

# TOWN OF SMITHERS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Council Chambers, 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C., on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.

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Council Present:

Jo Ann Groves, Deputy Mayor  
Norm Adomeit, Councillor  
Mark Bandstra, Councillor  
Lorne Benson, Councillor  
Charlie Northrup, Councillor  
Frank Wray, Councillor.

Council Excused:

Cress Farrow, Mayor.

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  
Patricia Berg, Airport Manager  
Wilf Taekema, Director of Works and Operations  
Penny Goodacre, Recording Secretary.

Staff Excused:

Keith Stecko, Fire Chief.

Media Present: K. Koppitz, CFTK-TV, and R. Schierer, The Interior News.

## CALL TO ORDER

1. Deputy Mayor Groves called the meeting to order (7:42 p.m.).

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA (including Supplemental Items)

1A  
10.0001  
AGENDA  
APPROVAL

Benson/Adomeit

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

- 14-1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 5, 2010 (MLA/Library/Developers).
- 14-2 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 7, 2010 (MoTI/Library).
- 14-3 Report DEV 10-008 dated January 6, 2010, from M. Allen, Director of Development Services, recommending Council designate J. Berlin and R. Wainwright, Building Inspectors for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, as the Town's inspector until the vacancy is filled (3800-01).
- 14-4 *Quick News from OBAC*, January 11, 2010.
- 14-5 Letter dated January 11, 2010, from P. Tweedie, Director, Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club, requesting a letter of support for a Job Opportunities Program grant for trail upgrades (0230-01, 0530-05).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Deputy Mayor Groves welcomed the new Airport Manager, Patricia Berg, to the Town of Smithers Team. P. Berg thanked Council for the welcome and stated she looks forward to living and working in the in community.

## **2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS/2010 DIRECTIONS**

Deputy Mayor Groves read aloud the following statement:

*Welcome to the first official meeting of Council for 2010.*

*2009 was a great year for our new Council as we learned our new roles and responsibilities and prepared our first budget. We are a very different group preparing the budget this year compared to last.*

*Council attended many meetings, seminars, and conferences throughout the year as a group or as individuals. It has been a very busy year.*

*We attended the Newly Elected Official's Seminar in Terrace. This provided us with an overview of our roles and responsibilities and set the direction for numerous projects throughout the year. Transit shelters, arena lighting upgrades, priority setting workshop in April, Fulton Walkway, continued with the Official Community Plan process, started working on a protocol agreement with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en, to name a few.*

*Smithers had representation at many conferences in 2009, including the Premiers Summit in Kitimat, North Central Local Government Association, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Union of British Columbia Municipalities. We hosted the Northern Sustainability Summit, a two-day event that attracted 80 delegates from all over. In addition, there were twenty four Regular Council Meetings and thirty three Committee of the Whole Meetings in 2009.*

*This is just a snapshot of the projects and tasks we've accomplished this past year. It has been with the support and hard work of a truly great Administration Team and Town Work Force that we can be proud of what has been completed and what is still ongoing.*

*For 2010, we will continue to improve as a Council and in the ways we conduct business to provide exceptional service to the residents of Smithers.*

Deputy Mayor Groves added that she is proud to be a member of this Council and proud to be able to work with this Administration Team and Town Work Force.

## 2. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3-1  
10.0002  
REG DEC 8

Benson/Wray  
THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held December 8, 2009, be adopted, by amending Motion #09.0856 Item 9-3 to add the words "and that the request be approved".

