

TOWN OF SMITHERS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Council Chambers, 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C., on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.

Council Present:

Cress Farrow, Mayor
Norm Adomeit, Councillor
Mark Bandstra, Councillor
Lorne Benson, Councillor
Jo Ann Groves, Councillor
Charlie Northrup, 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
Patricia Berg, Airport Manager
Penny Goodacre, Recording Secretary.

Staff Excused:

Keith Stecko, Fire Chief
Wilf Taekema, Director of Works and Operations.

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 (7:32 p.m.).
Mayor Farrow altered the order of the agenda and proceeded with the Public Hearing.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

2-1 Mayor Farrow opened the Public Hearing for "Bylaw No. 1623 - Town of
2-2 Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment 10-04" (M1 text amendment) at
2-3 7:32 p.m.
2-4

PUBLIC Mayor Farrow asked if there were any written submissions and requested that
HEARING they be read aloud for the record.
BYLAW 1623

Bandstra/Benson

THAT the following correspondence be received:

2-2 "Bylaw No. 1623 - Town of Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1403
Amendment 10-04" (M1 text amendment).

2-3 Email dated March 31, 2010, from P. Briennesse seeking answers
to questions regarding the proposed M1 text amendment.

2-4 Email dated April 13, 2010, presenting letters from K. Ehalt and
M. Bovill opposing "Bylaw No. 1623 - Town of Smithers Zoning
Bylaw No. 1403 Amendment 10-04" (M1 text amendment).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Farrow called for verbal submissions:

1. Edward D. Bobb, 3835-12th Avenue expressed concerns over the wording of the amendment and thinks it is very misleading. Believes the word “area” should be attached to “retail sales area”. He suggested that Council should clarify the amendment to be specific to what Council is trying to say and accomplish. He expressed his concerns over how the amendment would be enforced.
2. Phil Briennesse, 2175 Main Street stated he did not realize that his email would be read into the Public Hearing and stated that only two Councillors responded to his email and that he spoke directly with another Councillor. He expressed his concern over the potential erosion of the downtown core. He questioned if Council is clear on the bylaw amendment and the results from such an amendment. He expressed concern over the wording “and/or related to the principle use”. The current M1 zone allows warehouse, wholesale and manufacturing. He stated he believes the intent of the amendment was to encourage manufacturing within the zone and it makes sense that zone would be light industrial. He suggested that the bylaw amendment state more clearly the percentage of the building floor area that would be designated for goods to be manufactured on site and exclude the wholesale and warehousing. He stated it is good to have value-added manufacturing. He cautioned Council about businesses manufacturing one small item and then retailing a whole host of related goods.

In regards to his email, he stated that most questions were left unanswered. He stated that D. Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer, sent an email advising that Mayor Farrow had sold his property at 3439 Fulton Avenue prior to participating in voting on the rezoning at the March 23, 2010, Council meeting. He referenced the *Community Charter* Division 6 Section 100 in regards to Conflict of Interest declarations. He stated that on February 23, 2010, Mayor Farrow declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in regard to Report DEV 10-020 and left the meeting. In March, Staff prepared a zoning amendment with regards to the same property and the Mayor voted in favour. He questioned when the Mayor was no longer in conflict of interest and why there was no public record of the Mayor removing his declaration of a conflict of interest. He suggested that the Mayor receive a legal opinion on the matter, since there is no public record that the Mayor has removed his conflict of interest declaration and therefore is still considered to be in a conflict of interest, and not entitled to vote or discuss the matter. At what point did Mayor Farrow discuss this issue with other Councillors? What was the closing date of sale of Mayor Farrow’s property? He stated that this goes against the spirit of the legislation.

3. John Butler, 4045-11th Avenue commented that if the exact same building were built on Main Street versus in the M1 zone, the building would cost more to construct on Main Street, as there are Alpine Theme Guidelines and Development Procedures to adhere to. He commented that property tax rates are higher in commercial zones than in the M1 zone. He stated that it would be more economical to establish a business in the M1 zone than the Downtown Commercial zone.

