

# **TOWN OF SMITHERS**

Minutes of the Special (Open) Meeting of Council held in Council Chambers, 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C., on Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at Noon

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## **Council Present:**

Charlie Northrup, Acting Mayor  
Norm Adomeit, Councillor  
Mark Bandstra, Councillor  
Lorne Benson, Councillor  
Frank Wray, Councillor.

## **Council Excused:**

Cress Farrow, Mayor  
Jo Ann Groves, Councillor.

## **Guest/Applicant:**

Steve and Irene Howard.

## **Staff Present:**

Deborah Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer  
Susan Bassett, Director of Corporate Services  
Alison Walker, Planner  
Janice McKay, Recording Secretary.

## **Staff Excused:**

Leslie Ford, Financial Administrator/Collector  
Mark Allen, Director of Development Services  
Andrew Hillaby, Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture  
Keith Stecko, Fire Chief  
Pat Berg, Airport Manager  
Wilf Taekema, Director of Works and Operations.

**Media Present:** M. Dekkema, The Peak.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

1. Acting Mayor Northrup called the meeting to order (12:12 p.m.).

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

- 1A Bandstra/Adomeit  
10.0568 THAT Council approves the agenda, as circulated.  
AGENDA  
APPROVAL

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

2. None.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3. See 6-5-1.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4. None.

## **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

5. None.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

### **COUNCILLOR ADOMEIT**

- 6-1 None.

### **COUNCILLOR BANDSTRA**

- 6-2 None.

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**COUNCILLOR BENSON**

6-3 None.

**COUNCILLOR GROVES**

6-4 None.

**COUNCILLOR NORTHRUP**

6-5-1  
10.0569  
APC AUG 3

Wray/Benson  
THAT the minutes of the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) meeting held August 3, 2010, be received and amended, by deleting the words "and Council" in Item 7-1 on Page 6-5-1-b, so that the sentence reads, "Councillor Northrup advised that the Mayor confirmed that the public can speak on an application at Advisory Planning Commission ~~and Council~~ meetings, even if not listed as a delegation." (0360-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COUNCILLOR WRAY**

6-6 None.

**MAYOR FARROW**

6-7 None.

**STAFF (A) REPORTS**

7A-1  
10.0570  
D10-03  
3848  
SEVENTH  
AVENUE

A. Walker, Planner, gave an overview of the 4-unit housing development, comparing the original site access and layout plan to the revised plan, as follows: a) the revised plan flips the buildings 180 degrees, thereby changing the position of the courtyard from the front of the units to the back, resulting in a more private courtyard; b) the revised plan changes the access from the rear lane to Seventh Avenue; and c) both plans provide extensive landscaping.

Benson/Adomeit  
THAT Council receive Report DEV 10-077 dated August 3, 2010, from A. Walker, Planner;

AND THAT Council approve the amended Development Permit application D10-03 for the property located at 3848 Seventh Avenue, as per the revised site access and layout plan, provided that: a) there is garbage screening; b) the extension of Seventh Avenue is constructed to Town standards; and c) there is a minimum rear-yard setback of 4-metres, as recommended by the Advisory Planning Commission at its meeting held August 3, 2010.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A. Walker confirmed that fire trucks would access units 1 and 4 from Seventh Avenue rather than the rear lane. S. Howard advised that the issue of parking in front of carports would be controlled and thanked Council and Staff for expediting the approval process.

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**STAFF (B) REPORTS**

7B. None.

**BYLAWS**

8. None.

**CORRESPONDENCE - (A) ITEMS**

9. None.

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

10. None.

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

11. None.

**CORRESPONDENCE - (C) ITEMS**

12. None.

**CORRESPONDENCE - (D) ITEMS**

13. None.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS APPROVED FOR DISCUSSION**

14. None.

**OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

15-1  
MTG. WITH  
MINISTER  
STEWART

Council suggested the following topics, for discussion with Minister Ben Stewart, Ministry of Community and Rural Development, and John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes, during the August 6<sup>th</sup> tour:

- initiatives regarding our Economic Development Office (EDO) and assistance with operational funding for the EDO
- redirection of Hotel Tax funds
- funding required for First Avenue connection (Willowvale creek)
- Community Forest expansion in Annual Allowable Cut, access to timber sales, fire protection issue of dead standing timber
- Second Sheet of Ice funding
- development of Crown Lands that exist within Town boundaries (Wet'suwet'en consultation).

15-2  
ONGOING  
DEVELOP-  
MENT  
PROJECTS

D. Sargent reported on the status of Development Permit Amendment Application D10-01 for 3847 Third Avenue and Development Variance Permit DV10-01 for 4912 Fourth Avenue. Councillor Bandstra commented on the importance of the current Council working with Innovation Foods (3439 Fulton Avenue) to find a long-term solution for their enterprise.

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

16. None.

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

17. None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

18. Bandstra/Benson  
10.0571 THAT the Special (Open) meeting of Council be adjourned (12:35 p.m.).  
ADJOURN

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Certified Correct:

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Councillor Northrup  
Acting Mayor

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Deborah Sargent  
Corporate Administrator (CAO)

**Certified a True and Correct Copy** of the minutes of the Special (Open) meeting of Council held on Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at 12:00 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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