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3-2 Benson/Wray  
10.0003 THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held December 2,  
C.O.W. 2009 (Grant-in-Aid), be adopted.  
DEC 2 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3-2 Adomeit/Benson  
10.0004 THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held December 8,  
C.O.W. 2009 (Visitor Information Centre, Tourism Coordinator), be adopted.  
DEC 8 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14-1 Adomeit/Wray  
10.0005 THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 5, 2010  
COW JAN 5 (MLA/Library/Developers), be adopted.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14-2 Northrup/Adomeit  
10.0006 THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 7, 2010  
COW JAN 7 (MoTI/Library), be adopted.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4-1 Adomeit/Wray  
10.0007 THAT Report ADM 09-099 dated December 9, 2010, from D. Sargent, Chief  
ITEMS Administrative Officer, recommending no items be made public from the Special  
MADE (In-Camera) Meetings of Council held November 24, 27, and 30, 2009, be  
PUBLIC received;  
AND THAT no items be placed on the public agenda at this time (0640-01).  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4-2 Item 5-1 - Regular Meeting of Council held December 8, 2009  
10.0008 Adomeit/Northrup  
ANTI-IDLING THAT the request from R. Holmes, M. Hobson, and B. Black regarding  
SIGNS installation of three anti-idling signs on Town poles, on Alfred Avenue,  
be received (0530-05).  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0009 Benson/Northrup  
THAT Council instruct Administration to have Staff install the three anti-idling  
signs on the Town of Smithers' signposts along Alfred Avenue.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### 5. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

None.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**COUNCILLOR ADOMEIT**

6-1-1 None.

**COUNCILLOR BANDSTRA**

6-2-1 Bandstra/Adomeit  
10.0010 THAT the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held  
EDC DEC 14 December 14, 2009, be received (0360-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0011 Bandstra/Adomeit  
NDI GRANT THAT Council apply for the 2010 Northern Development Initiative Grant Writer  
WRITER Program with the additional \$2,500 to come from the Economic Development  
PROGRAM Committee budget;

AND THAT the grant writer position be part-time throughout the year, a local person, with knowledge about the local service/community groups, local government, and experienced in writing grants;

AND THAT the grant writer submit grant applications for the Town of Smithers as well as other community service groups and organizations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0012 Bandstra/Wray  
NDI NW-BC THAT Council use \$2,500 to a maximum of \$5,000 of their community allocation  
CAMPAIGN for the Northern Development Initiative's Northwest BC Campaign.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-2-2 Councillor Bandstra reminded Council of the upcoming Chamber of Commerce  
BANDSTRA and Town of Smithers co-sponsored New Business Reception being held on  
UPDATE Friday, January 15, 2010, at the Hudson Bay Lodge from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Councillor Bandstra attended the following meetings: 1) Enbridge presentation of the Joint Review Panel at the Hudson Bay Lodge; 2) Town of Smithers Staff Christmas Party; 3) December Chamber Luncheon where Mayor Farrow lead in the signing of Christmas carols; and 4) Regional District of Bulkley Nechako's Public Hearing regarding the Ski Hill rezoning application.

**COUNCILLOR BENSON**

6-3-1 Benson/Wray  
10.0013 THAT the Visitor Information Statistics from the Smithers District Chamber of  
NOV VIC Commerce for the period ending November 30, 2009, be received (0230-20).  
STATS

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-3-2 Benson/Wray

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10.0014 POOL REPORT THAT the Facility Manager Report dated November 18, 2009, from the Bulkley Valley Pool and Recreation Centre, be received (0230-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Direction was given to Staff to schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting with the BV Regional Pool and Recreation Centre, the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako and the Village of Telkwa to discuss the Pool's budget and the possibility of developing a reserve fund.

6-3-3 Benson/Wray  
10.0015 TAC DEC 14 THAT the minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee meeting held December 14, 2009, be received (0360-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COUNCILLOR GROVES**

6-4-1 Adomeit/Wray  
10.0016 HEALTH COM THAT Council disband the Health Committee, as recommended in Report ADM 10-006 dated January 4, 2010, from Councillor Groves (0360-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COUNCILLOR NORTHRUP**

6-5-1 Northrup/Adomeit  
10.0017 APC DEC 18 THAT the minutes of the Advisory Planning Commission meeting held December 18, 2009, be received (0360-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councillor Northrup informed the Gallery that during tonight's Committee of the Whole meeting, Council indirectly dealt with the following motion from Item 6-3 of the Advisory Planning Commission minutes and that no further action was required at this time. Council's final decision was to proceed to the adoption stage for the draft Official Community Plan:

