

# TOWN OF SMITHERS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1027 ALDOUS STREET, SMITHERS, B.C. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2010, AT 7:30 P.M.

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Council Present:

Jo Ann Groves, Acting Mayor  
Norm Adomeit, Councillor  
Mark Bandstra, Councillor  
Lorne Benson, 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, Directory of Recreation, Parks and Culture  
Wilf Taekema, Director of Work and Operations  
Janice McKay, Recording Secretary.

Council Excused:

Cress Farrow, Mayor.

Staff Excused:

Keith Stecko, Fire Chief.

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

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Groves called the meeting to order (7:28 p.m.).

### 1.1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (including Supplemental Items)

10.0731  
AGENDA  
APPROVAL

Adomeit/ Wray

THAT Council approves the agenda, and the following supplemental items for discussion later in the meeting:

- 14.1 Report FIN 10-50 dated November 9, 2010, from Councillor Benson regarding the 2011 Spirit of the Mountains event (1610-01).
- 14.2 Report PR 10-15 dated November 9, 2010, from A. Hillaby, Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture, requesting a letter of support for School District 54's UBCM Community Connections Grant application (0230-20).
- 14.3 Sample letter of support, provided by W. Bergen, Chair, Smithers Public Library, for Council's consideration in providing support for the construction of a new Library (7960-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 2. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.1 Benson/Northrup  
10.0732 THAT the minutes of the Special (Open) Meeting of Council held  
SPEC OCT 26 October 26, 2010, be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3.2 Adomeit/Benson  
10.0733 THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 26,  
REG OCT 26 2010, be adopted, as amended, by deleting Item 15.5.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4.1 Adomeit/Benson  
10.0734 THAT Report ADM 10-094 dated November 4, 2010, from D. Sargent,  
ITEMS MADE Chief Administrative Officer, recommending items being made public  
PUBLIC from the Special (In-Camera) Meeting of Council held October 12,  
2010, be received;

AND THAT no items be placed on the public agenda at this time (0640-01).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

5.1 J. Wreggitt and C. Steenhof, Smithers Minor Hockey, announced that  
BANTAM Smithers Minor Hockey will be hosting the Tier 3 Bantam Provincial  
HOCKEY Championships from March 20 to 25, 2011. The tournament is for  
players aged 13 and 14. The last time Smithers hosted a provincial  
championship was in 2002 for the Midget Provincials, which was the  
largest in BC history. J. Wreggitt distributed the "BC Hockey  
Championship Financial Impact Survey". It is estimated that \$400,000  
could be spent in the community by those who come to Smithers for  
the Championships. As host, Smithers is allowed one team in the  
Championships. However, a second Smithers' team is possible,  
depending on the outcome at the Zones.

J. Wreggitt encouraged Council to consider applying for the \$375,000  
*Towns for Tomorrow* grant funding for the Second Sheet of Ice Project,  
noting that the five-day tournament in Smithers is normally a two-day  
event elsewhere.

5.2  
CANCER  
SOCIETY

D. Hanson and K. Medhurst, Canadian Cancer Society representatives from the Northern Region Health Promotion Branch gave a presentation regarding cancer prevention and healthy public policy, which included: a) the Society's mission; b) key areas of focus; c) the case for cancer prevention; d) priority risk factors; e) making healthy choices as an individual; f) reducing risk factors for others; g) prevention strategy; and h) advocacy. The Society works with community partners and stakeholders to support municipal and provincial governments to make healthy public policies, with the emphasis on increasing tobacco control measures, protecting youth from excessive UV radiation, reducing the differences between the most and least healthy, and reducing exposure to environmental carcinogens.

Council questioned the effectiveness of creating bylaws that the local government cannot enforce. D. Hanson explained that: a) education alone is not enough to get the message across; b) bylaws give individuals "legs" to respond and get support in other ways; and c) bylaws help to de-normalize unhealthy activities and allow people to make the healthy choice.

An invitation was distributed to Council for the "Towards a Healthy Future" forum being hosted by BC Healthy Living Alliance and the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce on November 24, 2010, at the Old Church, to explore concrete actions towards healthier living in the Smithers area.

**6. COUNCIL REPORTS**

**6.1. COUNCILLOR ADOMEIT**

6.1.1  
ADOMEIT  
REPORTS

Councillor Adomeit reported that he attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting on November 8, 2010, where interest was shown regarding the next Committee of the Whole meeting regarding parking and the RCMP's news release regarding gang affiliations in Smithers.