No further written or verbal submissions were made to Bylaw No. 1623.

Mayor Farrow called three times for submissions to Bylaw No. 1623 and, receiving none, closed the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (including Supplemental Items)

1A
10.0260
AGENDA
APPROVAL

Adomeit/Benson
THAT Council approves the agenda, and the following supplemental items for discussion later in the meeting (under Section 2 and 14):

14-1 Letter dated April 12, 2010, from R. Curry resigning from the Economic Development Committee (0360-20).

14-2 Letter dated April 9, 2010, from Mayor Farrow and Mayor Graf to the Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation, seeking the Board's approval to give annual donations, from its operational surpluses, to the Town of Smithers and Village of Telkwa (0360-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING**

2-1 to 2-4 See above.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1
10.0261
REG MAR 23

Adomeit/Bandstra
THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 23, 2010, be adopted by amending page 11 to state that S. Kerbrat received the "BC Golf Greens Superintendent Association award".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3-2
10.0262
C.O.W.
MAR 16

Groves/Wray
THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 16, 2010 (Fourth Ave./C3-A Zoning), be adopted by amending page 3, second paragraph item 4 to strike out property numbers "3940" and "3992" Fourth Avenue in the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

See Item 4-4 under Business Arising.

3-3
10.0263
C.O.W.
MAR 30

Northrup/Adomeit
THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 30, 2010 (Multiplex/Srs. Water Sewer), be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4-1 Adomeit/Bandstra
10.0264 THAT Report ADM 10-032 dated April 6, 2010, from D. Sargent, Chief
ITEMS Administrative Officer, recommending items being made public from the Special
MADE (In-Camera) meeting of Council held March 9, 2010 (0640-01);
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 March 23, 2010
10.0265 Groves/Adomeit
NH BUS THAT the request from C. Hikisch, Northern Health, for Council's support to
maintain transportation linkages between Smithers and Dease Lake, important
for medical purposes, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4-3 Item 5-2 - Regular Meeting of Council held March 23, 2010
10.0266 Adomeit/Wray
MULTIPLEX THAT the request from A. McCreary, Executive Committee, Phase 1 Smithers
Multiplex for: a) confirmation that the project is Council's top priority; and
b) letter of support for 2010 Legacy grant application, be received;
AND THAT Council authorize Mayor Farrow to speak to Premier Campbell
regarding the Second Sheet of Ice and the 2010 Legacy grant program.

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

4-4 Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 16, 2010 (Fourth Ave./C3-A
10.0267 Zoning) – Kwan
KWAN Northrup/Adomeit
PARKING THAT Council send a letter to Mr. Kwan advising: 1) Council will reconsider a
VARIANCE parking variance requirement to a maximum of 25%; and 2) Council will waive
the parking variance fee if the application is not approved by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0268 Northrup/Groves
3940 and THAT Council send a letter to Mr. Kwan advising that in regards to rezoning the
3960 properties located at 3940 and 3960 Fourth Avenue, Council will not give any
FOURTH further consideration to rezoning until a specific development application is
AVENUE submitted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

5-1 The delegation did not attend the meeting.
10.0269
LEGION Groves/Wray
THAT the delegation form submitted by R. Fuerst, S. Granda, D. McMillan, and D. Havard requesting Council waive municipal taxes for Branch 63 of the Royal Canadian Legion, be received (0530-05).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

COUNCILLOR ADOMEIT

6-1-1 Councillor Adomeit stated that he attended the Smithers District Chamber of
ADOMEIT Commerce Board meeting on April 12, 2010.
UPDATE

COUNCILLOR BANDSTRA

6-2-1 Bandstra/Benson
10.0270 THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held January 11, 2010,
FIN COM be adopted.
JAN 11

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6-2-2 Bandstra/Northrup
6-2-3 THAT the following minutes of the Finance Committee be adopted:
10.0271
FIN COM
FEB 2 & 17
6-2-2 Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on held February 2, 2010, by amending page 8, Bulkley Valley Otters Swim Club motion to replace the word "Operating" with "Capital".

