

TOWN OF SMITHERS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1027 ALDOUS STREET, SMITHERS, B.C. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2010, AT 7:30 PM.

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
Jan McKay, Recording Secretary.

Council Excused:

Cress Farrow, Mayor.

Staff Excused:

Andrew Hillaby, Directory of Recreation, Parks and Culture
Keith Stecko, Fire Chief
Wilf Taekema, Director of Work and Operations.

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 (7:31 p.m.).

1.1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (including Supplemental Items)

10.0774
AGENDA
APPROVAL

Benson/Northrup

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

- 14.1 Letter dated November 19, 2010, from Acting Mayor Groves to AltaGas Renewable Energy Inc. recommending Smithers as the location for a northern office for the Forrest Kerr Hydroelectric Project (0510-20).
- 14.2 Report ADM 10-097 dated November 22, 2010, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services, advising that the 580741 BC Limited lease agreement will remain in its original format until expiry March 31, 2011, as Guardian Aerospace will not be setting up a Flight School (Vault).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Adomeit/Northrup
10.0775 THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held
REG NOV 9 November 9, 2010, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3.2 Benson/Northrup
10.0776 THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held
COW NOV 9 November 9, 2010 (Fourth Avenue Water User Group), be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3.3 Wray/Benson
10.0777 THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held
COW NOV 16 November 16, 2010 (mandatory residential garbage carts), be
adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Adomeit/Bandstra
10.0778 THAT Report ADM 10-095 dated November 16, 2010, from
ITEMS MADE S. Bassett, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, recommending no
PUBLIC items be made public from the Special (In-Camera) Meeting of Council
held October 26, 2010, be received;

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.2 Bandstra/Northrup
10.0779 THAT a letter be sent to Branch 63 of the Royal Canadian Legion
CENOTAPH offering to refinish the cross on the Legion's cenotaph.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.3 Councillor Bandstra requested staff to include information regarding
REFERENDUM operational costs in the referendum for the proposed Second Sheet of
Ice project. D. Sargent confirmed that this information could be
included as ancillary information and be ready by March 2011, at the
same time as the capital cost details for the facility are available.

5. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

5.1
ACTNOW Ryan Clarke, representing ActNow BC, under the Ministry of Health Services, introduced Mason Trafford, professional soccer player for Finland, previously with the Vancouver Whitecaps. The purpose of the delegation was to present the healthy living prize package of ten yoga mats and ten pilates balls to the Town of Smithers, for D. Sargent's participation in the UBCM delegates' ActNow BC Whistler Walk held September 28, 2010, and led by Minister I. Chong. The two had visited Muheim Elementary School and were planning a visit to Walnut Park Elementary School to promote healthy living to students.

5.2
SHOGUN
DOJO Renchi Marwan Abu Khadra, one of three national coaches on the World Karate and Kickboxing Council, introduced his athletes who had just returned from competing in the World Championships in Portugal. He explained the various divisions within the sport, the disciplines in which each athlete had competed, and the process of qualifying. Of the sixteen-member team that accompanied Renchi Abu Khadra to Portugal, eleven were from Smithers, with ages ranging from 10 to 53. Medal winners included: Kayla Muir (bronze), Norma Jean Adzich (2 bronze), Lisa Torunski (bronze), Sorrell Elliott (bronze), Mike Kwan (2 bronze), Loren Fell (silver), Liz Neil (bronze), and Tsatia Adzich (2 gold). Renchi thanked the community for its support and opportunities.

6. COUNCIL REPORTS

6.1. COUNCILLOR ADOMEIT

6.2. COUNCILLOR BANDSTRA

6.2.1
BANDSTRA
REPORTS Councillor Bandstra reported that he attended the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce luncheon regarding HST.

6.3. COUNCILLOR BENSON

6.3.1
10.0780
VISITOR
STATS Benson/Wray
THAT the Visitor Information Statistics from the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce for the period ending October 2010, be received (0230-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.3.2
BENSON
REPORTS Councillor Benson reported on the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association mid-term meeting in Edmonton.

6.4. COUNCILLOR GROVES

6.4.1
GROVES
REPORTS Acting Mayor Groves thanked Council for participating in the Remembrance Day parade and service.

6.5. COUNCILLOR NORTHRUP

6.5.1
NORTHRUP
REPORTS Councillor Northrup advised that he attended the Chamber Luncheon regarding HST.

6.6. COUNCILLOR WRAY

None.

