

MINUTES of a Town Council meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town Square, Town/Regional District Offices, Fort Nelson, BC on Monday, January 14, 2002 at 6:30 PM.

THOSE PRESENT

Mayor Clarke - Chair
Councillor Allen
Councillor Bumstead
Councillor Morey
Councillor Unruh

STAFF

Pat Bailey - Administrator
Debbie Walker - Town Clerk
Randy McLean - Treasurer
Barclay Pitkethly - Grants Coordinator
Jim Cheverie - DOP
Linda Wallace - DRDS
Heather Brown - Deputy Clerk
Liana Capes - Recording Secretary
Bob Pattison - DCM
Walter Lutsiak - Fire Chief

MEDIA/PUBLIC

Director Sime - NRRD
Alt. Director Blake - NRRD
Alt. Director Barr - NRRD
Director H. Morey - NRRD
Beverly Thomas - Rendezvous 2002
Coordinator
Staff Sergeant Bryan Reid - RCMP
Shelly Middleton - Citizen

1. Call to Order A quorum being present, Mayor Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM and proceeded with the business placed before it.

2. Adoption of Agenda **MOVED** by Councillor Morey, **SECONDED** by Councillor Unruh that the agenda for the January 14, 2002, Town Council meeting be amended to include the following:

~ Beverly Thomas, Rendezvous 2002 Coordinator
Trappers' Rendezvous Society Re: Trappers'
Rendezvous 2002, February 22nd - March 3rd, 2002
Request for Grant-in-Aid

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2. (Cont'd) ~ Administration Report 07/02, Oil & Gas - Draft Provincial Energy Policy, Interim Report of Task Force, Comments

and thereafter, be adopted for implementation as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES

3. Town Council
December 10, 2001

MOVED by Councillor Allen, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the minutes from the Town Council meeting held December 10, 2001 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

INFORMATION PACKAGES

4. Council/Board Information Package
December 14, 2001

MOVED by Councillor Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the Council/Board Information Package dated December 14, 2001 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Council/Board Information Package
December 21, 2001

MOVED by Councillor Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the Council/Board Information Package dated December 21, 2001 be received for information.

CARRIED

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6. Council/Board Information Package
December 28, 2001 **MOVED** by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the Council/Board Information Package dated December 28, 2001 be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Council/Board Information Package
January 4, 2002 **MOVED** by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the Council/Board Information Package dated January 4, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Council/Board Information Package
January 11, 2002 **MOVED** by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the Council/Board Information Package dated January 11, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

PROCLAMATIONS

9. Literacy BC
Re: "Family Literacy Day"
January 27, 2002 **MOVED** by Councilor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that January 27, 2002 be declared "Family Literacy Day" in the Town of Fort Nelson.

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PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS

10. Beverly Thomas, Rendezvous 2002 Coordinator
Trappers' Rendezvous Society
Re: Trappers' Rendezvous 2002,
February 22nd - March 3rd, 2002
Request for Grant-in-Aid

Mayor Clarke welcomed Ms. Beverly Thomas, Coordinator for Trappers' Rendezvous 2002, to the meeting and invited her to proceed with her presentation.

Ms. Beverly Thomas, provided those present with a brief summary of the planned events for the 2002 Trappers' Rendezvous and officially invited Council/Board to join in the festivities. She noted that the 2002 events would be much the same as they were last year and thanked Council for their donation in 2001. Ms. Thomas indicated that Council had approved a grant-in-aid donation to assist with expenses in 2001, and requested that Council consider a similar request for Rendezvous 2002.

Ms. Thomas advised she anticipated that the 2002 fees for the Community Hall rental would cost more than last year (\$1445.61); that said rental would be about \$2100.

Mayor Clarke thanked Ms. Thomas and informed her that Council would discuss the request and get back to her with an answer.

*Director H. Morey entered the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

*Beverly Thomas left the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

11. Administration Report #03/02
Re: SEWER UTILITY - Liquid
Waste Management Plan,
Request for Proposals Response,
For Award

Discussion ensued in which it was noted that although GPEC Consulting had not submitted the low bid, the Town/Regional District is familiar with the company and have developed a good working relationship over the years. It was noted that GPEC "does good work" at a reasonable price, and charged the lowest hourly rates in comparison to the other companies.

