

# **TOWN OF SMITHERS**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Council Chambers, 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C., on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.

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**Council Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Deborah Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer  
Susan Bassett, Director of Corporate Services  
Leslie Ford, Director of Finance  
Mark Allen, Director of Development Services  
Andrew Hillaby, Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture  
Wilf Taekema, Director of Works and Operations  
Penny Goodacre, Recording Secretary.

**Council Excused:**

Charlie Northrup, Councillor.

**Staff Excused:**

Keith Stecko, Fire Chief  
Patricia Berg, Airport Manager.

**Media Present:** S. Stranges, The Peak; K. Koppitz, CFTK-TV, and R. Schierer, The Interior News.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

1. Mayor Farrow called the meeting to order (7:31 p.m.), he drew the Gallery's attention to the Smithers Olympic Torch Relay Celebration photo slideshow on the monitors. Copies of the photographs may be obtained by contacting Curtis Cunningham Photistry directly.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA (including Supplemental Items)**

- 1A  
10.0097  
AGENDA  
APPROVAL
- Adomeit/Benson  
THAT Council approves the agenda, and the following supplemental items for discussion later in the meeting (under Section 14):
- 14-1 "Dog Licence and Control Bylaw No. 1332, 2000".
  - 14-2 Email dated February 9, 2010, from C. and R. Bunce, Jade City, withdrawing the application to rezone property located at 3318 Highway 16.
  - 14-3 Letter dated February 2, 2010, from K. Elliot, Acting Team Manager, Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RinC) Program, Western Economic Diversification Canada, advising that the Town's application for RinC funding was not approved (1855-20).
  - 14-4 Letter dated February 2010 from Premier G. Campbell thanking S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services, and co-organizers of the Smithers Torch Relay Celebrations (0360-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**PRESENTATIONS**

1B-1  
TORCH  
RELAY  
ARTWORK

Ian Grieve, Royal Bank, presented Council with the 2010 original artwork created on stage at the Olympic Torch Relay Celebration held at Heritage Park on January 30, 2010. Mayor Farrow thanked I. Grieve for the artwork and said it would be displayed in the reception area.

1B-2  
TORCH  
RELAY AND  
SPIRIT OF  
MTNS

Mayor Farrow acknowledged Councillor Benson; Councillor Groves; G. Atrill, Smithers Tourism Coordinator; S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services; and Emily Cavallin, Final Torch Bearer; for their roles in the 2010 Smithers Olympic Torch Relay Celebration and Spirit of the Mountains Festival.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING**

2-1  
PUBLIC  
HEARING  
BYLAW 1616

Mayor Farrow opened the Public Hearing for "Bylaw No. 1616 – Town of Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment No. 10-01" (3867 Highway 16 – Tran) at 7:40 p.m.

Councillor Wray declared a conflict of interest as his son works at the Sunshine Inn and left the Chambers (7:40 p.m.).

D. Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer, read aloud the letter dated February 3, 2010, from K. Kwan, Twin Valley Inn, that was included in the agenda package.

Kevin Stunder, Aurora Resorts, Vancouver, stated that he reviewed the Zoning Map and concluded that the proposal looks consistent with Council's goal of attracting business to Main Street. It will add to the frontage of the Highway and the entrance to town.

No further written or verbal submissions were made to Bylaw No. 1616.

Mayor Farrow called three times for submissions to Bylaw No. 1616 and, receiving none, closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Councillor Wray returned to the Chambers (7:45 p.m.).

2-2 and 2-3  
PUBLIC  
HEARING  
BYLAW 1617  
AND  
BYLAW 1618

Mayor Farrow opened the Public Hearing for "Bylaw No. 1617 – Town of Smithers Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1335 Amendment No. 10-01" (Seventh Avenue – Howard) and "Bylaw No. 1618 – Town of Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment No. 10-02" (Seventh Avenue – Howard) at 7:45 p.m.

No further written or verbal submissions were made to Bylaw No. 1617.

Mayor Farrow called three times for submissions to Bylaw No. 1617 and Bylaw No. 1618, and, receiving none, closed the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3-1  
10.0098  
REG JAN 26

Adomeit/Bandstra  
THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 26, 2010, be adopted, by amending Item 7B-3 Motion 10.0079 as Councillor Wray did not second the motion.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4-1 Adomeit/Wray  
10.0099 THAT Report ADM 10-010 dated February 3, 2010, from D. Sargent, Chief  
ITEMS Administrative Officer, regarding items being made public from the Special (In-  
MADE Camera) Meeting of Council held January 12, 2010, be received;  
PUBLIC AND THAT the following items be placed on the public agenda: (0640-01).