6-2-3 Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held February 17, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6-2-4 Bandstra/Adomeit
10.0272 THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held March 23, 2010, be
FIN COM adopted.
MAR 23

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6-2-5 Councillor Bandstra attended the "Mining Matters" Working Group meeting to
BANDSTRA discuss article content.
UPDATE

COUNCILLOR BENSON

- 6-3-1 Benson/Groves
10.0273 THAT Report ADM 10-016 dated March 16, 2010, from Councillor Benson
TAC APPT recommending appointment of three applicants to the Tourism Advisory
Committee, be received;
AND THAT Stephen Hidber, David McKenzie, and James (JD) Rowland be
appointed to the Tourism Advisory Committee (0360-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCILLOR GROVES

- 6-4-1 None.

COUNCILLOR NORTHRUP

- 6-5-1 Northrup/Wray
10.0274 THAT the minutes of the Fall Fair Management Committee meeting held
FALL FAIR March 22, 2010, be received (0360-20).
MAR 22

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 6-5-2 Councillor Northrup commented on the "Gateway" signs not having any printing
SIGNAGE on the back of them.
Mayor Farrow commented on the new banner poles that were installed on Main
Street.

COUNCILLOR WRAY

- 6-6-1 None.

MAYOR FARROW

- 6-7-1 Groves/Northrup
10.0275 THAT the following minutes of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako meetings
RDBN be received: a) Meeting No. 2 - February 25, 2010; b) Environmental Services
Committee - February 11, 2010; c) Environmental Services Committee - March
11, 2010; d) Committee of the Whole - February 11, 2010; e) Committee of the
Whole - March 11, 2010; f) Rural Directors Committee - February 22, 2010;
g) Strategic Development - February 11, 2010; h) Strategic Development -
March 11, 2010; i) Forestry Committee - February 11, 2010; j) Forestry
Committee - February 25, 2010; and k) Forestry Committee - March 11, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Farrow requested that a copy of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Remuneration Bylaw be placed on a future agenda for review.

- 6-7-2 Adomeit/Benson

10.0276 NWRHD THAT the following North West Regional Hospital District correspondence be received: a) Minutes of the Statutory Board Meeting of the North West Regional Hospital District held January 22, 2010; b) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the North West Regional Hospital District held January 22, 2010; and c) Directors' Report from the March 26, 2010, Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6-7-3
10.0277
OBAC Bandstra/Adomeit
THAT the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition *Quick News*, April 7, 2010, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6-7-4
10.0278
RESOURCE
EXPO
BIO
ENERGY
CONF. JUNE Bandstra/Benson
THAT Council authorize Councillor Groves to attend the Resources Expo, being held June 3 to 5, 2010, in Prince George;
AND THAT the Council representative to the Bioenergy Conference Exhibition, being held June 8, 2010, in Prince George, be determined at a later date.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STAFF (A) REPORTS

7A-1
10.0279
HAWKAIR
LEASE Benson/Adomeit
THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign a five-year lease agreement between the Town of Smithers and Hawkair Aviation Services Ltd., as recommended in Report AIR 10-04 dated March 23, 2010, from P. Berg, Airport Manager (1640-20/Vault).

NO VOTE TAKEN.

10.0280 Northrup/Adomeit
THAT Council table the Hawkair Lease agreement to the April 27, 2010, Regular Council meeting, to obtain clarification on the percentage of the utilities cost share.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7A-2
10.0281
BV SOCCER Northrup/Wray
THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the

SOCIETY LEASE Bulkley Valley Soccer Society Lease for land to accommodate a 30'x40' clubhouse at Chandler Park; which includes the amendments as summarized in Staff Report ADM 10-022: a) Term of the lease to be five years with an option of another five year renewal; b) No additional garbage collection charges to be issued at this time, the situation will be monitored and necessary changes will be made; c) the Bulkley Valley Soccer Society will be responsible for paying the water and sewer fees and a water meter will be installed; d) a written report of repair and maintenance of the building would be required semi-annually; e) the Town would pay rental fees for use of the building; and f) the termination of the lease would be a "season's" notice;