6.7. REPORT OF MAYOR FARROW

None.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1. STAFF (A) REPORTS

7.1.1
10.0781
CHAMBER
LEASE Bandstra/Wray
THAT Report ADM 10-080 dated October 9, 2010, recommending signing of a one-year lease agreement with the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce for provision of Visitor Information Centre services, be received (Vault).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0782 Bandstra/Benson
THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign a one year lease agreement with the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce for the provision of Visitor Centre services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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7.1.2
10.0783
AIRPORT
CISTERN

Bandstra/Northrup
THAT Report DEV 10-115 dated November 15, 2010, from M. Allen, Director of Development Services, regarding Airport Potable Water Cistern Expansion Contract #2010-13, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0784

Northrup/Bandstra
THAT the Town not award the Airport Potable Water Cistern Expansion Contract #2010-13 at this time, due to tenders received being over budget;

AND THAT the project be redesigned, the budget re-evaluated, and the contract retendered by January 31, 2011 (5320-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.1.3
10.0785
MINERALS
ROUNDUP

Adomeit/Wray
THAT Report ADM 10-096 dated November 17, 2010, from S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services, requesting direction regarding a booth at the 2011 Minerals Round Up Trade Show, be received (0360-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0786

Bandstra/Northrup
THAT Council not proceed with the M2 booth, in the lighter traffic area, at a cost of \$1233.51 for Wednesday only;

AND THAT the Mayor or alternate be authorized to attend the 2011 Minerals Roundup;

AND THAT staff continue to pursue a more visible booth for a two-day period.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.2. STAFF (B) REPORTS

7.2.1
10.0787
OCT REPORTS

Adomeit/Wray
THAT the following monthly department reports for October 2010, be received: a) Development Services; b) Fire Department; and c) Works and Operations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.2.2
10.0788
2ND AVE
PAVING

Bandstra/Benson
THAT the verbal report from M. Allen, Director of Development Services, updating Council regarding residents' feasibility survey responses for the proposed Second Avenue Paving Project(s), between Manitoba Street and Toronto Street, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0789

Wray/Bandstra
THAT Council waive the requirements for: a) ornamental lighting; and b) sidewalk on one side, for the Second Avenue Paving Project(s), and proceed with the Local Area Service petition of residents in the 4100 Block and 4200 Block of Second Avenue.

OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS BENSON AND GROVES.

CARRIED.

8. BYLAWS

8.1
10.0790
BYLAW 1634

Benson/Bandstra
THAT "Bylaw No. 1634 - Administrative Fees and Charges", introduced in Report FIN 10-43 dated November 5, 2010, from L. Ford, Director of Finance, be amended by replacing "ICBC Report" with "Duplicate Report Fee" in Section 6 of Schedule A, and read a first and second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0791

Northrup/Bandstra
THAT "Bylaw No. 1634 - Administrative Fees and Charges", be read a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.2 a)
10.0792
BYLAW 1635

Northrup/Benson
THAT "Bylaw No. 1635 - Water User Fees", introduced in Report FIN 10-44 dated November 5, 2010, from L. Ford, Director of Finance, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0793

Benson/Wray
THAT "Bylaw No. 1635 - Water User Fees", be read a third time.

OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR ADOMEIT.

CARRIED.

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- 8.2 b)
10.0794
BYLAW 1636
- Wray/Bandstra
THAT "Bylaw No. 1636 - Sewer User Fees", introduced in Report FIN 10-44 dated November 5, 2010, from L. Ford, Director of Finance, be read a first and second time.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 10.0795
- Northrup/Wray
THAT "Bylaw No. 1636 - Sewer User Fees", be read a third time.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 8.3
10.0796
BYLAW 1637
- Bandstra/Benson
THAT "Bylaw No. 1637 - Recreation Fees and Charges", introduced in Report FIN 10-45 dated November 5, 2010, from L. Ford, Director of Finance, be read a first and second time.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 10.0797
- Bandstra/Northrup
THAT "Bylaw No. 1637 - Recreation Fees and Charges", be read a third time.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 8.4
10.0798
BYLAW 1638
- Northrup/Bandstra
THAT "Bylaw No. 1638 - Garbage Collection User Fees Amendment", introduced in Report FIN 10-46 dated November 5, 2010, from L. Ford, Director of Finance, be read a first and second time.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 10.0799
- Benson/Bandstra
THAT "Bylaw No. 1638 - Garbage Collection User Fees Amendment", be read a third time.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 8.5
10.0800
BYLAW 1639
- Bandstra/Wray
THAT "Bylaw No. 1639 - Cemetery Fees and Charges Amendment", introduced in Report FIN 10-47 dated November 5, 2010, from L. Ford, Director of Finance, be read a first and second time.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 10.0801
- Benson/Adomeit
THAT "Bylaw No. 1639 - Cemetery Fees and Charges Amendment", be read a third time.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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8.6 Benson/Wray
10.0802 THAT "Bylaw No. 1640 - Airport Fees and Charges", introduced in
BYLAW 1640 Report FIN 10-48 dated November 5, 2010, from L. Ford, Director of
Finance, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0803 Bandstra/Northrup
THAT "Bylaw No. 1640 - Airport Fees and Charges", be read a third
time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.7 a) Bandstra/Benson
10.0804 THAT "Bylaw No. 1641 - Water Service Connection Rates
BYLAW 1641 Amendment", introduced in Report FIN 10-49 dated November 8,
2010, from L. Ford, Director of Finance, be read a first and second
time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0805 Northrup/Adomeit
THAT "Bylaw No. 1641 - Water Service Connection Rates
Amendment", be read a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.7 b) Wray/Benson
10.0806 THAT "Bylaw No. 1642 - Sewer Service Connection Rates
BYLAW 1642 Amendment", introduced in Report FIN 10-49 dated November 8,
2010, from L. Ford, Director of Finance, be read a first and second
time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0807 Benson/Wray
THAT "Bylaw No. 1642 - Sewer Service Connection Rates
Amendment", be read a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.8
10.0808
BYLAW 1644