**12. PERSONNEL (LABOUR)**

*Adomeit/Wray  
THAT Report ADM 10-005 dated January 4, 2010, from  
D. Sargent, CAO, recommending the Town of Smithers  
enter into a contract with G. Atrill, to provide the services  
of the Smithers Tourism Coordinator, be received (Vault);  
AND THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Chief  
Administrative Officer to sign the agreement between the  
Town and Gladys Atrill for the provision of tourism  
coordination services outlined in Schedule "A" for a one-  
year term expiring December 31, 2010.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10-003**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4-2.a) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held December 8, 2009,  
10.0100 (adopted at the Regular Meeting of Council held January 12, 2010 – Motion  
COW DEC 8 10.0004)  
REPEAL  
MOTION  
10.0004 Groves/Wray  
THAT Council agree in the future, once a set of minutes have been adopted,  
no further amendments are to be made.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0101 Groves/Wray  
THAT Council repeal Motion No. 10.0004 of the Regular Meeting of Council  
held January 12, 2010.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4-2.b) Groves/Wray  
10.0102 THAT Council amend the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held  
COW DEC 8 December 8, 2009, by removing the words "The Chamber is not doing enough  
AMEND to promote our community and area to the local residents." and replacing them  
WORDING with the following "Another idea for our community/Chamber is to better inform  
local residents."

**OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR BENSON.**

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY.**

4-2.c) Groves/Wray  
10.0103 THAT the amended minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held  
COW DEC 8 December 8, 2009, be adopted.  
ADOPTION

**OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR BENSON.  
UNANIMOUSLY.**

**CARRIED**

4-3.a) Item 5-2 - Dr. R. Chipeniuk - Regular Meeting of Council held January 26, 2010  
10.0104  
CHIPENIUK  
PLANNING  
FOR CROWN  
SETTLEMENT  
INTERFACE  
LANDS

Bandstra/Groves  
THAT the request for a letter of support and a contribution of \$2,000 for the proposed "Planning for Crown-Settlement Interface Lands" conference, be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0105  
Benson/Bandstra  
THAT Council send a letter of support for the proposed "Planning for Crown-Settlement Interface Lands" conference with no financial contribution.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4-3.b) Benson/Bandstra  
10.0106  
CHIPENIUK  
SKEENA  
REGIONAL  
MAPCHAT  
PROJECT

THAT the request for a letter of support and a contribution of \$5,000 to help launch the Skeena Regional MapChat Co-op Project, be received;  
AND THAT Council send a letter of support with no financial contribution.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

5-1 Mark Fisher and Megan D'Arcy - Bulkley Valley Farmers Market Association

BV  
FARMERS  
MARKET

The Bulkley Valley Farmers Market Association was established ten years ago, is run by volunteers, has a membership of seventy two, and is currently located in Central Park. Their Mission Statement is "The Bulkley Valley Farmer's Market Association provides an opportunity for people to buy and sell products that have been locally made, baked or grown; and enjoy a quality experience that facilitates community education and development."

The Association uses the vendor stall rental fees to help cover the costs associated with: a) Town of Smithers business licence; b) advertising; c) electricity use; and d) the part-time manager's salary. The Market compliments the community; is pedestrian friendly and encourages shopping along the downtown core. The Association partnered with the Pregnancy Outreach Program to provide coupons to use towards the purchase of goods at the market; and over 3,300 coupons were collected in 2009.

The Association requested the following: 1) Town of Smithers written approval to use the Central Park area for the Market on a long-term basis; 2) permission to build a temporary storage shed at Central Park; 3) that Central Park be more user friendly for the Market (improved parking, installing picnic benches, etc); 4) permission to install an independent power pole to provide electricity to the Market; 5) Council appoint a Liaison to the Association; and 6) financial assistance.

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**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**COUNCILLOR ADOMEIT**

6-1-1 Councillor Adomeit commented that Council participated in the Spirit of the  
ADOMEIT Mountains Festival Amazing Race with a team consisting of Councillors  
UPDATE Adomeit, Benson, Bandstra and Northrup.

Councillor Adomeit reminded Council of the Chamber Luncheon being held on February 11, 2010, with guest speaker Norman Leach, author of the "Broken Arrow, America's first lost Nuclear Weapon" book.

