

MINUTES of a Town Council meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town Square, Fort Nelson, BC on Monday, February 25, 2002 at 6:30 PM

THOSE PRESENT

Mayor Clarke - Chair
Councillor Morey
Councillor Unruh

Councillor Bumstead - Absent
Councillor Allen - Absent

STAFF

Pat Bailey - Administrator
Randy McLean - Treasurer
Debbie Walker - Town Clerk
Heather Brown - Deputy Clerk
Sylvia Hayes - Recording Secretary

PUBLIC/MEDIA

Director McCartney - NRRD
Director Sime - NRRD
Alt. Director Barr - NRRD
Alt. Director Blake - NRRD
Suzanne Rees - Fort Nelson First Nations
Shelley Middleton

1. Call to Order A quorum being present, Mayor Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 February 25, 2002 Town Council meeting amended to include the following:
 - ~ Suzanne Rees, Fort Nelson First Nations
Re: Community Gathering, February 22 -23, 2002
Request for Grant-in-Aid

 - ~ Bylaw No. 617, 2002, for First & Second Readings
The Town of Fort Nelson Zoning Amendment
(Definitions and Paving Requirements In Industrial Zone)

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2. (Cont'd) and thereafter, be adopted for implementation as presented.

CARRIED

Minutes for Adoption

3. Town Council
February 11, 2002 **MOVED** by Councillor Morey, **SECONDED** by Councillor Unruh that the minutes from the Town Council meeting held February 11, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

Information Packages

4. Council/Board Information Package
February 15, 2002 **MOVED** by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the Council/Board Information Package dated February 15, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Council/Board Information Package
February 22, 2002 **MOVED** by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the Council/Board Information Package dated February 22, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

Petitions/Delegations

6. Suzanne Rees, Fort Nelson First Nations
Re: Community Gathering,
February 22-23, 2002
Request for Grant In Aid Mayor Clarke welcomed Ms. Rees from Fort Nelson First Nations to the meeting and invited her to proceed with her presentation.

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6. (Cont'd) Ms. Rees advised that the Fort Nelson First Nations held a community gathering on February 22-23, 2002, noting that \$1,200 was taken in with ticket sales and the overhead for the event was between \$5,000-\$6,000. She advised that Fort Nelson First Nations was requesting a Grant-in Aid for the cost of the chairs rented from the Recreation Centre for the event, noting that 150 chairs were rented.

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

Proclamations

7. Pitch-In British Columbia
Re: "2002 Pitch-In Canada Week"
April 22-28, 2002 Mayor Clarke proclaimed the week April 22-28, 2002 as "2002 Pitch In Canada Week" in the Town of Fort Nelson.

MOVED by Councillor Morey, **SECONDED** by Councillor Unruh that the Pitch-In British Columbia proclamation be received for information.

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Committee Reports

8. Zoning & Planning Committee
February 19, 2002
Recommendations **MOVED** by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the Town of Fort Nelson, Zoning Bylaw No. 571, 1999, Part 1 - Retail Establishments Definition be amended to read as follows:

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8. (Cont'd)

RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT - means a development used for the retail sale of a wide variety of consumer goods including the following and such similar uses as, groceries and beverages, electronic goods, furniture and appliances, household goods, printed matter, confectionery, pharmaceutical and personal care items, office supplies, stationery, wine and liquor, books, coffee, music, pets, sporting goods, toys, variety stores, photography studios and camera equipment, bakery stores, antique stores, pawn shops, consignment stores, souvenir stores, clothing stores, arts & craft stores and other similar goods, and may also include the small scale, on site, production and repair of, but not limited to, the aforementioned goods;"

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the Town of Fort Nelson, Zoning Bylaw No. 571, 1999 Part 1 - Service and Repair Shop Definition be amended to read as follows:

"SERVICE AND REPAIR SHOP - means a building or part of a building wherein the primary use is the repair and servicing of electric appliances, television sets, radios, furniture and similar articles or goods and it, specifically, does not include light industrial establishments or any use involved in the servicing and repair of motor vehicles;"

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the following resolution adopted at the Town Council meeting held August 14, 2001, which reads:

"that all new property owners in the Industrial Zone be required to sign a covenant which would waive the requirement to pave until the streets and roads fronting their properties are paved and that corner property owners be allowed to defer their paving until both fronting roads are paved and further that the Town not become responsible for private property paving inspections and finally that registration of the covenant be the responsibility of and at the cost of the property

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8. (Cont'd) owner and following registration, the property owner be required to provide proof of registration to the Town and in the event an owner is unwilling to sign or register the covenant or fails to provide proof of registration, they would be required to pave their property immediately”.

be augmented as follows: “**AND** that all new property owners within the Industrial zone having swampy, soft, sub-straight soil conditions be permitted to rectify the soil conditions prior to paving, provided the rectification is completed within a maximum time of three (3) years.”

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Administration Reports

9. Administration Report #18/02
Re: TOWN & REGIONAL DISTRICT
FACILITIES - Town Square,
Fire Hall/Public Works Shop and
Recreation Centre, Cost Estimate to
Establish Smoking Areas,
for Review Administration Report #18/02 was deferred for further
discussion to the Capital Budget meeting on Sunday,
March 3, 2002.

Bylaws/Policies

10. For First & Second Readings
The Town of Fort Nelson
Zoning Amendment
(Definitions and Paving
Requirements in Industrial Zone)
Bylaw No. 617, 2002
- Discussion ensued regarding notification of the amendment to the Zoning Bylaw No. 571, 1999 with the following being noted:
- ~ a public meeting could be held or Council could choose to waive that requirement with notification placed in Fort Nelson News
 - ~ if public were opposed to the amendment after notice was advertised in Fort Nelson News, a public meeting could be organized

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10. (Cont'd) **MOVED** by Councillor Allen, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the rules of procedure be suspended and that the Town of Fort Nelson Zoning Amendment (Definitions and Paving Requirements in Industrial Zones)Bylaw No. 617, 2002 be given First and Second Readings.

CARRIED

New Business

11. Meeting with Ministry of Transportation
February 27, 2002,
at 5:00 PM
- Mayor Clarke, Councillor Allen, Councillor Unruh and Councillor Morey advised that they would be available to attend the February 27, 2002 meeting with Ministry of Transportation at 5:00 PM.
- Director McCartney indicated that he would be unable to attend the meeting due to his work schedule.
12. Meeting with Superintendent
Mike Morris, RCMP
February 27, 2002
at 7:00 PM
- Mayor Clarke, Councillor Unruh and Councillor Morey advised they would be available to attend the February 27, 2002 meeting with Superintendent Mike Morris, RCMP at 7:00 PM.
13. Adjournment
- MOVED** by Councillor Morey, **SECONDED** by Councillor Unruh that the February 25, 2002 Town Council meeting be declared adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Town Council meeting held on Monday, February 25, 2002.

Harry Clarke, Mayor/Chair

Debbie Walker, Town Clerk

Sylvia Hayes, Recording Secretary