

MINUTES of a Town Council meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town/Regional District Office, Town Square, Fort Nelson, BC on Tuesday, November 12, 2002 at 6:30PM.

THOSE PRESENT

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

STAFF

Pat Bailey -Administrator
Debbie Walker -Corporate Administrator
Heather Brown -Deputy Corporate Administrator
Linda Wallace -DRDS
Randy McLean -Treasurer
Bruce Hupman -DOP
Tom Sprado -DRS
Correna Cornish -Recording Secretary

PUBLIC/MEDIA

Director H. Morey -NRRD
Director Sime -NRRD
Director McCartney -NRRD
Alt. Director Barr -NRRD
Alt. Director Blake -NRRD
Alt. Director Novotny -NRRD
Shelley Middleton
Ted Craddock
Lt. Al Bone -Fort Nelson Fire Dept.
Danny Allen -Formula Transport
Keith Spry -Formula Transport
Sara Gibson -Formula Transport

1. **CALL TO ORDER** A quorum being present, Mayor Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 November 12, 2002 Town Council meeting be amended to include the following:
 - ~ Danny Allen, Formula Transport
 - Re: LAND - Soucie Transport /Formula Transport
 - DL 2173, Mile 308 Alaska Highway
 - Application for Exclusion from Agricultural Land Reserve

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2. (Con't) ~ Letter from Leigh Bronsson,
Re: Request to Modify Carlson Hill

and thereafter, be adopted for implementation.

CARRIED

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

3. Town Council
October 28, 2002

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

CARRIED

INFORMATION PACKAGES

4. Council/Board Information Package
November 1, 2002

MOVED by Councillor Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Councillor Unruh that the Council/Board Information Package dated November 1, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Council/Board Information Package
November 8, 2002

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

CARRIED

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS

6. Al Bone, Fort Nelson Emergency Services
Re: Fort Nelson Community Christmas Dinner
Request for Grant-in-Aid

Mayor Clarke thanked Lt. Bone for attending the meeting and invited him to proceed with his presentation.

Lt. Bone advised that the Emergency Services personnel were preparing for the annual Community Christmas Dinner and requested a grant-in-aid for use of the Recreation Hall and Kitchen on December 23 & 24, 2002.

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6. (Con't)

Referring to the Community Christmas Dinner Budget Forecast 2002 that was distributed at the meeting, Lt. Bone noted that the increase in total expenditures for 2002 was due to the low toy supply on hand; this year's attendance was expected to rise to 3000 people. It was also noted that in addition to the plates supplied at the Recreation Center, paper plates are also needed to meet the demands of serving the high volumes of people.

It was noted that the rental of the Hall and Kitchen would cost approximately \$1,500.00.

Mayor Clarke thanked Lt. Bone and advised that Emergency Services would be informed of the decision.

*Lt. Al Bone exited the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

7. **Danny Allen, Formula Transport**
Re: LAND - Soucie Transport Ltd./Formula
Transport, DL 2173, Mile 308 Alaska Highway
Application for Exclusion from
Agricultural Land Reserve,
For Consideration

Mayor Clarke thanked Mr. Danny Allen for attending the meeting and invited him to proceed with his presentation.

Mr. Allen introduced Mr. Keith Spry, Safety Supervisor for Formula Transport. Mr. Spry proceeded by advising Council/Board of his background and experience as a Safety Inspector. Mr. Spry expressed that with his background in agriculture and environment issues, he shares the same concerns the community has regarding the Formula Transport Application for exclusion from the Agriculture Land Reserve. Mr. Spry outlined their safety plan and elaborated on the preventative measures they have adopted to ensure a safe and successful operation.

The safety plan includes but is not limited to the following:

- having a registered fire plan
- regular inspections conducted by Fire Chief
- having ground water wells put in at sites

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7. (Con't)

Mr. Spry advised that proper chemical storage and handling of spillage was a concern and preventative measures would be in place. He advised that when sites are developed, warehouses would be placed on concrete or asphalt surfaces. Mr. Spry assured Council/Board that regulations are established by the Ministry and would be strictly adhered to as that is how they like to conduct business. At present, all damaged containers and returned loads are picked up by a company out of Beaverlodge and taken back to the manufacturer. Mr. Spry noted that in the past, the local landfill was being utilized, however, this practice has been abolished.

Mr. Spry commented on the operation in Grande Prairie that he is currently overseeing and stated the method of storage, containment and disposal is second to none. It was noted that pictures of this particular operation are available.

It was noted that DL2173 was formerly a Military hospital and a landfill site.