**COUNCILLOR BANDSTRA**

6-2-1 Bandstra/Benson  
10.00107 THAT the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held  
EDC JAN 25 January 25, 2010, be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0108 Bandstra/Adomeit  
MINING THAT Council direct Administration to obtain costs for advertising space in the  
EDUCATION local newspaper, designate a funding source, and secure article  
correspondents to promote the value of mining to the community.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0109 Bandstra/Benson  
BUDGET THAT Council place on the budget deliberations, funding to plan for airport  
AIRPORT industrial lands development.  
LANDS

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COUNCILLOR BENSON**

6-3-1 Councillor Benson attended the following: a) the open house for the Smithers  
BENSON Multiplex concept; and b) the Economic Forum hosted by N. Cullen, MP  
UPDATE Skeena-Bulkley Valley.

**COUNCILLOR GROVES**

6-4-1 None.

**COUNCILLOR NORTHRUP**

6-5-1 None.

**COUNCILLOR WRAY**

6-6-1 Councillor Wray attended the open house for the new community radio station  
WRAY 93.9FM.

UPDATE

**MAYOR FARROW**

6-7-1 Benson/Adomeit  
10.0110 THAT the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako memorandum from  
RDBN G. Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer, to the Board, dated January 21,  
ROSENTHAL 2010, regarding the Town of Smithers' request concerning the Rosenthal Road  
ROAD dust problem, be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Farrow informed Council that the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako denied the Town of Smithers request to cost share on dust control on Rosenthal Road.

6-7-2 Benson/Bandstra  
10.0111 THAT the *North West Regional Hospital District Directors' Report* regarding the  
NWRHD January 22, 2010 Board Meeting, be received (0400-55).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-7-3 Benson/Wray  
10.0112 THAT the following Omineca Beetle Action Coalition correspondence be  
OBAC received for information: a) Implementation Priorities - OBAC Regional  
Strategies, dated January 27, 2010; b) Members' Quick Notes, January 18,  
2010; c) Quick News from OBAC, January 18 and February 1, 2010; d) Working  
Together for Stronger Communities: Strengthening the Fundamentals - Our  
Capstone Objectives; and e) Working Together for Stronger Communities:  
Blueprint for Action - A Summary of Our Regional Strategies.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-7-4 Adomeit/Groves  
10.0113 THAT the email dated October 15, 2009, from the North Central Local  
NCLGA Government Association regarding Resources Expo 2010 being held June 3 to  
RESOURCE 5, 2010, in Prince George, be received.  
EXPO

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0114 Adomeit/Groves  
THAT Council authorizes one member of Council to attend Resources Expo  
2010.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-7-5 Adomeit/Groves  
10.0115 THAT the email dated December 18, 2009, from organizers of the Bio Energy  
BIO Conference and Exhibition 2010 being held June 8 to 10, 2010, in Prince  
ENERGY George, be received.  
CONF. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0116 Benson/Groves  
THAT Council authorizes one member of Council to attend the conference.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-7-6 Groves/Wray  
10.0117 THAT the notice regarding the Bio-Energy Solutions for Community  
COMMUNITY Sustainability Workshop being held March 2 to 4, 2010 in Prince George, be  
SUSTAIN. received;  
WORKSHOP AND THAT Council authorizes Mayor Farrow to attend the workshop.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-7-7 Benson/Adomeit  
10.0118 THAT the email dated January 13, 2010, from organizers of the Federation of  
FCM Canadian Municipalities conference advising that Lester R. Brown will speak at  
the closing luncheon on February 12, 2010, and advising of the Green  
Municipal Fund 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration being held February 9, 2010, be  
received.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6-7-8 Adomeit/Wray  
10.0119 THAT the reconsideration of Motion 09.0716 of the Regular Meeting of Council  
RECONSIDER held October 27, 2009, regarding fundraising and operating costs for the  
MOTION Smithers Public Library project, be received.  
09.0716  
LIBRARY **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0120 Benson/Groves  
THAT Council repeal Motion 09.0716 of the Regular Meeting of Council held  
October 27, 2009.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0121 Benson/Bandstra  
THAT Council authorizes the Smithers Public Library Board to pursue grant  
funding provided: a) Administration reviews all applications; and b) the Library  
Board keeps operating costs for the project up to one hundred and twenty  
percent (120%) of today's operating costs.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**STAFF (A) REPORTS**

7A-1 Groves/Benson  
10.0122 THAT Council award Glacier Electric Ltd. from Smithers the "Power Smart  
POWER Municipal Building Retrofit – 2010" contract for the tendered amount of  
SMART \$49,921.29", as recommended in Report DEV 10-016 dated February 1, 2010,  
RETROFIT from M. Allen, Director of Development Services (5330-20/10-01).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7A-2 Benson/Wray  
10.0123 THAT Council receive the following:  
ANIMAL  
CONTROL  
BYLAW  
and  
BYLAW 1332  
7A-2 Report PCS 10-03 dated February 1, 2010, from M. Davey,  
Prevention and Community Safety Officer, proposing amendments to  
the Animal Control Bylaw No. 1332 (4020-20).  
14-1 "Dog Licence and Control Bylaw No. 1332, 2000".