*THAT Council review the Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning Bylaws for instances where zoning is not complementary to OCP Land Use, do a risk analysis of these instances and make recommendations to the Advisory Planning Commission and subsequently to Council for changes to the Zoning Bylaw.*

10.0018 INNOVATION FOODS (Councillor Wray declared a Conflict of Interest and left the meeting at 8:18 p.m.).

Northrup/Bandstra  
THAT Council instruct Administration to provide Council and the Advisory Planning Commission with the history behind the establishment of the Innovation Foods retail location at 3488 Highway 16 in a Commercial Use zone.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(Councillor Wray returned to the Chambers at 8:19 p.m.).

**COUNCILLOR WRAY**

6-6-1           None.

**MAYOR FARROW**

6-7-1           Northrup/Adomeit  
10.0019        THAT the following minutes of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako meetings  
RDBN MTGS     be received for information: a) Meeting No. 18 - November 19, 2009;  
                  b) Environmental Services Committee - October 8, 2009; c) Environmental  
                  Services Sub-Committee - August 17, 2009; and d) Strategic Development  
                  Committee - October 8, 2009.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-7-2           Adomeit/Wray  
10.0020        THAT the following memoranda of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako be  
RDBN           received for information: a) Memorandum dated November 30, 2010, to the  
MEMOS         Strategic Development Committee regarding 2010 Workplan; b) Memorandum  
                  dated December 9, 2010, to the Strategic Development Committee regarding  
                  Travel Northwest BC; c) November 26, 2009, regarding 2010 Budget Proposed  
                  Departmental Objectives; d) November 27, 2009, regarding Smithers and Area  
                  Recycling - Request for Approval; and e) November 30, 2009, regarding  
                  Provincial and Federal Funding Disbursements.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-7-3           Adomeit/Wray  
10.0021        THAT the following correspondence from the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition  
OBAC           be received for information: a) Quick News from OBAC, December 14, 2009;  
                  b) Quick News from OBAC, December 22, 2009 (and media releases from the  
                  Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (Dec. 17) and Steelworkers Northern  
                  BC (Dec. 14); c) Quick News from OBAC, January 4, 2010; d) Members' Quick  
                  Notes, December 14, 2009; e) Newsletter, December 2009; and f) Notes from  
                  the meeting held December 16, 2009, regarding application for regional Job  
                  Opportunities Program funding for multi-season trails from Zobnick Road to the  
                  Simpsons Gulch mining road (0230-40).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-7-4           Adomeit/Wray  
10.0022        THAT Council approve the following Council Committee Appointments for 2010:  
COUNCIL        APPTS           

- Mayor Farrow: a) Emergency Measures Committee; b) Omineca Beetle  
                  Action Coalition; c) Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board;  
                  d) Regional Hospital Board; e) Northern Development Initiative; and  
                  f) North Central Local Government Association Working Committee.

- Councillor Groves: a) Deputy Mayor; b) Spirit of BC – 2010 Olympics  
Committee; c) Measuring Up the North Sub-Committee; d) North Central

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Local Government Association Working Committee; e) Economic Development Committee (Alternate); f) Emergency Measures Committee (Alternate); g) Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board (Alternate); h) Regional Hospital Board (Alternate); and i) Northern Development Initiative (Alternate).

