaborative approach to the implementation of OBAC strategies, until Mayor Farrow returns on September 8, 2009.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  |
| 9-9 09.0543 FALL FAIR GRANT REQUEST | Adomeit/Bandstra  
THAT the following correspondence be received for information:  
9-9 Letter dated July 20, 2009, from C. Mensies, Coordinator, Bulkley Valley Exhibition, requesting a grant-in-aid of $508.17, to cover the cost of garbage services for the fair, be received (0360-20).  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  |
| 9-10 FALL FAIR GARBAGE SCHEDULE |  
9-10 Letter dated July 13, 2009, from C. Mensies, Coordinator, Bulkley Valley Exhibition, requesting garbage pickups during the fair, be received (0360-20).  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  |
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09.0544 Bandstra/Wray
THAT Council refer the Bulkley Valley Exhibition’s grant-in-aid request to cover the cost of garbage services for the Fall Fair to the budget process and the grant-in-aid for 2010, as this is an ongoing request year after year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

09.0545 Wray/Benson
THAT Council charge the Bulkley Valley Exhibition $350 for the cost of garbage services for the Fall Fair.

OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS BANDSTRA, BENSON, AND WRAY.

09.0546 Benson/Adomeit
THAT Council charge the Bulkley Valley Exhibition $350 for the cost of garbage services for the Fall Fair;
AND THAT the remaining $158.17 funds to come from Council Contingency.

OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR WRAY. CARRIED.

9-11

09.0547 Benson/Wray
THAT the letter dated July 16, 2009, from the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association requesting a letter of support for the Association’s initiative to make recreation infrastructure renewal a public policy priority, be received (8000-01).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE - (B) ITEMS- RECEIVE AND REPLY

10. None.

CORRESPONDENCE - (B) ITEMS - RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION

11-1 to 11-25

09.0548 ‘B’ RFI
Adomiet/Wray
THAT the following correspondence be received:

11-1 Thank you card to Council and staff from I. Allen, past-librarian, Smithers Public Library.

11-2 Letter of resignation from N. Papps, member of the Advisory Planning Commission (0360-20).

11-3 Letter dated June 15, 2009, from D. Barnes, Smithers Apartments
Ltd., regarding his denied request to convert Hobbit House Apartment to a strata building (0530-05).

11-4 Letter dated June 19, 2009, from D. Donaldson, MLA, Stikine, to Western Economic Diversification Canada supporting the Town’s application for Recreation Infrastructure funding for the Phase One Smithers Multiplex Facility project (0360-20, 0400-20).

11-5 Email dated June 24, 2009, from J. North, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Development Initiative Trust, presenting correspondence regarding Ridley Terminals remaining a public asset (0510-20, 6750-20).


11-7 Email dated June 19, 2009, from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities presenting Appendix A of the proposed Indigenous Recognition and Reconciliation Act (0230-20).

11-8 Member Notice dated June 24, 2009, from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities presenting a survey regarding Police Services: Cost and Accountability (0230-30).

11-9 Bulletin #1 from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities seeking names of those who qualify for Long-Service Recipients awards (0230-30).

11-10 Letter dated July 4, 2009, from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities advising that the Town's resolution “Carbon Tax Neutrality for Health Authorities” will be presented to the Executive for consideration regarding submission to the 2009 convention (0230-30).

11-11 Email dated July 15, 2009, from the North Central Municipal Association presenting the City of Merritt’s resolution “Heavy Industry Mill Rate” for consideration by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (0230-30).

11-12 Letter dated June 24, 2009, from Minister K. Krueger, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, regarding the Olympic Torch Relay Community Grant funding program (0360-20).


11-14 Letter dated June 12, 2009, from Senator M. Jaffer, presenting a Senate motion recognizing April 25 as World Malaria Day (0400-40).

11-15 Sample letter from S. Wellington, supporting the Ice Rink as part of Phase One for the Smithers Multiplex facility (8 additional letters in the ‘D’ Items) (0360-20).

11-16 Letter dated June 26, 2009, from F. Hughson, Principal, Walnut Park Elementary School, thanking the Town for supporting the Way to Go!
recognition program (0400-70).

11-17 Letter dated June 17, 2009, from B. Pages, Chair, Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District, to NAV Canada opposing service reductions to the Sandspit Airport (8420-20).

11-18 Email dated July 2, 2009, from P. Frith, Winlaw, B.C., encouraging the banning of performing animal act events such as the Jordan Circus (0300-02).


11-20 Letter dated June 20, 2009, from the Gitxsan Treaty Office to the Province regarding the status of the Suskwa biomass project (0400-60).

11-21 Thank you card to Council and staff from the Smithers Merchants for support of this year’s Main Street Festival (0530-05).

11-22 Letter dated July 6, 2009, from Minister J. Baird, Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, regarding Mayor Farrow’s letter concerning proposed reduction to Smithers Flight Services by Nav Canada (8420-20).


11-24 Email dated July 20, 2009, from the City of Nanaimo regarding meetings with Ministers during the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Conference (0230-30).