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0124 Benson/Bandstra  
THAT Council authorize staff to amend "Dog Licence and Animal Control Bylaw  
No. 1332, 2000" to include procedures for impoundment/destruction of vicious  
dogs, necessity of care guidelines and increased fines, as recommended in  
Report PCS 10-03 dated February 1, 2010, from M. Davey, Prevention and  
Community Safety Officer;

AND THAT an escalating impoundment fee for vicious dogs be implemented to  
a maximum of \$2,000 (4020-20).

Benson/  
THAT Council table the above motion to allow Administration to  
research and provide recommendations.

**MOTION LOST DUE TO LACK OF SECONDER.**

**OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR ADOMEIT, GROVES, WRAY DEFEATED.  
and MAYOR FARROW.**

10.0125 Groves/Benson  
THAT Council authorize staff to amend "Dog Licence and Animal Control Bylaw  
No. 1332, 2000" to include: a) necessity of care guidelines; b) procedures for  
impoundment and destruction of vicious dogs; and c) change the fines for an  
offense involving a vicious dog from "\$200 and not more than \$2,000" to  
"not less than \$500 and not more than \$5,000".

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**STAFF (B) REPORTS**

7B-1 Adomeit/Wray

10.0126 GREEN HEAT CONF. THAT Report DEV 10-014 dated February 2, 2010, from M. Allen, Director of Development Services, regarding the Northern Rural and Remote Communities Green Heat Initiative conference held January 22, 2010, in Prince George, be received (5280-30).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **BYLAWS**

8-1 10.0127 BYLAW 1621 "Bylaw No. 1621 – Town of Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment No. 10-03" (3318 Highway 16)

Bandstra/Adomeit

THAT Council abandon Bylaw No. 1621, cited as "Bylaw No. 1621 – Town of Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment No. 10-03" (3318 Highway 16).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14-2 10.0128 JADE CITY Groves/Adomeit THAT the email dated February 9, 2010, from C. and R. Bunce, Jade City, withdrawing the application to rezone property located at 3318 Highway 16, be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councillor Bandstra clarified that he attended the Advisory Planning Commission meeting held January 14, 2010, as an observer of Council and not as the representative for Jade City.

10.0129 Bandstra/Groves THAT Council add the topic of C3-A zoning to the Committee of the Whole agenda scheduled for March 16, 2010.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

9-1 10.0130 NCLGA RESOLUTION DEADLINE Benson/Adomeit THAT the letter dated January 20, 2010, from the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) advising that March 5, 2010, is the deadline for resolution submissions for the 2010 NCLGA conference, be received (0230-40).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-2 10.0131 NCLGA OFFICER NOMINATION Groves/Adomeit THAT the letter dated January 22, 2010, from the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) advising that April 9, 2010, is the deadline for nomination of NCLGA officers, be received;

AND THAT Council ask Councillor Northrup if he is interested in being

nominated (0230-40).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9-3  
10.0132  
LOCAL  
GOVT  
ELECTIONS  
TASK  
FORCE

Wray/Benson  
THAT the letter dated January 29, 2010, from the Ministry of Community and Rural Development seeking comments to assist the Local Government Elections Task Force in its review of local government election issues, be received (0400-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0133

Groves/Bandstra  
THAT Council authorizes Mayor Farrow to submit his comments regarding local government election issues.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

10. None.

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

11-1 to 11-8  
10.0134  
'B' ITEMS

Adomeit/Bandstra  
THAT the following correspondence be received:

11-1 Letter dated January 26, 2010, from Mayor M. Sjostrom, City of Quesnel, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) requesting that FCM seeks an appointment to the Nav Canada Board of Directors (8420-20, 0400-50).

11-2 Letter dated January 27, 2010, from the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition to the Job Opportunities Program (Victoria), supporting the application by the Hudson Bay Mountain for upgrades to trails and fuel management (0230-40).

11-3 Letter dated January 15, 2010, from the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia advising that the Town's grant application for a Safety Management System Workshop was approved (0870-20).

11-4 Letter received January 29, 2010, from Canadian Heritage, advising that February 28, 2010, is the deadline for submitting *Celebrate Canada* funding application forms (1850-01).

