

TOWN OF SMITHERS

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

Council Present:

Cress Farrow, Mayor
Norm Adomeit, Councillor
Charlie Northrup, Councillor
Frank Wray, Councillor.

Staff Present:

Deborah Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer
Leslie Ford, Director of Finance
Mark Allen, Director of Development Services
Andrew Hillaby, Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture
Penny Goodacre, Recording Secretary.

Council Excused:

Mark Bandstra, Councillor
Lorne Benson, Councillor
Jo Ann Groves, Councillor.

Staff Excused:

Susan Bassett, Director of Corporate Services
Keith Stecko, Fire Chief
Wilf Taekema, Director of Works and Operations
Patricia Berg, Airport Manager.

Media Present: S. Stranges, The Peak; and R. Schierer, The Interior News.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (including Supplemental Items)

- 1A Adomeit/Wray
10.0192 THAT Council approves the agenda, and the following supplemental items for
AGENDA discussion later in the meeting (under Section 14):
APPROVAL
- 14-1 Letter dated March 9, 2010, from H. Gallagher, Manager, Smithers District Chamber of Commerce, requesting a member of Council be present at the Annual General Meeting being held on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at the Pioneer Activity Centre.
- 14-2 Email dated March 9, 2010, from K. Ackles, Conservation Officer, Bulkley/Stikine Zone – Smithers, providing human/bear conflict statistics within Smithers for the years 2006 and 2009 (0400-20 and 0530-05). (Refer to 4-2).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

- 2-1 None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3-1 Adomeit/Wray
10.0193 THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 23, 2010,
REG FEB 23 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3-2 Wray/Adomeit
10.0194 THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held February 16,
C.O.W. 2010 (RCMP/WCFC/BVEDI), and letter dated February 25, 2010, from D. Daly,
FEB 16 Chair, Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation, presenting a summary of
recommendations from the February 16, 2010, Committee of the Whole
meeting, be adopted (0360-20)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0195 Wray/Adomeit
COMFOR THAT Council proceed with the following recommendations, as presented in the
letter dated February 25, 2010, from D. Daly, Chair, Wetzin'kwa Community
Forest Corporation:

1. Write a letter to the Ministry of Forests District Manager of the Skeena-Stikine District, Jane Lloyd-Smithers, RFP, to request:
 - i. that the District support and pursue all volume available to expand the existing community forest allowable annual cut (AAC) and operating area. The sources of volume for the expansion should be prioritized as follows:
 - a) BCTS volume in excess of 20% requirement needed for the timber pricing model (32,576 m³ AAC).
 - b) A portion of the Woodlot AAC allocation if supported by the local Bulkley Woodlot Association (a portion of the 10,194 m³).
 - c) 5% "takeback volumes" associated with any future transfers of forest tenures.
 - ii. that the District participate in a small working group (Ministry of Forests, Town of Smithers, Village of Telkwa, Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation, Office of the Wet'suwet'en) to help keep the initiative moving toward expansion at the earliest opportunity.
 - iii. That the District provide the Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation with information regarding the Bulkley TSA Vegetation Resource Inventory outcomes.
2. Support the proposed expansion working group through participation.
3. Continue requesting expansion through the Minister of Forests at every opportunity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4-1 Adomeit/Wray
10.0196 THAT Report ADM 10-014 dated February 24, 2010, from D. Sargent, Chief
ITEMS Administrative Officer, recommending no items be made public from the Special
MADE (In-Camera) meeting of Council held February 9, 2010, be received;
PUBLIC 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 February 23, 2010 - Bear Smart
10.0197 Policies in OCP

BEAR
SMART OCP

Northrup/Wray

THAT the following be received:

- 4-2 Request from D. Wellwood to consider inclusion of bear-smart policies in the Town of Smithers Official Community Plan (0400-20, 0530-05).
- 14-2 Email dated March 9, 2010, from K. Ackles, Conservation Officer, Bulkley/Stikine Zone – Smithers, providing human/bear conflict statistics within Smithers for the years 2006 and 2009 (0400-20 and 0530-05).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

5-1 None.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

COUNCILLOR ADOMEIT

6-1-1
ADOMEIT
UPDATE

Councillor Adomeit reported that he attended the March 4, 2010, Smithers and District Chamber of Commerce reception and a) received an update from the Ministry of Tourism regarding local recreational trails and signage improvements and b) met with the owner of Skeena Heliskiing.