AND THAT Council approve June 1, 2010, be the commencement date of this lease agreement, as recommended in Report ADM 10-022 dated March 25, 2010, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7A-3 Adomeit/Groves
10.0282 THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the
CENTRAL Central Park Building Society Lease for land to accommodate community,
PARK BLD cultural, and recreational activities, including but not limited to dance, art and
SOCIETY music instruction, aerobic classes that are sponsored by individuals, for a
LEASE further five (5) year term expiring April 2015, including amendments as
summarized in Staff Report ADM 10-024: a) renewal for a further five year term
to expire April 2015; and b) cost recovery for legislated Public Notice
advertising, as recommended in Report ADM 10-024 dated March 25, 2010,
from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services (Vault).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7A-4 Wray/Bandstra
10.0283 THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the
SCSA Smithers Community Services Association (Northern Roots Community
NORTHERN Garden) for land to accommodate a community garden, including amendments
ROOTS as summarized in Staff Report ADM 10-023: a) prepare a renewal lease for a
COMMUNITY further five (5) years; and b) to include cost recovery for: i) legislated Public
GARDEN Notice advertising, ii) garbage collection, and iii) turning on and off of water, as
LEASE recommended in Report ADM 10-023 dated March 25, 2010, from S. Bassett,
Director of Corporate Services (Vault).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7A-5 Northrup/Wray
10.0284 THAT Report ADM 10-026 dated March 25, 2010, from S. Bassett, Director of
CURLING Corporate Services, regarding termination clauses for the Smithers Curling Club
AND BV lease and Bulkley Valley Gymnastics lease, be received (Vault).
GYM LEASE

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7A-6 Bandstra/Benson
10.0285 THAT Report ADM 10-027 dated March 25, 2010, from S. Bassett, Director of
NDI GRANT Corporate Services, seeking direction on timing to proceed with the hiring of a

WRITER Grant Writer, be received (1855-20). **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0286 Bandstra/Wray
THAT Council authorize Administration to proceed with hiring a Grant Writer. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7A-7 Adomeit/Bandstra
10.0287 THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the
SMITHERS Junior Softball Society Lease for the installation of sign boards for
JR marketing sponsorship opportunities at Elks Park softball diamonds, for a five
SOFTBALL (5) year term expiring April 2015, as recommended in Report ADM 10-025
SOCIETY dated March 25, 2010, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services (Vault).
LEASE **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7A-8 Benson/Bandstra
10.0288 THAT Council authorizes the renewal of the current lease agreement with Boart
BOART Longyear, on a month to month basis for six months expiring on September 30,
LONGYEAR 2010, by way of an amendment, as recommended in Report ADM 10-030 dated
LEASE March 31, 2010, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services (Vault).
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7A-9 Bandstra/Northrup
10.0289 THAT Report ADM 10-029 dated March 26, 2010, from D. Sargent, Chief
PROTOCOL Administrative Officer, recommending an amendment to the draft protocol
AGREEMENT agreement with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en, be received (0400-60).
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0290 Wray/Groves
THAT Council schedule a meeting with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en to
discuss the proposed "INUK NU'AT'EN" amendment in further detail.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7A-10 Northrup/Wray
10.0291 THAT Council award the Traffic Marking 2010 Contract to Andesite Holdings
TRAFFIC Ltd. doing business as Yellowhead Pavement Marking Inc. (Terrace) for the
MARKING tendered amount of \$31,672.65 excluding GST, as recommended in Report
DEV 10-029 dated March 25, 2010, from M. Allen, Director of Development
Services (5320-20/2010-02).
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7A-11 Groves/Benson
10.0292 THAT Council receive Report ADM 10-004 dated March 29, 2010, from
TRAVEL S. Bassett, Director of Development Services, regarding Travel Expense,
EXPENSE revisions to the current Policy #FIN-001 "Travel Expense";
POLICY