Bandstra/Northrup
THAT "Bylaw No. 1644 - Dog Licence and Control" introduced in Report PCS 10-14 dated November 16, 2010, from M. Davey, Prevention and Community Safety Officer, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0809

Bandstra/Wray
THAT "Bylaw No. 1644 - Dog Licence and Control", be read a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. CORRESPONDENCE (A) ITEMS

9.1
10.0810
SICAMOUS
CAMP

Bandstra/Benson
THAT the email dated November 9, 2010, from the Sicamous Eagles Junior Hockey Club requesting arena time from April 8 to 10, 2011, to conduct a spring hockey camp, be received;

AND THAT the request for arena time from April 8 to 10, 2011, be approved, and staff determine if the hockey camp could be held one week earlier than the requested dates (7900-20).

OPPOSED: COUNCILLOR NORTHRUP.

CARRIED.

9.2
10.0811
CRA TAX
RESORTS

Adomeit/Benson
THAT the letter (and report) dated November 5, 2010, from Mayor A. Raine, Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality, seeking support in urging Federal and Provincial Government representatives to consider the negative impacts, from Canada Revenue Agency taxation policies, to the development of rental investment properties in British Columbia's resorts, be received (6900-01).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0812

Bandstra/Northrup
THAT a letter of support be sent urging Federal and Provincial Government representatives to consider the negative impacts, from Canada Revenue Agency taxation policies, to the development of rental investment properties in British Columbia's resorts, as requested in the letter dated November 5, 2010, from Mayor A. Raine, Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality (6900-01).

OPPOSED: COUNCILLORS BENSON AND GROVES.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE (B) ITEMS - RECEIVE AND REPLY

11. CORRESPONDENCE (B) ITEMS - RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION

11.1 Northrup/Adomeit
10.0813 THAT the following correspondence, be received:
B RFI

- 11.1 Letter dated November 1, 2010, from Geoscience BC, requesting a letter of support for the Data for Discovery initiative (and Mayor Farrow's letter) (5280-18).
- 11.2 Letter dated November 5, 2010, from C. Ulrich, Northern Health, following up on the meeting held during the UBCM Conference regarding medical travel expense cost allowances and hemodialysis services (0230-30, 0400-80).
- 11.3 Letter dated November 2, 2010, from Northern Gateway Pipelines advising of additional information filed with the National Energy Board (0510-20).
- 11.4 Letter dated November 1, 2010, from the Ministry of Children and Family Development advising that November is Adoption Awareness Month in British Columbia (0630-01).
- 11.5 Letter dated November 10, 2010, from D. Galbraith, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, following up on the meeting held September 29, 2010, with I. Chong, former Minister of Healthy Living and Sport (0230-30).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. CORRESPONDENCE (C) ITEMS

13. CORRESPONDENCE (D) ITEMS

13.1 Adomeit/Benson
10.0814 THAT the following correspondence, as routed, be received for
D ITEMS information:

- 13.1 *The University Plan 2010*, University of Northern British Columbia.
- 13.2 *BC Forest Professional*, November/December 2010.
- 13.3 *Wood Design and Building*, Fall 2010.
- 13.4 *BC/Yukon Command Military Service Recognition Book, Vol. V.*, Royal Canadian Legion (1475-01).
- 13.5 *Transportation Demand Management: A Small and Mid-Size Communities Toolkit*, Fraser Basin Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS APPROVED FOR DISCUSSION

14.1 Adomeit/Bandstra
10.0815 THAT the letter dated November 19, 2010, from Acting Mayor Groves
ALTA GAS to AltaGas Renewable Energy Inc. recommending Smithers as the
location for a northern office for the Forrest Kerr Hydroelectric Project,
be received (0510-20).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14.2 Northrup/Bandstra
10.0816 THAT Report ADM 10-097 dated November 22, 2010, from
GUARDIAN S. Bassett, Director of Corporate Services, advising that the 580741
BC Limited lease agreement will remain in its original format until
expiry March 31, 2011, as Guardian Aerospace will not be setting up a
Flight School, be received (Vault).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

16. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

10.0817 Northrup/Wray
NOTICE OF THAT, pursuant to Section 92 of the *Community Charter*, Council
IN-CAMERA 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 December 14, 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

10.0818 Adomeit/Wray
ADJOURN THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned (9:20 p.m.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jo Ann Groves
Acting Mayor

Deborah Sargent
Corporate Administrator (CAO)

Certified a True and Correct Copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, November 23, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers, B.C.

Deborah Sargent
Corporate Administrator (CAO)