- Councillor Northrup: a) Advisory Planning Committee; b) Fall Fair Management Committee; c) North Central Local Government Association Working Committee; d) Library Board (Alternate); and e) Tourism Advisory Committee (Alternate).
- Councillor Bandstra: a) Finance Committee Chair; b) Economic Development Committee; and c) Fall Fair Management Committee.
- Councillor Benson: a) Tourism Advisory Committee; b) Spirit of BC – 2010 Olympic Committee (Alternate); and c) Pool Committee (Mayor’s appointment through Regional District of Bulkley Nechako – not a Committee of Council).
- Councillor Adomeit: a) Chamber of Commerce; b) North Central Local Government Association Working Committee; and c) Bulkley Valley Museum – Ad Hoc Committee.
- Councillor Wray: a) Library Board; and b) Advisory Planning Commission (Alternate).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0023  
ACTING  
MAYOR  
GROVES

Adomeit/Bandstra  
THAT Council appoint Councillor Groves as Acting Mayor from January 12 to 19, 2010.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0024  
ACTING  
MAYOR  
BENSON

Bandstra/Adomeit  
THAT Council appoint Councillor Benson as Acting Mayor from January 20 to 25, 2010;

AND THAT Councillor Benson attend the Smithers Public Library Board fundraising event being held on January 23, 2010, on behalf of the Mayor.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-7-5  
10.0025  
UNBC  
SCHOLARS

Bandstra/Adomeit  
THAT the posters regarding University of Northern British Columbia scholars from Smithers, be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14-4  
10.0026  
OBAC

Northrup/Adomeit  
THAT *Quick News from OBAC*, January 11, 2010, be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **STAFF (A) REPORTS**

7A-1

Bandstra/Adomeit

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10.0027  
2010  
CONFER-  
ENCES

Northrup/Bandstra  
THAT Report ADM 10-001 dated December 22, 2009, from D. Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer, regarding Council conferences and conventions in 2010, be received (0530-01).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0028  
FCM

Northrup/Bandstra  
THAT Council table the discussion on the 2010 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference attendance to January 26, 2010.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NCLGA  
UBCM

Council agreed that all members of Council would be eligible to attend the 2010 North Central Local Government Association Conference and the 2010 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Conference.

10.0029  
MIN NORTH  
TCYH

Benson/ Northrup  
THAT Council authorize Mayor Farrow and Councillor Bandstra to attend the 2010 Minerals North Conference;

AND THAT Council authorize Councillor Benson to attend the 2010 Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Conference.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7A-2  
10.0030  
GATEWAY  
SIGNAGE

Northrup/Bandstra  
THAT Report ADM 10-002 dated January 4, 2010, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services, presenting suggested text for the Gateway Signs lower portion, be received;

AND THAT each Councillor select ten slogans and rank them from 1 to 10 with 10 being their top pick and advise S. Basset (0595-01).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7A-3  
10.0031  
CANADIAN  
HELICOPTER  
LEASE

Adomeit/Benson  
THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the lease agreement renewal with Canadian Helicopters Limited for a further three year term expiring December 31, 2012, as recommended in Report ADM 10-003 dated January 4, 2010, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services (Vault).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7A-4  
10.0032  
BV SOCCER  
LEASE

Northrup/Adomeit  
THAT Report ADM 10-007 dated January 4, 2010, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services, recommending Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the lease agreement with the Bulkley Valley Soccer Society for land to accommodate a 30'x40' clubhouse at Chandler Park for a five-year term expiring December 31, 2014, be tabled until January 26, 2010 (Vault).

**OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR WRAY. CARRIED.**

7A-5  
10.0033  
D08-10 3731  
FOURTH  
AVENUE

Northrup/Bandstra  
THAT Report DEV 10-003 dated December 30, 2009, from A. Walker, Planner, recommending Council deny Development Permit Amendment application D08-10 for property located at 3731 Fourth Avenue (Roi Theatre), be received

(3020-20/D08-10).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0034 Northrup/Adomeit  
THAT Council approve Development Permit Amendment application D08-10 for property located at 3731 Fourth Avenue (Roi Theatre) with the exception that the continuous planting strip along King Street, as indicated in the original plans, remains a condition of the Development Permit.

**OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS BENSON AND WRAY. CARRIED.**

14-3 Adomeit/Benson  
10.0035 THAT Council designate J. Berlin and R. Wainwright, building inspectors for the  
RDBN BLD Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, as the Town of Smithers' Building  
INSPECTOR Inspector on a temporary basis until the vacancy is filled, as recommended in Report DEV 10-008 dated January 6, 2010, from M. Allen, Director of Development Services (3800-01).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

7B-1 Adomeit/Wray  
10.0036 THAT the following reports for November 2009, be received: a) Airport  
NOV Services; b) Development Services Department; c) Fire Department;  
REPORTS d) Prevention and Community Safety; e) Works and Operations; f) Recreation, Parks and Culture - October to December 2009.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7B-2 Adomeit/Northrup  
10.0037 THAT Report W/OPS 10-01 dated January 5, 2010, from W. Taekema, Director  
HWY BLVD of Works and Operations, regarding the Highway 16 Boulevard Maintenance Agreement between the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Town of Smithers, be received (Vault).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **BYLAWS**

8-1 "Bylaw No. 1615 - Airport Fees and Charges"  
10.0038 Adomeit/Bandstra  
BYLAW 1615 THAT Bylaw No.1615, cited as "Bylaw No. 1615 – Airport Fees and Charges", be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(Councillor Wray declared a Conflict of Interest and left the meeting at 9:04 p.m.).

8-2 "Bylaw No. 1616 - Town of Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment 10-01"  
10.0039 (3867 Highway 16)

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BYLAW 1616

Northrup/Adomeit

THAT Bylaw No. 1616, cited as "Bylaw No. 1616 - Town of Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment 10-01", as introduced in Report DEV 10-001 dated December 21, 2009, from A. Walker, Planner, be read a first and second time;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 1616 - Town of Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment 10-01" proceed to Public Hearing (3360-20/R09-06).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(Councillor Wray returned to the Chambers 9:06 p.m.).

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8-3a)

10.0040

BYLAWS

1617 AND

1618

"Bylaw No. 1617 – Town of Smithers Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1335 Amendment 10-01" (3848 Seventh Avenue)

Northrup/Benson

THAT Report DEV 10-002 dated December 30, 2009, from A. Walker, Planner, introducing Bylaw No. 1617 and Bylaw No. 1618 for readings (3848 Seventh Avenue), be received;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 1617, cited as "Bylaw No. 1617 – Town of Smithers Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1335 Amendment 10-01", be read a first and second time (3360-20/R09-07).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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10.0041

BYLAW 1618

"Bylaw No. 1618 – Town of Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment 10-02" (3848 Seventh Avenue)

Northrup/Adomeit

THAT Bylaw No. 1618, cited as "Bylaw No. 1618 – Town of Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment 10-02", as introduced in Report DEV 10-002 dated December 30, 2009, from A. Walker, Planner, be read a first and second time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0042

Adomeit/Benson

THAT Bylaw No. 1617, cited as "Bylaw No. 1617 – Town of Smithers Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1335 Amendment 10-01" and "Bylaw No. 1618 – Town of Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment 10-02", proceed to Public Hearing (3360-20/R09-06).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

9-1

10.0043

OUTDOOR

ICE RINK

Adomeit/Northrup

THAT the letter dated December 17, 2009, from I. Malcomson, resident, regarding hazards of errant pucks from hockey played on the outside skating rink located behind the Firehall and acknowledgement letter from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services, be received;

AND THAT a response letter be sent (0530-05).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-2 Adomeit/Wray  
10.0044 THAT the letter dated December 3, 2009, from A. Tomayer, President, Bulkley  
BV Valley Exhibition, clarifying a misunderstanding regarding a grant-in-aid request  
EXHIBITION for garbage pickup, be received (1850-01, 0360-20).  
GARBAGE

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-3 Bandstra/Adomeit  
10.0045 THAT the letter dated December 4, 2009, from R. Garneau, President and  
CATALYST CEO, Catalyst Paper Corporation, seeking support to enlist the Premier's  
PAPER leadership in securing interim relief and a long-term solution regarding  
CORP municipal taxation for industry, be received (0530-05).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-4 Adomeit/Wray  
10.0046 THAT the email dated December 10, 2009, S. Clark, Minerals North, advising  
MINERALS that registration is available for Minerals North 2010 being held April 21 to 23,  
NORTH 2010 in Prince George, be received;