COUNCILLOR BANDSTRA

6-2-1
10.0198
SEABRIDGE
MTG FEB 18

Northrup/Wray
THAT the notes of the Council, Economic Development Committee, Community, and Seabridge Gold Ltd. meeting held February 18, 2010, be received (0360-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCILLOR BENSON

6-3-1
10.0199
VIC STATS

Wray/Adomeit
THAT the Visitor Information Statistics from the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce for the period ending February 28, 2010, be received (0230-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6-3-2 Adomeit/Wray
10.0200 THAT the email dated March 2, 2010, from C. Dohler, Finance Supervisor,
BV POOL Bulkley Valley Pool and Recreation Centre, presenting the Bulkley Valley
FINANCIALS Aquatic Centre Management Society January 2010 Financials, be received
(0230-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council requested that this item be brought forward for discussion at the March 23, 2010, Regular Council meeting to determine if Council attendance is required at the Bulkley Valley Aquatic Centre Management Society Board meetings.

COUNCILLOR GROVES

6-4-1 None.

COUNCILLOR NORTHRUP

6-5-1 Councillor Northrup thanked Council and Staff for keeping him up to date while
NORTHRUP he volunteered at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.
UPDATE

Councillor Northrup attended the following meetings: a) the March 4, 2010 Smithers and District Chamber of Commerce reception, and b) the March 9, 2010, Bulkley Valley Economic Development Initiative meeting.

COUNCILLOR WRAY

6-6-1 Councillor Wray attended the March 9, 2010, Bulkley Valley Economic
WRAY Development Initiative meeting.
UPDATE

After much thought and consideration, Councillor Wray has determined that he is no longer in a conflict of interest regarding the "Innovation Foods" project and will be attending the Advisory Planning Committee meeting being held on March 11, 2010, as the Alternate Council Liaison.

MAYOR FARROW

6-7-1 Northrup/Adomeit
10.0201 THAT the following minutes of Regional District Bulkley Nechako held on
RDBN January 28 and February 11, 2010, be received: a) Meeting No. 1;
b) Environmental Services Committee; c) Committee of the Whole; d) Rural Directors Committee; e) Strategic Development Committee; and f) Forestry Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6-7-2 Adomeit/Wray
10.0202 THAT the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition Members' Quick Notes dated
OBAC February 19, 2010, and March 1, 2010, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7A **STAFF (A) REPORTS**

None

7B **STAFF (B) REPORTS**

None.

BYLAWS

8-1 **"Bylaw No. 1619 - Fire Department False Alarms"**

10.0203

BYLAW 1619

Adomeit/Wray

THAT Bylaw No. 1619, cited as "Bylaw No. 1619 - Fire Department False Alarms", be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE - (A) ITEMS

9-1

10.0204

OLYMPIC
BOOKS

Wray/Northrup

THAT the letter dated February 9, 2010, from M. Januska, John Wiley and Sons Canada, Ltd., promoting the sale of Olympic and Paralympic commemorative books: a) A Path of Northern Lights; and b) With Glowing Hearts: The Official Commemorative Book of the XXI Olympic and Paralympic Games, be received;

AND THAT the letter be forwarded to the Smithers Public Library (0360-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-2

10.0205

ELKS &
HERITAGE
PARKS
SIGNAGE

Wray/Northrup

THAT the letter dated February 26, 2010, from B. Jex, Smithers Junior Softball Society, requesting approval to market sponsorship opportunities through the placement of sign-boards at Heritage Park and Elks Park softball diamonds, be received (0530-05).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0206