AND THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the revised Policy #FIN-007 "Travel Expense - Employees" replacing Policy #FIN-001;

AND THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign revised Policy #FIN-008 "Travel Expense - Mayor and Council" replacing Policy #FIN-001.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7A-12
10.0293
ACTING
MAYOR
GROVES

Adomeit/Bandstra
THAT Council appoint by resolution, Councillor Jo Ann Groves as the Acting Mayor for the period beginning April 26, 2010 when Mayor Farrow will be absent, as recommended in Report ADM 10-033 dated March 31, 2010, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services (0530-01).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7B.

STAFF (B) REPORTS

None.

BYLAWS

8-1
10.0294
BYLAW 1614

"Bylaw No. 1614 - Town of Smithers Official Community Plan"

Wray/Benson

THAT Bylaw No. 1614, cited as "Bylaw No. 1614 - Town of Smithers Official Community Plan", be read a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0295

Wray/Benson

THAT Bylaw No. 1614, cited as "Bylaw No. 1614 - Town of Smithers Official Community Plan", be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8-2
10.0296
BYLAW 1622

"Bylaw No. 1622 - Dog Licence and Control"

Northrup/Bandstra

THAT Bylaw No. 1622, cited as "Bylaw No. 1622 - Dog Licence and Control", be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8-3
10.0297
BYLAW 1624

"Bylaw No. 1624 - Local Area Service (4000 Block of Tenth Avenue/Rosenthal Road) Establishment"

Benson/Adomeit

THAT Bylaw No. 1624, cited as "Bylaw No. 1624 - Local Area Service (4000

Block of Tenth Avenue/Rosenthal Road) Establishment”, as introduced in Report DEV 10-033 dated April 6, 2010, from M. Allen, Director of Development Services, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0298 Wray/Bandstra
THAT Bylaw No. 1624, cited as “Bylaw No. 1624 - Local Area Service (4000 Block of Tenth Avenue/Rosenthal Road) Establishment”, be read a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE - (A) ITEMS

9-1 Groves/Wray
10.0299 THAT the letter dated March 23, 2010, from R. Cheetham, Regional Planner,
OCP Agricultural Land Commission, suggesting amendments to “Bylaw No. 1614 - Town of Smithers Official Community Plan”, be received (3900-20/1614).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-2 Northup/Bandstra
10.0 300 THAT the letter dated March 31, 2010, from E. Mah, President, Smithers Lions
LIONS Club, regarding the railcar located at Central Park, be received (6140-20).
RAILCAR

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-3 Benson/Groves
10.0301 THAT the facsimile dated April 6, 2010, from Dr. C. Moisey, regarding water
MOISEY waste, be received (0530-05, 5600-01).
WATER

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-4 Benson/Groves
10.0302 THAT the letter dated March 31, 2010, from E. Bastian, Tatlow Road,
FAIR recommending installation of a culvert reservoir near the river at the
GROUNDS fairgrounds, with a large volume pump, so that farmers may haul water off-site
CULVERT for livestock, be received (5600-01, 0530-05).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Farrow directed Staff to send a response letter to E. Bastian expressing the Town’s challenges and concerns and that the letter be forwarded to the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako for discussion.

9-5 Adomeit/Groves
10.0303 THAT the letter dated March 31, 2010, from J. Goodacre, Second Avenue,
SECOND requesting the Town pave the 4100 block of Second Avenue between Manitoba
AVENUE Street and Winnipeg Street, be received (5400-01).
PAVING

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0304 Bandstra/Adomeit

THAT Council proceed with the Local Area Service survey to pave the 4100 Block of Second Avenue between Manitoba Street and Winnipeg Street;