**6.2. COUNCILLOR BANDSTRA**

6.2.1  
10.0734  
FFMC OCT 15

Bandstra/Northrup  
THAT the minutes of the Fall Fair Management Committee held October 15, 2010, be received (0360-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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10.0735 Bandstra/Adomeit  
THAT the Development Services Department correct the boundary line between the Northern Saddle Club lease area and the Bulkley Valley Exhibition lease area, to show the boundary line as being between Barns C and D and not between Barns D and E, in order to rectify the discrepancy between the lease plan and the original plan.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0736 Bandstra/Adomeit  
THAT the business license requirement, for any organizations operating during the Fall Fair, under the approval of the Bulkley Valley Exhibition, including Shooting Star Amusements, be waived in perpetuity.

**OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR WRAY.**

**CARRIED.**

**6.3. COUNCILLOR BENSON**

6.3.1 Benson/Wray  
10.0737 THAT the minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee meeting held  
TAC OCT 25 October 25, 2010, be received (0360-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6.3.2 Benson/Northrup  
10.0738 THAT the minutes of the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway  
TCYHA Association Incoming Board of Directors Meeting held May 1, 2010, be received (0230-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0739 Bandstra/Northrup  
THAT Councillor Benson be authorized to attend the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association Executive Meeting being held November 18 and 19, 2010, in Edmonton, in his role as Vice-President for British Columbia, at the Town's expense.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14.1 Benson/Wray  
10.0740 THAT Supplemental Item 14.1, Report FIN 10-050 dated November 9,  
SPIRIT MTNS 2010, from Councillor Benson, regarding the 2011 Spirit of the Mountains event, be received (1610-01).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0741 Benson/Wray  
THAT the Town of Smithers take on the initiative of organizing the 2011 Spirit of the Mountains event and continue carrying on the event on an annual basis;

AND THAT \$2500 be set aside in the budget for advertising and promotion for the 2011 Spirit of the Mountains event.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**6.4. COUNCILLOR GROVES**

6.4.1 Councillor Groves advised that she attended the Firemen's Ball.  
GROVES  
REPORTS

**6.5. COUNCILLOR NORTHRUP**

6.5.1 Councillor Northrup reported that he attended: a) the "Finding our Way"  
NORTHRUP forum hosted by the Bridging Committee; b) Transportation meeting  
REPORTS hosted by Fraser Basin Council and One Sky; and c) the opening of the  
expanded cancer clinic at the Bulkley Valley District Hospital.

**6.6. COUNCILLOR WRAY**

6.6.1 Councillor Wray reported that he attended the Homeless Awareness  
WRAY Workshop.  
REPORTS

**6.7. REPORT OF MAYOR FARROW**

6.7.1 Benson/Northrup  
10.0742 THAT the minutes of the following Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako  
RDBN meetings be received: a) Meeting No. 10 - September 9, 2010;  
b) Meeting No. 11 - September 23, 2010; c) Committee of the Whole -  
October 7, 2010; d) Strategic Development Committee - September 8,  
2010; and e) Strategic Development Committee - October 7, 2010.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

**7.1. STAFF (A) REPORTS**

7.1.1 Adomeit/Benson  
10.0743 THAT Report ADM 10-088 dated October 26, 2010, from S. Bassett,  
CALENDAR Director of Corporate Services, requesting direction regarding a  
proposal from Curtis Cunningham Photistry to produce Town of  
Smithers' calendars, be received and filed (0110-01).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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7.1.2  
10.0744  
ST JAMES  
LEASE

Bandstra/Benson  
THAT Report ADM 10-089 dated October 27, 2010, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services, recommending signing of amendment to the lease agreement between the Town of Smithers and the Bulkley Valley Historical and Museum Society for the Old St. James Church, be received (Vault).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0745

Adomeit/Northrup  
THAT Council authorize the Acting Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign an amendment to the Lease Agreement between the Town of Smithers and the Bulkley Valley Historical and Museum Society for the Old St. James Church (Vault).

**OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR BANDSTRA. CARRIED.**

7.1.3  
10.0746  
CENTENNIAL

Benson/Adomeit  
THAT Report ADM 10-090 dated October 26, 2010, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services, requesting direction regarding Centennial Celebrations, be received (0220-01).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0747

Wray/Benson  
THAT the Town of Smithers take the lead in organizing the 100th anniversary of Incorporation in 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0748

Northrup/Benson  
THAT the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Merchants Association, and Bulkley Valley Historical and Museum Society be requested to consider taking on the lead in organizing the Town's 100th anniversary of surveying/subdivision in 2013.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7.1.4  
10.0749  
2ND SHEET