Mr. Spry acknowledged the noise levels that could be generated and Mr. Allen advised that plans are underway to plant trees as a buffer for any sound generated from the site. Mr. Allen also advised fire fighting facilities on site would be available to the community if the need should arise; a hydrant would be installed which would be connected to a dug out.

Mayor Clarke thanked Mr. Allen and Mr. Spry for their presentation and advised that Soucie Transport Ltd./Formula Transport would be informed of the decision.

CORRESPONDENCE

8. **Northern BC Truckers Association -
Safety Advisory Committee
Re: Closure of Workers Compensation
Board Office, Fort St. John,
Request for Support**

MOVED by Councillor Bumstead, that the letter from the Northern BC Truckers Association dated October 26, 2002 be received for information.

MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECONDER

Discussion ensued regarding the impact closure of the FSJ WCB office might have on Fort Nelson businesses and industry.

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8. (Con't) **MOVED** by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey, that a letter opposing the closure of the Fort St. John WCB Office be forwarded to the Workers Compensation Board, with a cc to the BC Truckers Association Safety Advisory Committee.

OPPOSED - Councillor Bumstead

CARRIED

9. **Municipal Finance Authority**
Re: 2002 Annual Report,
Request for Written Submissions

It was suggested that written submissions could be made regarding Single Tier Government and the Diversification Launch.

MOVED by Councillor, **SECONDED** by Councillor that the Municipal Finance Authority letter dated October 22rd, 2002 be deferred to the Regional Board meeting.

CARRIED

10. **Minister George Abbott, Ministry of**
Community, Aboriginal and Women's Service
Re: Regional Municipality
For Information

MOVED by Councillor Allen, **SECONDED** by Councillor Unruh, that the letter from Minister George Abbott, Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services, dated October 30, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

11. **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**
Administration Report #90/02
Re: REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT -
Clarke Lake Bypass Route/Encana
Winter Access Plan 2002
For Review

Discussion ensued regarding the Encana Winter Access Plan 2002. It was noted that Slocan will no longer permit use of the access road and that obtaining access via the Fort Nelson First Nation Reserve was not an option.

Concerns were raised regarding off highway access and how this access would be built.

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11. (Con't)

It was noted that Encana would like to build the access route this year as they are anticipating a busy winter.

MOVED by Councillor Morey, **SECONDED** by Councillor Allen that Encana be advised that the Council for the Town of Fort Nelson approves of EnCana's access plan accordingly to Plan A (winter road constructed between Town boundary and airport lands, from the Alaska Highway to the Airport Road conditional that Encana confirms in writing that the plan would not negatively affect the company's commitment to the Clarke Lake and Sierra/YoYo/Desan Road construction projects; that the Ministry of Energy and Mines confirms in writing that this plan in no way negatively impacts the Ministry's involvement in and support for the Clarke Lake and Sierra/YoYo/Desan Road construction projects; that the Council for the Town of Fort Nelson be included in all discussions and decisions regarding the construction of the winter road (including but not limited to the final approval on location and design of intersections at both ends); and that discussion regarding required upgrades to the Airport Road and responsibility for costs of those upgrades be concluded prior to allowing increased traffic utilize the road.

CARRIED

12. **Administration Report #92/02**
Re: STREETS & ROADS - 2002/03
Snow Removal Tender,
For Award

Discussion ensued regarding the Snow Removal tender for the 2002 - 2003 season. It was noted that the bid received from Double "C" Contracting was significantly lower for the Recreation Centre.

DOP Hupman was requested to contact all bidders to ensure the low bid was not due to an oversight in the work required.

MOVED by Councillor Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Councillor Allen that Administration Report #92/02 be deferred to the next Town Council meeting to be held Monday, November 25th, 2002.

CARRIED

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NEW BUSINESS/VERBAL STATUS REPORTS

13. Letter from Leigh Bronsson
Re: Request for Modifications for
Carlson Hill
- Discussion ensued regarding the request for modifications for Carlson Hill. It was agreed that due to safety and liability concerns, the Carlson Hill area should not be utilized as a sliding hill or a ski hill and that brush modifications to encourage sliding or skiing on the hill would not be approved.
- MOVED** by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that Leigh Bronsson be advised that the Council for the Town of Fort Nelson would not consider modifications to existing brush that would encourage skiing or sliding in the area of the Carlson Hill for safety reasons.
- CARRIED**
- Administration was requested to contact MIA regarding posting of signs and liability.
14. Adjournment
- MOVED** by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Morey that the November 12th, 2002 Town Council meeting be adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Town Council meeting held on Tuesday, November 12, 2002.

Harry Clarke, Mayor/Chair

Debbie Walker, Corporate Administrator

Correna Cornish, Recording Secretary