AND THAT a letter be sent to J. Goodacre explaining Council's policy with respect to road paving and Local Area Service projects being cost shared, that if the majority of the response from the Local Area Service survey is in favour of paving the 4100 block of Second Avenue between Manitoba Street and Winnipeg Street, the matter would be brought forward to the 2011 Budget deliberations for consideration of fifty (50%) percent cost sharing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-6 Groves/Adomeit
10.0305 THAT the letter dated March 7, 2010, from B. Freymuth, Main Street,
RECYCLING recommending recycling and website improvements, be received;

AND THAT a response letter be sent detailing the efforts and challenges facing the Town of Smithers such as sparseness of population and large geographic area and stating that the Town of Smithers is working with the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako as a member municipality to increase recycling opportunities for the area (0530-05).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-7 Northrup/Benson
10.0306 THAT the invitation to Mayor Farrow from K. Mitchell, Chair, British Columbia
BC Achievement Foundation, to attend the British Columbia Community
ACHIEIVE- Achievement Awards ceremony, at which L. Shervill will be presented with an
MENT award, be received (0220-01).
AWARDS

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-8 Bandstra/Wray
10.0307 THAT the invitation from A. Krause to attend the Freda Diesing School 2010
NWCC ART Student Art Exhibition being held April 23, 2010, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the
EXHIBIT Northwest Community College Terrace campus, be received (0400-70).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-9 Adomeit/Benson
10.0308 THAT the letter dated March 18, 2010, from the Corporate Management Branch
RCMP CAP (Pacific Region) of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police requesting a final confirmation letter stating the Town's Municipal Policing Expenditure Cap for 2010/11, be received (7400-02).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-10 Adomeit/Groves
10.0309 THAT the letter dated March 18, 2010, from L. Buchanan, Chair, Coalition for
COALITION Action on Alcohol Reform, requesting support in urging the provincial
ACTION government to propose new legislation to reduce the harms caused by alcohol
ALCOHOL abuse in communities, be received (0530-05).
REFORM

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-11 Northrup/Bandstra
10.0310 THAT Council send a letter of support for the bid to host the Provincial Bantam

MINOR HOCKEY Tier 3 Championships in March 2011, as requested in the letter dated April 8, 2010, from C. and H. Steenhof, Smithers Minor Hockey Association (0530-05).
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9-12 Bandstra/Northrup
10.0311 THAT the letter dated April 6, 2010, from L. Stringfellow and A. Doll regarding
WATER sharing of costs for the proposed construction of a water main on Broadway
MAIN Avenue, be received (0530-05).
BROADWAY **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0312 Northrup/Bandstra
THAT Council send a response letter advising that it is the Town of Smithers policy that the property owners are responsible for paying for one hundred (100%) percent of costs for water main extensions up to the far edge of the property line.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE - (B) ITEMS- RECEIVE AND REPLY

10. None.

CORRESPONDENCE - (B) ITEMS - RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION

11-1 to 11-10 Adomeit/Benson
10.0313 THAT the following correspondence be received:
'B' ITEMS

- 11-1 Letter dated March 12, 2010, from D. Nuber, Regional Transit Manager, BC Transit regarding the 2010/2011 Annual Operating Agreement (8500-01).
- 11-2 Letter dated March 19, 2010, from R. Pojar regarding myths concerning the green value of burning wood pellets (0530-05).
- 11-3 Email dated March 19, 2010, from S. Browne, Constituency Assistant for N. Cullen, Member of Parliament and NDP Critic for Natural Resources and Energy, regarding efforts to assist the Northwest Premium Meat Co-op (0400-40).
- 11-4 Letter dated March 16, 2010, from the British Columbia Municipal Safety Association commending the Town of Smithers for its commitment to the Safety Management System (2640-01).
- 11-5 Letter dated March 11, 2010, from Mayor D. Corrigan, City of Burnaby, presenting a resolution regarding trade agreements (0230-30).
- 11-6 Letter dated March 23, 2010, from D. Wall, Deputy Minister of Community and Rural Development, regarding the Canada-U.S. Agreement and how it will affect local government procurement (0400-20).
- 11-7 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Member Notice dated March 26, 2010, regarding Local Government Awareness Week in British Columbia being held May 16 to 22, 2010 (0230-30).