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11. (Cont'd)

MOVED by Councillor Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the GPEC Consulting Ltd. proposal for completion of a Liquid Waste Management Plan for the Town of Fort Nelson be accepted as submitted, in the amount of \$38,200 + GST and pending approval of the Provincial Planning/Study grant (\$10,000 is anticipated).

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12. Administration Report #07/02
Oil & Gas - Draft Provincial Energy
Policy, Interim Report of Task
Force Comments

Discussion ensued regarding the Oil & Gas - Draft Provincial Energy Policy, Interim Report of Task Force, noting that the timeline for feedback is very short. The following points were noted:

- ~ The energy policy document suggests separating BC Hydro in three different entities transmission, distribution and generation to allow competitors to come in.
- ~ Restructuring of BC Hydro should be postponed for at least a year to provide for better consultation processes and research
- ~ UBCM has declared itself opposed to deregulation.
- ~ Opposition was noted in the termination of the endowment dividend arising from investment in BC's hydroelectric infrastructure.
- ~ The province needs to define how it intends to carry out the deregulation transition, and its objectives or opportunities.
- ~ The province should be commended in their efforts to establish a framework for the energy sector and that the Town Council/Regional Board does support most of the strategic principles outlined by the Task Force.

Administration was **requested** to write a letter to the Premier and Ministry of Energy and Mines outlining the Council/Boards views of the draft Provincial Energy Policy.

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*S/Sgt Reid entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

13. Temporary Adjournment The meeting was temporarily adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

14. Re-Call to Order The meeting was re-called to order at 10:28 p.m.

RISE & REPORT

15. Citizen Appointments
to Committees

Mayor Clarke rose and reported the following
Committee appointments from the InCamera session of
Town Council:

AGRICULTURAL POLICY COMMITTEE

~Lynn Chabot

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

~Jack Cann

~Bill Moore

~Peter Villers

INDUSTRIAL DIVERSIFICATION COMMITTEE

~Wes Jobe

~Dr. Terry Quesnel

LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

~Peter Goetz

~Emilie Adin

RURAL GROWTH COMMITTEE

~Shirley Scott (2 year term)

~Wes Jobe (2 year term)

~Angela Thomas (1 year term)

ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE

~Gordon Wallace (2 year term)

~Emilie Adin (2 year term)

~Shirley Scott (2 year term)

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16. Administration Report #04/02

Fort Nelson First Nation,
Fire Protection Services Agreement,
Increase in Rates

Mayor Clarke rose and reported the following resolution that was passed in the InCamera session of the Town Council:

“that the Town/Fort Nelson First Nation Fire Services Agreement user fees be increased to from \$50 to \$150 per residential property and \$75 to \$300 per commercial/public property, with said increase to be effective over a period of two years (\$50 to \$100 per residential property effective April 1, 2002 and \$100 to \$150 per residential property effective April 1, 2003 AND \$75 to \$187.50 per commercial/public property effective April 1, 2002 and \$187.50 to \$300 per commercial/public property effective April 1, 2003), AND that future rural tax increases for fire protection services be equally imposed on Fort Nelson First Nation via Fire Services Agreement rate increases.”

17. Administration Report #06/02

CROWN LANDS - Northern LampLighters
Activity Centre Association (OAPO),
Old NorthwesTel Lease Site,
Status Report

Mayor Clarke rose and reported the following resolution that was passed in the InCamera session of the Town Council:

“that the Town continue a year-to-year sub-lease arrangement with the Northern Lamplighters Activity Centre Association with a 3-month notice period for termination, in consideration that the old NorthwesTel Site may soon be developed and understanding that the OAPO site may be an integral part of constructing a commercial development on that site.”

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18. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Morey, **SECONDED** by Councillor Unruh that the Town Council meeting be declared adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Town Council meeting held on Monday, January 14, 2002.

Harry Clarke, Mayor/Chair

Debbie Walker, Town Clerk

Liana Capes, Recording Secretary