

MINUTES of a Town Council meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town Square, Town/Regional District Offices, Fort Nelson, BC on Monday, May 13, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.

THOSE PRESENT

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

STAFF

Pat Bailey - Administrator
Kris Larson - Recording Secretary
Jim Cheverie - DOP
Randy McLean - Treasurer
Linda Wallace - DRDS
Tom Sprado - RFMM
Heather Brown - Acting Town Clerk

PUBLIC/MEDIA

Director Sime - NRRD
Director McCartney - NRRD
Director H. Morey - NRRD
Alt. Director Novotny - NRRD
Desiree Woodworth - Rendezvous Queen 2002
Kathleen Woodworth
Greg Woodworth
Wayne Gillis - FN Slowpitch Men's League
Bryan Redford - Fort Nelson General Hospital
Leanne Esau - FN Chamber of Commerce
Shelly Middleton
Kelly Sheppard - Practicum Student, NLC

1. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Mayor Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and proceeded with the business placed before it.

Mayor Clarke welcomed Ms. Kelly Sheppard, Applied Business Technology student from Northern Lights College, to the meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by Councillor Morey, **SECONDED** by Councillor Unruh that the agenda for the May 13, 2002 Town Council meeting be adopted for implementation as presented.

CARRIED

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3. Town Council
April 22, 2002
Minutes

MOVED by Councillor Allen, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the minutes from the Town Council meeting held April 22, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

INFORMATION PACKAGES

4. Council/Board Information Package
April 26, 2002

MOVED by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bumstead that the Council/Board Information Package dated April 26, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Council/Board Information Package
May 3, 2002

DRDS Wallace requested that a few of the items in the Council/Board Information Packages of May 3 and May 10, 2002 be discussed in the Regional Board meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bumstead that the Council/Board Information Package dated May 3, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. Council/Board Information Package
May 10, 2002

MOVED by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bumstead that the Council/Board Information Package dated May 10, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

* Leanne Esau entered meeting 6:35 p.m.

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PROCLAMATIONS

7. Indian & Northern Affairs Canada
Re: National Aboriginal Day
June 21, 2002 Mayor Clarke proclaimed Friday, June 21, 2002, as
"National Aboriginal Day" in the Town of Fort Nelson.

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS

8. Desiree Woodworth
Rendezvous Queen 2002
Re: Miss Teen Canada
International 2003,
August 15 - 24, 2002
Request for Grant-In-Aid Mayor Clarke welcomed Ms. Woodworth and invited her
to proceed with her presentation.

Ms. Woodworth read a letter to the Council, noting the following items:

- ~ she requested sponsorship funding from the Town/Regional District to assist with associated costs of attending the Miss Teen Canada Pageant.
- ~ Miss Teen Canada International 2003 was being held in Toronto from August 15th to 24th
- ~ during that time she would be meeting people from all over Canada and representing Fort Nelson with pride
- ~ deadline of May 24th is for printing of program for sponsors
- ~ among other expenses, the entry fee is \$3,000.00
- ~ last year's Rendezvous Queen did not have to pay the entry fee because it was the first time that Fort Nelson sent a candidate to the Miss Teen Canada
- ~ the Rendezvous Committee is providing \$500.00 for her expenses
- ~ a request was also made for a Northern Rockies Regional District vest that she could wear while she is in Toronto

* Director H. Morey entered meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Mayor Clarke thanked Ms. Woodworth for her presentation and noted that she would be advised of Council's decision within a few days.

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* Desiree Woodworth, Kathleen Woodworth, Greg Woodworth left the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

9. Wayne Gillis, Fort Nelson
Slowpitch Men's League
Re: Request for Permission
to Utilize Muskwa Park
Ball Diamond

Mayor Clarke welcomed Mr. Wayne Gillis, representative for Fort Nelson Slowpitch Men's League, and invited him to proceed with his presentation.

Wayne Gillis, advised he was present to request use of the Muskwa Park Ball Diamond, noting the ball diamond is the only one in Town that is regulation size and his team needs to practice for the National's that are being held in Windsor, Ontario.

Mr. Gillis noted the grass on the diamond would need to be burned by the Fire Department and the league has received donated wood so they could build new dugouts. He noted the league would maintain the field during the summer and if the league was a success this year, they would like to continue utilizing the diamond every year.

Mayor Clarke thanked Mr. Gillis for his presentation and noted that he would be advised of Council's decision.

* Wayne Gillis left the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

* Shelly Middleton entered the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

10. Zoning and Planning
Review Committee
April 16, 2002
Minutes

MOVED by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the minutes of the Zoning and Planning Review Committee held April 16, 2002 be received for information.

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11. Landscape Enhancement
Plan Committee
April 17, 2002
Minutes

MOVED by Councillor Allen, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the minutes of the Landscape Enhancement Plan Committee held April 17, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATIONS

12. Landscape Enhancement
Plan Committee
April 17, 2002

Administrator Bailey reported that the Landscape Enhancement Plan Committee had met on May 9th to discuss the contest details. She noted there would be 7 prizes offered as follows: first place would be a Canada Savings Bond in the amount of \$400, second place would receive \$300 savings bond, third place would receive \$200, and fourth to seventh place would each receive \$100.