Wray/Adomeit

THAT Council authorize the Smithers Junior Softball Society to install sign-boards at Heritage Park and Elks Park softball diamonds, provided that a lease agreement is signed that addresses the following: a) there is a maximum of twelve signs per field, b) the Smithers Junior Softball Society has liability insurance on the signage and the Town of Smithers is additionally insured, and c) the sign fasteners are approved by the Town.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-3 Northrup/Adomeit
10.0207 THAT the email dated March 1, 2010, from K. Beverly, non-resident Bulkley
STEELHEAD River area property owner and Steelhead angler, requesting Council urge the
ANGLER Minister of Environment, Minister of Tourism, and regional government
representatives, to make the proper decision on the Skeena System Quality
Waters Strategy matter, be received (0360-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0208 Northrup/Wray
THAT Council send a letter to the Minister of Environment requesting a status
update of the Skeena System Quality Waters Strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE - (B) ITEMS- RECEIVE AND REPLY

10. None.

CORRESPONDENCE - (B) ITEMS - RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION

11-1 to 11-3 Adomeit/Wray
10.0209 THAT the following correspondence be received:
'B' ITEMS

11-1 Letter dated February 15, 2010, from G. Bass, Deputy Commissioner
and Commanding Officer of "E" Division, RCMP, clarifying media reports
regarding accountability, oversight and communications within the RCMP
(7400-01).

11-2 Letter dated February 11, 2010, from the Ministry of Community and
Rural Development, advising that the Town's application for *Trees for
Tomorrow* funding was unsuccessful (1855-20).

11-3 Letter dated February 24, 2010, from Calderwood Realty realtors
following up on the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 2,
2010 (0510-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE - (C) ITEMS

12. None.

CORRESPONDENCE - (D) ITEMS

13-1 to 13-2 Adomeit/Wray
10.0210 THAT the following correspondence, as routed, be received for information:
'D' ITEMS

13-1 *A Decade of Performance: 2000-2009 Metro Vancouver Market
Overview*, February 10, 2010, from Landcor Data Corporation.

13-2 University of Northern British Columbia Brochure.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS APPROVED FOR DISCUSSION

14-1 Adomeit/Wray
10.0211 THAT the letter dated March 9, 2010, from H. Gallagher, Manager, Smithers
CHAMBER District Chamber of Commerce, requesting a member of Council be present at
AGM the Annual General Meeting being held on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at the
Pioneer Activity Centre, be received;
AND THAT the Mayor be authorized to attend and to conduct the installation of
Officers (0230-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14-2 See Section 4-2.

OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

15-1 Council requested that the March 5, 2010, NAV Canada letter regarding the
NAV Smithers Regional Airport Flight Service Station be placed on the March 23,
CANADA 2010, Regular Council agenda.

15-2 Councillor Northrup reminded Council of the Smithers and District Chamber of
CHAMBER Commerce Annual General Meeting being held on March 18, 2010, and the
MTGS Smithers and District Chamber of Commerce sponsored Motivational Speaker
being held on March 19, 2010.

15-3 Councillor Northrup suggested that the plastic along the fencing at the Northern
NORTHERN Roots Community Garden be addressed. D. Sargent advised the lease is up for
ROOTS review in April and this issue can be addressed at that time.
GARDEN

15-4 D. Sargent informed Council that the debut article "Mining Matters" would be in
MINING the March 10, 2010, edition of *The Interior News*.
MATTERS
ARTICLE

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

16-1 P. Briennesse commented on the signage at the softball diamonds, proposed
BRIENESSE changes to the M1 zone to allow Innovation Foods, and requested that the
Committee of the Whole meeting times and dates be advertised on the Town of
Smithers website.

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

17. Wray/Adomeit
10.0212 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
March 23, 2010, following the Finance Committee meeting to set the 2010 tax
rate, to deal with matters falling under Section 90, subsections 1 and/or 2 of the
Community Charter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

18. Adomeit/Wray
10.0213 THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned (8:13 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 March 9 , 2010, 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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