

MINUTES of a Town Council meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town Square, Town/Regional District Offices, Fort Nelson, BC on Monday, June 24, 2002 at 6:30 PM.

THOSE PRESENT

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

STAFF

Pat Bailey - Administrator
Debbie Walker - Corporate Administrator
Randy McLean - Treasurer
Walt Lutsiak - Fire Chief
Tom Sprado - Director of Recreation Services
Sylvia Hayes - Recording Secretary

PUBLIC/MEDIA

Director Sime - NRRD
Director McCartney - NRRD
Alt. Director Blake - NRRD
MLA Richard Neufeld
Montana Currie
Gabe Smale - Fort Nelson Rodeo Association
Gord Wilkie - Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
Brent Hodson - Fort Nelson News
Lawrence Wright - LD Wright & Co. Chartered Accountant
Rod Gerbrandt
Leonard Ens

1. Call to Order
A quorum being present, Mayor Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 June 24, 2002 Town Council meeting be amended to include the following:

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2. (Con't)
- ~ Administration Report #45/02
 - ~ Administration Report #46A/02
 - ~ Administration Report #47/02
 - ~ Administration Report #49/02
 - ~ Fax from Honourable Richard Neufeld, Minister of Energy, MLA Peace River North

and thereafter, be adopted for implementation.

CARRIED

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3. Special Town Council
May 28, 2002

MOVED by Councillor Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the minutes from the Special Town Council meeting held May 28, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

4. Town Council
June 10, 2002

MOVED by Councillor Allen, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bumstead that the minutes from the Town Council meeting held June 10, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

INFORMATION PACKAGES

5. Council/Board Information Package
June 14, 2002

MOVED by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the Council/Board Information Package dated June 14, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. Council/Board Information Package
June 21, 2002

MOVED by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the Council/Board Information Package dated June 21, 2002 be received for information.

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PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS

7. Richard Neufeld, MLA Mayor Clarke welcomed MLA Neufeld to the meeting and invited him to proceed with his presentation.

MLA Neufeld advised that the meeting regarding Regional Policing between the Solicitor General and Northeast communities went very well, and is likely to be successfully implemented.

MLA Neufeld advised he was requesting Mayor and Council send a letter to the Honourable Rick Thorpe, Minister of Competition, Science and Enterprise requesting the Federal Government lobby for funds to support and develop community wellness projects.

MLA Neufeld indicated he may travel to Fort Nelson for a meeting with citizens in July.

Mayor Clarke advised MLA Neufeld that Council/ Board members are looking at the Clarke Lake Road options proposed by the Ministry of Energy and have concerns regarding the favoured route at Mile 292 Subdivision.

Treasurer McLean thanked MLA Neufeld for his assistance in obtaining an appointment with the Solicitor General for the meetings on Regional Policing.

Corporate Administrator Walker thanked MLA Neufeld for his help assistance lobbying for region wide elections for the upcoming general local elections.

*MLA Neufeld and Ms. Montana Currie exited the meeting at 6:48 PM.

8. Fort Nelson Rodeo Association
Re: Fort Nelson Community Rodeo
- 2002, Request for
Grant-In-Aid

Mayor Clarke welcome Ms. Gabe Smale, Fort Nelson Rodeo Association President to the meeting and invited her to proceed with her presentation.

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8. (Con't)

Ms. Smale advised the Rodeo Association has been providing Fort Nelson residents with many happy and memorable times at its annual rodeo, however; each year the cost of hosting the rodeo becomes more expensive. She advised some equipment was donated by Bob Keen when the rodeo was moved from the Keen Ranch to it's present location. Ms. Smale indicated the lumber on the bleachers is deteriorating and requires replacement, however; the Rodeo association does not have extra funds to complete this task. She noted the "main frame" for the bleachers was constructed from metal tubing and is in good shape, however the wooden structure requires replacement at an approximate cost of \$21,000. Ms. Smale requested financial assistance from the Town/Regional District for this worthwhile project.

*This item was deferred to the September 23rd, 2002 Town Council meeting when complete financial statements and other funding sources would be provided by the 2002 Fort Nelson Rodeo.

9. Constable Hawkins,
Fort Nelson RCMP
Detachment, Re: Fort
Nelson RCMP Bike
Rodeo, Request for
Grant-In-Aid

Mayor Clarke welcomed Constable Hawkins, Fort Nelson RCMP to the meeting and invited him to proceed with his presentation.

Constable Hawkins advised the RCMP has held a bike rodeo in the arena at the Recreation Centre for two years. He advised the community has been generous with prize donations, so funds are available from this year that could be utilized for prizes next year. He requested that the fees be waived for rental of the arena as the bike rodeo was a well attended community event.

*Lawrence Wright entered the meeting at 6:55 PM.

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9. (Con't)

MOVED by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the Fort Nelson RCMP be advised their request for a Grant-In-Aid in the amount of \$100.80 for rental of the Recreation Centre arena for the Bike Rodeo is approved, with said funds to be allocated from the Discretionary Grant-In-Aid fund.

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10. Gord Wilkie,
Elks Lodge 400,
Re: Canada Day Parade -
Edmonton Sabers
Marching Band,
Request for Grant-In-Aid

Mayor Clarke welcomed Gord Wilkie, Elks Lodge 400 representative to the meeting and invited him to proceed with his presentation.

Mr. Wilkie advised the Edmonton Sabers Marching Band would like to play in the July 1st Canada Day Parade on their way to Watson Lake and Alaska July 1st, however; the Marching Band would require lodging and kitchen facilities for June 30th and July 1st, 2002. The Marching Band would also like to utilize the swimming pool on June 30th. He advised the Band would also hold a show at the Elks Lodge for local residents to watch after the parade was completed. Mr. Wilkie requested that the rental fees for the Community Hall, kitchen and Aquatic Centre be waived.