AND THAT Council authorize Mayor Farrow and Councillor Bandstra to attend (0360-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-5 Adomeit/Bandstra  
10.0047 THAT the letter dated December 1, 2009, from Senator M. Jaffer seeking ways  
SENATOR to improve the inclusion of French in the Olympics and the promotion of the  
JAFFER French language in British Columbia, be received (0400-40).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-6 Wray/Bandstra  
10.0048 THAT the letter dated December 10, 2009, from M. Wyllie, Smithers and District  
SMITHERS Transit, requesting a letter of support for a trial, Saturday-only bus route service  
DISTRICT to Moricetown, be received (8500-01).  
TRANSIT

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0049 Wray/Northrup  
THAT Council send a letter of support to Smithers and District Transit for a trial,  
Saturday-only bus route service to Moricetown, provided that no financial  
support from Council is required.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-7 Adomeit/Wray  
10.0050 THAT the letter dated December 16, 2009, from J. MacDonald, Director,  
NAV Operations Planning and Programs, NAV Canada, replying to Mayor Farrow's  
CANADA letter regarding flight services reductions, be received (8420-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0051 Wray/Adomeit  
THAT Council send a letter to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in

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support of the City of Quesnel's resolution that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities holds an official seat on the NAV Canada Board.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-8 Bandstra/Wray  
10.0052 THAT the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Notice and Backgrounder  
UBCM - BC dated December 15, 2009, providing an overview of the process for developing  
OCEAN AND the BC Ocean and Coastal Strategy, be received (0230-30).  
COASTAL  
STRATEGY

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-9 Wray/Benson  
10.0053 THAT the letter dated December 17, 2009, from the South Fraser Family Court  
SOUTH and Youth Justice Committee seeking participation in a letter-writing campaign  
FRASER urging the Province to bring in legislation to protect youth struggling with  
FAMILY substance abuse who refuse treatment, be received (0360-20).  
COURT

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0054 Northrup/Benson  
THAT Council send a letter urging the Province to bring in legislation to protect  
youth struggling with substance abuse who refuse treatment, as requested by  
the South Fraser Family Court and Youth Justice Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-10 Bandstra/Wray  
10.0055 THAT the letter December 18, 2009, from the Northwest Corridor Development  
NCDC Corporation (NCDC) inviting comments for consideration in NCDC's submission  
to the Rail Freight Service Review Panel, be received (0510-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14-5 Benson/Wray  
10.0056 THAT the letter dated January 11, 2010, from P. Tweedie, Director, Bulkley  
BV CROSS Valley Cross Country Ski Club, requesting a letter of support for a Job  
COUNTRY Opportunities Program grant for trail upgrades, be received (0230-01, 0530-05).  
SKI CLUB

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0057 Benson/Wray  
THAT Council send a letter of support to the Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski  
Club for the Job Opportunities Program grant to be used for trail upgrades.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

10. None.

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

11-1 to 11-18 Adomeit/Bandstra  
10.0058 THAT the following correspondence be received:  
'B' ITEMS