11-5 Letters dated January 15, 2010, from K. Richter, Provincial Co-Chair, Oversight Committee, Building Canada Fund - Communities Component, advising that the following applications from the Town of Smithers were unsuccessful:

- a) Project 27734 - Bulkley River West Bank Erosion Protection
- b) Project 26026 - Railway Avenue Watermain Looping

c) Project 28115 - Paved Roads Capital Replacement (1855-20).

11-6 Letter dated January 18, 2010, from the Ministry of Finance advising of electronic transfer of November 2009 Hotel Room Tax funds (6900-02).

11-7 Letter dated January 21, 2010, from B. Lekstrom, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, replying to Mayor Farrow's letter regarding the Northwest Transmission Line project (0400-20, 0400-30).

11-8 Letter dated January 22, 2010, from Premier G. Campbell replying to Mayor Farrow's letter regarding legislation to protect youth struggling with substance abuse (0360-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Farrow requested that Supplemental Item 14-3 and 14-4 be moved to this point in the agenda.

14-3  
10.0135  
RINC  
FUNDING

Adomeit/Groves  
THAT the letter dated February 2, 2010, from K. Elliot, Acting Team Manager, Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RinC) Program, Western Economic Diversification Canada, advising that the Town's application for RinC funding was not approved, be received (1855-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14-4  
10.0136  
OLYMPIC  
TORCH  
RELAY

Bandstra/Adomeit  
THAT the letter dated February 2010 from Premier G. Campbell thanking S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services, and co-organizers of the Smithers Torch Relay Celebrations, be received (0360-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

12. None.

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

13-1 to 13-5  
10.0137  
'D' ITEMS

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

13-1 *2009 Annual Report: Energizing the Bottom Line with Energy Efficiency*, Canadian Industry Program for Energy Conversion.

13-2 *2009-2010 Community Involvement Directory and Stream Talk*

newsletter (Fall 2009), from the Salmon Enhancement and Habitat Advisory Board.

13-3 Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Northern Medical Programs Trust Membership Proposal, January 2010.

13-4 *Child Find British Columbia* posters and letter advising May is “Green Ribbon of Hope” month.

13-5 *Northword*, February/March 2010.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS APPROVED FOR DISCUSSION**

14-1 See Staff Report 7A-2.

14-2 See Bylaw 8-1.

14-3 See Above.

14-4 See Above.

### **OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

15-1 Groves/Adomeit  
10.0138 THAT Council schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting on March 2, 2010,  
MINING with the mining industry;  
INDUSTRY AND THAT the Smithers Exploration Group be contacted to send out the  
COW invitations to the industry members including: Drillers, Expeditors, Mining  
Companies, and Northwest Community College.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

15-2 Councillor Wray enquired to the status of the Multiplex Project with regards to  
MULTIPLEX Item 14-3 advising that the project did not receive grant funding through the  
Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RinC) Program. A. Hillaby replied that the  
consultants will complete a feasibility study that will include a business plan and  
associated costs for Council to review.

15-3 Councillor Bandstra reminded Council of the importance to complete the items  
STRATEGIC listed on the Strategic Priorities Chart.  
PRIORITIES

15-4 Councillor Benson reported that during the N. Cullen Economic Forum,  
BENSON the Town of Smithers received compliments on its open door policy with  
UPDATE regards to the meetings held with businesses and developers.

15-5 Councillor Groves thanked D. Sargent and S. Bassett for their efforts with the  
GROVES Olympic Torch Relay Celebrations. She thanked Council for participating in the  
UPDATE Amazing Race and announced that she has a new grandson.

16. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

16-1 Mayor Farrow introduced the new Peak reporter Stephanie Stranges.  
STRANGES

16-2 K. Stunder congratulated Council on the Olympic Torch Relay Celebrations.  
STUNDER

16-3 P. Brienesse suggested Council invite the Downtown Merchants to the  
BRIENESSE Committee of the Whole meeting regarding Fourth Avenue.

P. Brienesse questioned Council's decision to place mining advertisements in the local paper to educate the community on mining and suggested a better avenue would be to target mining investors in trade papers.

16-4 Mayor Farrow reported that he attended Rock Talk on February 9, 2010, in  
ROCK TALK Smithers.

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

17. Wray/Groves  
10.0139 THAT, pursuant to Section 92 of the *Community Charter*, Council gives notice  
NOTICE OF and exercises its authority and excludes the media and the public, except for  
IN-CAMERA municipal staff, from the Special (In-Camera) Meeting of Council being held on  
February 23, 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. Adomeit/Bandstra  
10.0140 THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned (9:31 p.m.).  
ADJOURN

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Certified Correct:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cress Farrow  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deborah Sargent  
Corporate Administrator (CAO)

**Certified a True and Correct Copy** of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, February 9, 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)

DS/jm/plg