Benson/Northrup  
THAT Report ADM 10-092 dated November 1, 2010, from D. Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer, requesting direction regarding the Second Sheet of Ice project, as to whether the Town should: a) go to referendum, or tender based on the amount of funding raised to date; and b) apply for \$350,000 in *2010 Towns for Tomorrow* funding, be received (6140-01).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- 7.1.4 cont'd  
10.0750 Adomeit/Wray  
THAT Council direct staff to submit a Towns for Tomorrow grant application for \$375,000 in funding to go towards the Second Sheet of Ice Project.  
**OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS BANDSTRA BENSON, AND GROVES DEFEATED.**
- 7.2.3  
10.0751 Benson/Wray  
TOWNS FOR TOMORROW THAT Item 7.2.3, Report DEV 10-112 dated November 1, 2010, from M. Allen, Director of Development Services, listing potential projects eligible for 2010 Towns for Tomorrow funding, be dealt with at this point in the meeting (1855-04).  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 10.0752 Wray/  
THAT Council direct staff to submit a Towns for Tomorrow grant application to go towards the Central Park Plan (Design Charrette) and Phase 1 Construction project.  
**MOTION LOST DUE TO LACK OF SECONDER.**
- 10.0753 Bandstra/Northrup  
THAT Council direct staff to prepare to submit a Towns for Tomorrow grant application to cover the Town's cost of the Second Avenue Paving project, assuming success of the petition process.  
**OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR ADOMEIT. CARRIED.**
- 10.0754 Northrup/Adomeit  
THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the process of going to referendum on November 19, 2011, for the balance of funds required for the Second Sheet of Ice project.  
**OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR WRAY. CARRIED.**
- 10.0755 Adomeit/Wray  
THAT Council identifies the Second Sheet of Ice project as its second choice, after the Second Avenue Paving Project, for Towns for Tomorrow grant funding.  
**OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS BANDSTRA GROVES, NORTHRUP AND WRAY. DEFEATED.**

## **7.2. STAFF (B) REPORTS**

7.2.1 TO 7.2.4  
10.0756  
STAFF B

Northrup/Adomeit

THAT the Staff B Reports be received, as follows:

7.2.1 Report AIR 10-13 dated October 25, 2010, from D. Sargent, Chief Administrative Officer, presenting the Airport Monthly Report for September 2010 (8400-03)

7.2.2 Report PR 10-12 dated October 20, 2010, from A. Hillaby, Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture, presenting an update on Riverside Municipal Campground for September and October 2010 (6140-01).

7.2.3 See Motion 10.0751.

7.2.4 Report PR 10-13 dated November 1, 2010, from A. Hillaby, Director of Recreation, Parks, and Culture, presenting an update on Elks park softball fields #3 and #4, and Heritage Park softball field #3 (6140-01).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7.2.2  
10.0757  
RIVERSIDE  
CAMPGROUND

Benson/Wray

THAT Report PR 10-12 dated October 20, 2010, from A. Hillaby, Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture, presenting an update on Riverside Municipal Campground for September/October 2010, be referred to budget (6140-01).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14.2  
10.0758  
SD 54  
SUPPORT

Adomeit/Wray

THAT Item 14.2, Report PR 10-15 dated November 9, 2010, from A. Hillaby, Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture, requesting a letter of support for School District No. 54's UBCM Community Connections Grant application, be received;

AND THAT a letter of support be sent to School District No. 54 to accompany their 2010 UBCM Community Connections Grant application for funds to improve basketball apparatus and construction of storage room.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14.3  
10.0759

Benson/Adomeit

THAT Item 14.3, sample letter of support from W. Bergen, Chair, Smithers Public Library, for construction of a new Library, be received (7960-02).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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14.3 cont'd  
10.0760 Wray/  
THAT staff write a letter fulfilling the Library's request for a letter of support, as well as addressing Council's concerns regarding controlled use of the letter of support.

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

10.0761 Bandstra/Wray  
THAT staff write a letter of support to W. Bergen, Chair, Smithers Public Library, for use in the Library's fundraising campaign for private donations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8. BYLAWS**

None.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE (A) ITEMS**

9.1 Northrup/Adomeit  
10.0762 THAT the letter dated September 23, 2010, from S. Rowell and  
WILLOWVALE J. Anderson (and residents of Willowvale Subdivision) requesting that a  
PLAYGROUND park and playground be built in the Willowvale Subdivision, be received  
(3320-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0763 Bandstra/Wray  
THAT a letter be sent to the residents of Willowvale Subdivision to advise that Council will be undertaking a review of Town parks and playgrounds in 2011, and their request for a playground will be considered during that process.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9.2 Bandstra/Benson  
10.0764 THAT the email dated October 27, 2010, from C. Beckstead,  
GREEN BLDG Sustainable Communities Group, Pembina Institute, presenting the  
LETTER final copy of the Phase 1 Green Building Leaders letter to Provincial  
Ministers for the Mayor's signature, be received (0530-05).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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9.3 Northrup/Bandstra  
10.0765 THAT the email dated October 21, 2010, from the Union of British  
RCMP COSTS Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) presenting a Member Release  
regarding RCMP Police Costs and Accountability, be received;