- 11-1 Letter dated December 7, 2009, from L. Fitt, Regional Strategic Development Analyst, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, regarding the Regional Tourism Plan (0400-55).
- 11-2 Letter dated November 23, 2009, from Mayor D. Corrigan, City of Burnaby, urging municipalities to petition for proper representation on the PRIME Board of Directors and to have a voice in determining costs related to operations, maintenance and future upgrades (0400-50/7400-01).
- 11-3 Letter from M. McNeil, Minister of State for the Olympics and ActNow BC, advising that Smithers won an ActNow BC Prize Package in the GamesTown 2010 April Early Bird Draw (0360-20).
- 11-4 News Release dated November 30, 2009, from the Ministry of Forests and Range, announcing a more efficient permit approval process for small-scale log salvaging (0400-20).
- 11-5 Letter dated November 27, 2009, from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding successful completion of the Community Tourism Program (Phase 2) project and arrangements for final payment (0230-30).
- 11-6 Letter dated November 19, 2009, from Mayor A. Maitland, Village of Hazelton, to the Northern Health Board, opposing relocation of microbiology services to Terrace (0360-20).
- 11-7 Letter dated December 3, 2009, from N. Cullen, Member of Parliament, Skeena-Bulkley Valley, updating Council on efforts to secure a full deferral of service level reductions for the Smithers Regional Airport (8420-20).
- 11-8 Letter dated December 17, 2009, from NAV Canada to N. Cullen, Member of Parliament, Skeena-Bulkley Valley, regarding hours of operation of the Smithers Flight Service Station (8420-20).
- 11-9 Letter dated December 8, 2009, from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities presenting a summary of UBCM-administered, active grants in 2009 (0230-30).
- 11-10 Member Notice dated December 3, 2009, from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities presenting a Coroner's Report regarding foreign students and recreation activity (0230-30).
- 11-11 Summary of programs and participation opportunities from Communities in Bloom British Columbia (0360-20).
- 11-12 Letter dated December 11, 2009, from the Honours and Awards Secretariat advising that nominations of J. Davidson and E. Harding to the Order of British Columbia will be carried forward to 2010 (0220-20).
- 11-13 Letter dated December 17, 2009, from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities regarding acceptance of the Town's Intent to Apply to the Green Municipal Fund for the *Corporate and Community Energy and Emissions Sustainability Plan* project (0230-30, 1855-20).
- 11-14 Letter dated December 30, 2009, from D. Sargent, Chief Administrative

Officer, to T. Dall, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Telkwa, advising that the Town of Smithers can no longer provide the Village of Telkwa with building inspection services (0400-50).

- 11-15 Letter dated December 28, 2009, from Mayor B. Lantz, City of Fort St. John, to Air Canada regarding new rules regarding Flight Passes affecting Northeastern British Columbia customers (8400-01).
- 11-16 Member Release dated January 6, 2010, from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding UBCM's response to the *Destination Marketing Organizations/Additional Hotel Room Tax Green Paper* (0230-30).
- 11-17 Letter dated January 5, 2010, and *Green Paper on B.C.'s Destination Marketing Network: Funding and Structure*, from K. Krueger, Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, replying to Mayor Farrow's letter (attached) regarding Destination Marketing Organization funding (0360-20, 0400-20).
- 11-18 Email dated January 6, 2010, from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities presenting a letter from J. Slater, Parliamentary Secretary for Water Supply and Allocation, regarding policy options under the Living Water Smart plan (0400-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11-2  
10.0059  
PRIME

Bandstra/Northrup  
THAT Council send a letter of support to petition for proper representation on the PRIME Board of Directors and to have a voice in determining costs related to operations, maintenance and future upgrades, as requested in the letter dated November 23, 2009, from Mayor D. Corrigan, City of Burnaby (0400-50/7400-01).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

12. None.

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

13-1 to 13-23  
10.0060  
'D' ITEMS

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

- 13-1 *Freshwater Sport Fishing in British Columbia*, Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC.
- 13-2 *ProMOTION Plus*, Fall/Winter 2009/10.
- 13-3 *Annual Report 2008/09*, Ombudsman, Province of British Columbia.