Administrator Bailey indicated the contest would be aimed at youth artists and a “northern” theme would be encouraged. She advised that the Regional District would be supplying all art materials.

MOVED by Councillor Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Councillor Allen that an art contest be held for local artists to create and design murals for the exterior walls of the Art Fraser Memorial Park washrooms and the four dugouts; that all paint and materials be supplied by the Northern Rockies Regional District, and that the winner of the contest be recognized by a picture displaying their artwork at the Town Square.

CARRIED

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13. Landscape Enhancement
Plan Committee
April 17, 2002

Council inquired about the size of the proposed Bur Oak trees and DOP Cheverie noted the hardy trees would be approximately 2½ inches in diameter with an expected life span of over 100 years. He further noted the Bur Oak does not have surface roots, making ground cover maintenance cost effective. The dead trees and those not doing well along the Alaska Highway boulevard, would gradually be replaced with the Bur Oak trees.

MOVED by Councillor Allen, **SECONDED** by Councillor Unruh that Sun North Ventures's proposal for the "Alaska Highway Boulevard Trees Replacement Project" be accepted in the amount of \$660.75 (taxes included) per tree in 2002 (seven trees with a 2% increase per year in cost of said trees over the next three years, for a project total of 21 trees).

CARRIED

* Alt. Director Novotny entered meeting at 6:54 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

14. Admin Report #39/02
Re: Streets & Roads, Old
Alaska Highway/North Entrances,
Speed Limits and Traffic Flow
Conditions, Request to
Reduce Speeds

MOVED by Councillor Allen, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the speed limit at the entry/exit of the Old Alaska Highway be reduced from 80 km/h to 50 km/h to provide safer passage, and that the speed limit on the Old Alaska Highway from Mile 301 to Radar Road be reduced from 80 km/h to 70 km/h and further that the speed limit on the new Alaska Highway be reduced from 100 km/h to 70 km/h beginning at the last corner before the Old Alaska Highway entry/exit, and that the speed limit be further reduced from 70 km/h to 50 km/h from the Welcome sign onwards into the Town.

OPPOSED - Mayor Clarke

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14. (Con't)

Director Allen noted that another area of Town that should be reviewed for speed limit signs is the north end of Airport Drive. It was suggested that the sign that reduces the speed limit from 80 km/h to 50 km/h (when traveling from the airport into Town) be moved out further toward the airport, giving drivers more time to slow down before they get to the driveway into Southridge Trailer Park. It was further suggested that a sign warning of the upcoming lower speed limit could be placed further out on the Airport road.

BYLAWS/POLICIES

15. For Third Reading
The Town of Fort Nelson
OCP Amendment (Industrial
Zone Collector Road)
Bylaw No. 619, 2002

MOVED by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the Town of Fort Nelson OCP Amendment (Industrial Zone Collector Road) Bylaw No. 619, 2002 be given third reading.

CARRIED

16. For Adoption
The Town of Fort Nelson
OCP Amendment (Industrial
Zone Collector Road)
Bylaw No. 619, 2002

MOVED by Councillor Morey, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bumstead that the Town of Fort Nelson OCP Amendment (Industrial Zone Collector Road) Bylaw No. 619, 2002 be adopted.

CARRIED

17. Memorandum, Re: Town
of Fort Nelson Budget
Bylaw, For Information

MOVED by Councillor Allen, **SECONDED** by Councillor Unruh that the memorandum of April 29, 2002, regarding the Town of Fort Nelson Budget Bylaw be received for information.

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18. For First, Second and Third Readings
The Town of Fort Nelson
5 Year Financial Plan
(2002 to 2006),
Bylaw No. 620, 2002

MOVED by Councillor Morey, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bumstead that the Town of Fort Nelson 5 Year Financial Plan (2002 to 2006) Bylaw No. 620, 2002 be given First, Second and Third Readings.

CARRIED

19. For First, Second and Third Readings
The Town of Fort Nelson Rates
Bylaw No. 621, 2002

Council inquired whether the Town's property tax rates have increased or decreased over the past few years. Treasurer McLean stated that the Town's property taxes have increased between 2% - 5% each year for the previous five years as per the assessment rate. Treasurer McLean was requested to prepare a simple, one page report providing details of the Town and Regional District property taxes for the past five years. It was suggested this information be published in the Municipal Bulletin.

MOVED by Councillor Morey, **SECONDED** by Councillor Unruh that the Town of Fort Nelson Rates Bylaw No. 621, 2002 be given First, Second and Third Readings.

CARRIED

20. For First, Second and Third Readings
The Town of Fort Nelson
43rd Street and Primary Water
Main System Improvements
2002 Loan Authorization
Bylaw No. 623, 2002

MOVED by Councillor Allen, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the Town of Fort Nelson 43rd Street and Primary Water Main System Improvements 2002 Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 623, 2002 be given First, Second and Third Readings.

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21. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Councillor Unruh that the May 13, 2002 Town Council meeting be adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Town Council meeting held on Monday, May 13, 2002.

Harry Clarke, Mayor

Debbie Walker, Town Clerk

Kris Larson, Recording Secretary