AND THAT Council supports the UBCM strategy that resulted from  
UBCM Resolution SR1, by sending a letter making the federal and  
provincial governments fully aware of the Town's concerns regarding  
RCMP Police Costs and Accountability (0230-30).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9.4 Wray/Northrup  
10.0766 THAT the letter dated September 28, 2010, from the University of  
UNBC JDC Northern British Columbia requesting northern municipalities to sponsor  
WEST this year's team in the JDC West business competition, be received  
(0400-70).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9.5 Northrup/Adomeit  
10.0767 THAT the letter from the Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre Society seeking  
COMMUNITY donations for the Community Christmas Dinner being held December  
CHRISTMAS 9, 2010, be received (0530-05).  
DINNER

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9.6 Adomeit/Wray  
10.0768 THAT the letter dated November 2, 2010, and Briefing Note, from  
HBMA WATER L. Borgal, Hudson Bay Mountain Adventures Inc., requesting  
SEWER consideration of a boundary expansion to include the Controlled  
Recreation Area on Hudson Bay Mountain, or an OCP amendment to  
permit water and sanitary sewer servicing outside of Town boundaries,  
be received (0230-20).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10.0769 Wray/Benson  
THAT a Committee of the Whole meeting be scheduled for November  
23, 2010, at noon, to discuss the letter from Hudson Bay Mountain  
Adventures Inc. and L. Borgal be invited to attend.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

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

11.1 to 11-6  
10.0770  
REC FOR INFO

Adomeit/Wray

THAT the following correspondence be received:

- 11.1 Letter received October 25, 2010, from A. and D. Schibli, Second Avenue, expressing concerns regarding the paving proposal for Second Avenue (5320-20/10-02).
- 11.2 Request for Services dated October 18, 2010, from a Smithers resident, regarding good service provided by the RCMP (0530-05).
- 11.3 Northern British Columbia Tourism Association press release dated October 25, 2010, announcing tourism's contribution to the Smithers' area economy, and "Smithers Region - Value of Tourism Study" dated September 2010 (6900-01).
- 11.4 Letter dated September 24, 2010, from C. Strahl, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and B. Stewart, BC Minister of Community Services, supporting amendments to the Gas Tax Agreements (0400-40).
- 11.5 Letter dated September 28, 2010, from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities regarding the benefits of renewing FCM membership (0230-30).
- 11.6 Letter dated October 12, 2010, from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities thanking D. Sargent for serving as a scrutineer at the 2010 Convention (0230-30).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12. CORRESPONDENCE (C) ITEMS**

**13. CORRESPONDENCE (D) ITEMS**

13.1 to 13.6  
10.0771  
'D' ITEMS

Benson/Adomeit

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

- 13.1 *Truck Logger BC*, Fall 2010.
- 13.2 *2009/2010 Annual Report*, Forest Practices Board.
- 13.3 *Connections*, BC Transit, Fall 2010.
- 13.4 *Growing Tomorrow*, Investment Agriculture Foundation of British Columbia, Fall 2010 Volume 10.
- 13.5 *Green Heat Initiative*, Regional District of Bulkley Nechako, October 21, 2010.
- 13.6 *Solplan Review*, October 2010.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**14. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS APPROVED FOR DISCUSSION**

- 14.1 See Councillor Benson's Reports.  
14.2 See Staff Reports.  
14.3 See Staff Reports.

**15. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS**

- 15.1 Acting Mayor Groves reminded Council of the times for the  
NOV. 11 Remembrance Day parade and ceremony.

- 15.2 Councillor Benson asked that the principal of Smithers Secondary  
SSS School be advised if the Town becomes aware of an influx of people to  
ENROLMENT Smithers.

- 15.3 Councillor Northrup asked when the presentation of yoga mats to the  
ACTNOW Town, by ActNow BC, will be taking place. S. Bassett confirmed that it  
RINK HOURS will be at a delegation on November 23, 2010. Councillor Northrup  
ACHIEVEMENT suggested that a sign be posted at the outdoor rink regarding hours of  
AWARDS operation and informed Council that the Town will not be submitting a  
nomination for the BC Achievement Awards.

**16. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

- 16.1 Jeremy Penninga made comments and suggestions regarding the  
following: a) how to get the Regional District and Telkwa to contribute to  
the Second Sheet of Ice project; b) School District No. #54 does not pay  
its share; c) Hudson Bay Mountain Adventures Inc. is a huge cost to  
taxpayers in terms of use of staff time; d) Council should contact the  
resident who lives beside the proposed Willowvale Subdivision  
playground; e) Council should consider doing the Second Avenue work  
in phases, with paving being the first phase and lighting the second.

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

- 10.0772 Adomeit/Bandstra  
NOTICE OF THAT, pursuant to Section 92 of the *Community Charter*, Council gives  
IN-CAMERA 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 November 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.**

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

10.0773  
ADJOURN

Wray/Northrup

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned (10:50 p.m.).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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Jo Ann Groves  
Acting 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 Tuesday, November 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