- 13-4 *Care Quarterly*, BC Care Providers Association, Fall 2009.
- 13-5 Christmas greetings from Mayor David Pernarowski, City of Terrace.
- 13-6 *Debates of the Senate*, November 17, 2009, Speech by Senator Jaffer (letter in 'A' Items).
- 13-7 *Mineral Exploration*, Winter 2009, Association for Mineral Exploration of British Columbia.
- 13-8 *State of Safety Report 2008*, British Columbia Safety Authority.
- 13-9 *Tackle Climate Change - Use Wood* toolkit, BC Forestry Climate Change Working Group.
- 13-10 Report on DVD: *Public Safety in British Columbia: Transforming the Fire/Rescue Service*, September 2009, Fire Services Liaison Group.
- 13-11 *The Woodland Almanac*, Winter 2009, the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations and the Woodlot Product Development Council.
- 13-12 *Report on a Water Release Facility at Kenney Dam*, Nechako Watershed Council.
- 13-13 *Social Planning Contacts in British Columbia*, 2009, SPARC BC.
- 13-14 *Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako 2010 Calendar* (a guide for local residents).
- 13-15 *Heritage BC Quarterly*, Fall 2009.
- 13-16 *Transforming Communities through Tourism: A Handbook for Community Champions*, from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, Link BC, Tourism BC, 2010 Legacies Now and the Aboriginal Tourism Association of BC (0230-30).
- 13-17 *Annual Report 2008/2009*, British Columbia Municipal Safety Association.
- 13-18 *Summary Report of the Ninth Annual BC Progress Board Benchmark Report*, December 17, 2009.
- 13-19 *Idle-free zone*, Fall 2009, Natural Resources Canada.
- 13-20 *Speaking of Children*, BC Children's Hospital Foundation, Fall 2009.
- 13-21 *Yellowhead It!*, Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway.
- 13-22 *Aboriginal Engagement Toolkit, DVD*, Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia.
- 13-23 *BC Progress Board 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Benchmark Summary*, December 17, 2009.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS APPROVED FOR DISCUSSION**

- 14-1 See Approval of Minutes – Section 3.
- 14-2 See Approval of Minutes – Section 3.
- 14-3 See Staff (A) Reports – Section 7.
- 14-4 See Mayor Farrow's Reports – Section 6-7.
- 14-5 See Correspondence – (A) Items – Section 9.

15. **OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

16-1  
BRIENESSE Regarding the letter that was on tonight's Committee of the Whole meeting from the Hudson Bay Mountain (HBM) providing their comments on the draft Official Community Plan (OCP). P. Brienesse commented that this input has come to Council late in the two year process and suggested that HBM is trying to avoid public input in regards to the ski hill in the OCP. He stated that HBM are a business that wants to have retail outlets located at the top of the mountain.

P. Brienesse commented on his displeasure with Council's decision to approve the Development Permit Amendment application D08-10 for property located at 3731 Fourth Avenue.

16-2  
RECREATION  
UPDATE A. Hillaby, Director of Recreation, Parks, and Culture, reminded Council that the Olympic Torch Relay is coming to Smithers on January 30, 2010. The Spirit of the Mountains Festival will be held January 30 to February 6, 2010.

A. Hillaby informed Council that the consultants for the Multiplex project are returning to Smithers soon.

16-3  
LIBRARY  
PROJECT Councillor Wray thanked Council, on behalf of the Smithers Public Library Board, for speedy and equitable final motion regarding the Library Project. He added that fundraising plans are underway for the Project, including the January 23, 2010 luncheon and family dance.

16-4  
NORTHRUP  
UPDATE Councillor Northrup showed Council his certificate for attending the Fleet Management course.

16-5  
OLYMPIC  
TORCH  
RELAY  
VOLUNTEERS S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services, put out a public plea for volunteers for the Olympic Torch Relay. Fifteen spots to support the VANOC crews are available, as well as four spots for youths fourteen and over to support the Coca Cola sponsors.

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

17.  
10.0061  
NOTICE OF  
IN-CAMERA Benson/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 January 26, 2010, 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. Benson/Wray  
10.0062 THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned (9:42 p.m.).  
ADJOURN

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Certified Correct:

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Jo Ann Groves  
Deputy Mayor

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Deborah Sargent  
Corporate Administrator (CAO)

**Certified a True and Correct Copy** of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 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)

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