- 11-8 Letter dated February 23, 2010, from A. Richmond, Chair, Cariboo Regional District, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, supporting a resolution from the City of Quesnel urging FCM seek appointment to the Board of Directors and Advisory Committee of NAV Canada (8420-20).
- 11-9 News Release dated December 4, 2009, from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, announcing the issuance of the Joint Review Panel Agreement and Terms of Reference for the environmental and regulatory review of the proposed Northern Gateway Pipeline Project (0510-20).
- 11-10 Email dated April 1, 2010, from K. Beverly regarding efforts by D. Donaldson, MLA, to obtain answers from the provincial government regarding Skeena Quality Waters Strategy delays (0360-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE - (C) ITEMS

12. None.

CORRESPONDENCE - (D) ITEMS

- 13-1 to 13-7 Adomeit/Benson
10.0314 THAT the following correspondence, as routed, be received for information:
'D' ITEMS
- 13-1 *NWB - Northwest Business*, April 2010.
- 13-2 *Nisga'a Final Agreement/Implementation Report 2006-2008 and 2007-2008*, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.
- 13-3 *Bulkley Valley Child Development Centre Newsletter*, Spring 2010.
- 13-4 *The Senate Report*, Fall/Winter 2009-2010, from Senator Mobina S.B. Jaffer.
- 13-5 *Annual Report 2009*, Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia.
- 13-6 *2009 Annual Report*, Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia.
- 13-7 *Northword*, April/May 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS APPROVED FOR DISCUSSION

- 14-1 Bandstra/Adomeit
10.0315 THAT the letter dated April 12, 2010, from R. Curry resigning from the
CURRY Economic Development Committee, be received;
RESIGN AND THAT a letter be sent to R. Curry expressing regret of her resignation and
EDC thanking her for her contributions to the Economic Development Committee
(0360-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 14-2 Northrup/Adomeit

10.0316
COMFOR

THAT the letter dated April 9, 2010, from Mayor Farrow and Mayor Graf to the Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation, seeking the Board's approval to give annual donations, from its operational surpluses, to the Town of Smithers and Village of Telkwa, be received (0360-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Farrow altered the order of the agenda and proceeded with the Public Question Period.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

16-1
BRIENESSE

P. Briennesse commented it is a good idea to obtain further information on the operating costs of a second sheet of ice; agreed with the hiring of a Grant Writer; and agreed with signage boards being permitted only at Elks Park and not Heritage Park. He stated he will continue investigating Mayor Farrow's conflict of interest declaration regarding the rezoning of the property located at 3439 Fulton Avenue, including seeking clarification from the Ombudsman, if necessary.

16-2
M. FARROW

M. Farrow thanked Council for the interesting meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

15-1
STAFF
LUNCHEON

S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services, reminded Council of the Employee Service Recognition Luncheon being held on Friday, April 16, 2010.

15-2
STORM
SEWER
PROJECT

M. Allen, Director of Development Services, informed Council that the Storm Sewer Project tender will be advertised in the local newspaper tomorrow and through BC Bid.

15-3
NORTHROP
UPDATE

Councillor Northrup informed Council that he attended the following: a) April 7, 2010 Speaker Session; b) April 13, 2010, meeting with the Northern Cancer Control Strategy; and c) visited Red Deer and obtained information on their subdivision process and smaller lot sizes.

15-4
BUS
SHELTER
SAFETY

Councillor Wray expressed concerns over the new signage located on the Transit Bus Shelters, as it obstructs the interior vision of the shelters. L. Ford, Financial Administrator, replied that efforts are underway to change out the signage.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

16. See above.

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

17. Bandstra/Groves

10.0317 NOTICE OF IN-CAMERA 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 April 27, 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
10.0318 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, April 13, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C.

Deborah Sargent
Corporate Administrator (CAO)