Mayor Clarke thanked Mr. Wilkie for his presentation and noted that he would be advised of their decision.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. Landscape Enhancement
Plan Committee
June 3, 2002

MOVED by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the minutes of the Landscape Enhancement Plan Committee meeting held June 3, 2002 be received for information.

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ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

12. Lawrence Wright, LD Wright &
Co. Chartered Accountant
Re: Town of Fort Nelson
Consolidated Financial
Statements For the Year
Ended December 31, 2001

MOVED by Councillor Allen, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the Town of Fort Nelson Consolidated Financial Statements For the Year Ending December 31, 2001 be adopted.

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13. Admin Report #44
Re: DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
5201 - 45 Street, Midtown
Subdivision Cancellation
of Offer to Purchase

Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Gallinger's and Ms. Donald's request to have their deposit refunded whereby the following was noted:

- ~ the deadline for refunding the deposit was May 31, 2002, Mr. Gallinger and Ms. Donald should have had ample time to secure financing for the property they wished to purchase
- ~ it was suggested that half of the deposit (\$1,000) be refunded instead of the full amount

MOVED by Councillor Morey, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bumstead that Administration be authorized to refund Mr. Rod James Gallinger and Ms. Lea Charlene Donald's deposit of \$2,000 as a result of the cancellation of their offer to purchase Lot 47, located at 5201-45th Street Midtown Subdivision.

CARRIED

OPPOSED - MAYOR CLARKE (feels Mr Gallinger and Ms. Donald had ample time prior to the May 31st deadline for refund of their deposit cheque.)

Administration was requested to incorporate the words "subject to financing" in future contracts for purchases in the Midtown Subdivision under the section pertaining to the deposit for purchaser.

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14. Admin Report #46
Re: FIRE DEPARTMENT -
Replacement of Engine #2
for Review & Consideration
AND
Admin Report #46A/02
Re: FIRE DEPARTMENT -
Replacement of Engine #2
Options and Financing

Discussion ensued regarding the replacement of Engine #2 whereby the following was noted:

- ~ a Bangor ladder with a power ladder bracket, only helps to remove the ladder from the top of the truck, it would still require 5 or 6 firefighters to set the ladder up
- ~ financial help should be sought to purchase an ariel truck, rather than purchasing an “adequate” truck
- ~ there is a higher maintenance cost for an ariel truck as compared to a pumper truck
- ~ the pumper truck recommended is adequate to replace what was lost
- ~ at this time the cost of \$690,000 for an ariel truck cannot be justified

MOVED by Councillor Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Councillor Allen that the purchase of a vehicle to replace Engine #2 be authorized as an exception to normal purchasing policy as per Section 9 of the Purchasing Policy, and that, in the event an opportunity to realize savings in this purchase through auctions, manufacturers’ specials, or other deals, that Fire Chief Walter Lutsiak and Mayor Clarke be authorized to bid or make offers under those conditions on the Town’s behalf, and further that the Town purchase a demonstration pumper truck in the approximate amount of \$350,000 and under those conditions related in the earlier associated resolution, and enter into a 5-year Municipal Finance Authority lease arrangement to finance said purchase.

CARRIED

OPPOSED - COUNCILLOR MOREY & COUNCILLOR UNRUH (feel that an ariel truck should be purchased so valuable manpower during a fire is not being utilized to set up a ladder)

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15. Admin Report #45/02
Re: ELECTIONS/REFERENDA -
Appointment of Deputy CEO and
Deputy RVO, 2002 General Local
Election and Referenda **MOVED** by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by
Councillor Morey that Stacey Treter be appointed as
Deputy Chief Election Officer for the Town of Fort
Nelson.

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16. Admin Report #47/02
Re: HEALTH - UBC/University
of Northern BC, Responding
to a Critical Need: The Northern
Medical Program Campaign
(A Partnership of Communities
with UNBC), Briefing Document
AND Request *This item was deferred to Regional Hospital Board
meeting for discussion.

17. Admin Report #49/02
Re: TOWN LANDS - Industrial
Area, Road Right of Way
Closures AND Requests to Purchase:
Portion of Road Located Between
Lot 4 Block E (4403 - 53rd Street)
and Lot 4, Block D
(4604 - 46th Avenue) **MOVED** by Councillor Allen, **SECONDED** by Councillor
Morey that the closure of undeveloped road allowances
between Lots 4, Block D, Plan 9685 and Lots 4, Block
E, Plan 9685 be approved in principle, and that
Administration be authorized to begin the closure
process AND that the "value and consideration" for the
undeveloped road allowance between 4403-53 Street
and 4606 - 46 Avenue at no less than \$1.45 per square
foot (based on the official survey); which value &
consideration shall include the cost of the legal surveys
(estimated at \$600 per road allowance) AND that
Misbehavin' Transport be requested to confirm in
writing their desire for the Town to proceed with a
petition to the Minister of Community, Aboriginal &
Women's Services to vest interest in the said road
allowances in their respective names for a value and
consideration in the amounts stated above, payable to
the Town of Fort Nelson upon completion of said
transfer.

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18. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Allen, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the June 24, 2002 Town Council meeting be adjourned at 7:30 PM.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Town Council meeting held on Monday, June 24, 2002.

Harry Clarke, Mayor/Chair

Debbie Walker, Corporate Administrator

Sylvia Hayes, Recording Secretary