11-25 Letter dated July 14, 2009, from Muscular Dystrophy Canada thanking the Smithers Volunteer Fire Department for raising $45,610.91 to support families affected by neuromuscular disorders (7200-01).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11-2
N. PAPPS
RESIGNATION
APC

Councillor Bandstra suggested that a letter of thanks for participating on the Advisory Planning Commission be sent to N. Papps. S. Bassett stated that all members of the public are encouraged to apply to fill this vacancy and that applications are available online.

11-6
09.0549
COMMUNITY TO
COMMUNITY FORUM

Benson/Adomeit

THAT Council submit an application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for a Community-to-Community Forum grant to host a feast celebration for the Office of the Wet’suwet’en, at an anticipated cost of $2,000, to take place during the signing of the Protocol Agreement;

AND THAT the matching funds to come from the Council Contingency budget.

OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS ADOMEIT, BANDSTRA, DEFEATED. GROVES AND NORTHRUP.
THAT Council refer the letter dated June 4, 2009, from Mayor D. Corrigan, City of Burnaby, presenting a report regarding municipal litigation arising from building construction regulation and seeking support for the issue, to the In-Camera meeting being held on September 8, 2009, for further discussion (0400-50, 3800-01).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THAT Council send letters of support for the Sandspit Airport and the Prince Rupert Digby Island Airport regarding their NAV Canada issues.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE - (C) ITEMS

12. None.

CORRESPONDENCE - (D) ITEMS

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

13-3  The Woodland Almanac, Summer 2009.
13-4  Van Dop’s Arts and Cultural Guide to British Columbia.
13-5  Letters of support for Ice Rink as part of Phase 1 Smithers Multiplex (8).
13-9  Steps Forward 2009, Provincial Health Services Authority.
13-10 Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Discussion Guide, Enbridge Northern Gateway Project (individual copies for Council have been requested from Enbridge).
13-11  InfoLink, BC Non-Profit Housing Association, May/June 2009.
13-14  2008 Annual Report, Kelowna International Airport.
13-16  Smithers Community Services Association newsletter.
13-17  A Time for Renewal: Assessing the State of Recreation Facilities in
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British Columbia, British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (letter in ‘A’ Items).


CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED FOR DISCUSSION

14-1 09.0553 Adomeit/Northrup
THAT the letter dated July 24, 2009, from K. Spiro, President of the Board, Smithers Art Gallery, requesting a letter of support to accompany a Wetzin’kwa Community Forest grant application, be received (0230-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

09.0554 Benson/Adomeit
THAT Council provide a letter of support to the Smithers Art Gallery to accompany their Wetzin’kwa Community Forest grant application.

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

OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

15-1 09.0555 Adomeit/Wray
THAT Council appoint Councillor Benson as Acting Mayor from July 30, 2009 to August 12, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15-2 7th AVENUE
Councillor Wray questioned why there are markings on the road and stakes driven through properties along 7th Avenue between Bulkley and Columbia. Councillor Northrup replied that BC Hydro is doing work and had the area surveyed and staked.

15-3 LIBRARY GRANT FREEZE
Wray/Benson
THAT the letter dated July 24, 2009, from R. Hobson, Union of British Columbia Municipalities, regarding the 2009 Library Grant Freeze, which was circulated to Council today, be placed on the August 25, 2009, Regular Council Agenda for discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15-4 UBCM MTG WITH MINISTER BELL
Councillor Benson suggested that a meeting with Minister Pat Bell should be arranged at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention to discuss the access to bidding for logging contracts in the Houston area, to provide fairness to allow local contractors to competitively bid for timber supply.

15-5 BROADWAY PLACE
Northrup/Wray
THAT Council send a letter to BC Housing, with a copy to the Smithers
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SHELTER Community Services Association, stating that Council is opposed to the expansion of the Broadway Place Emergency Shelter or the opening of new facilities until current issues are addressed.

**OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR BENSON. CARRIED.**

15-6 CAO VACATION D. Sargent reminded Council that she will be on vacation for the month of August. She stated that S. Bassett would be the Acting Chief Administrative Officer in her absence, except for one week while S. Bassett attends MATI (as a member of the Local Government Management Association Program Committee), when L. Ford will be Acting Chief Administrative Officer.

15-7 BANDSTRA VACATION Councillor Bandstra informed Council that he would be on vacation starting July 31, 2009, to August 20, 2009.

15-8 SOCIAL COM GOLF Councillor Adomeit stated that he attended the Town of Smithers Social Committee’s annual golf tournament on the weekend and that fun was had by all.

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

16. None.

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

17. 09.0556 NOTICE OF IN-CAMERA Bandstra/Benson 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 August 25, 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. 09.0557 ADJOURN Adomeit/Benson THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned (10:39 p.m.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Certified Correct:

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Cress Farrow Deborah Sargent
Mayor Corporate Administrator/CAO
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Certified a True and Correct Copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, July 28, 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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