

MINUTES of a Town Council meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town Square, Fort Nelson, BC on Monday, January 27, 2003 at 6:30 PM.

THOSE PRESENT

Mayor Morey	-Chair
Councillor Craddock	
Councillor Lutsiak	
Councillor Streeper	
Councillor Unruh	

STAFF

Debbie Walker	-Acting Administrator
Bruce Hupman	-Director of Operations
Tom Sprado	-Director of Recreation Services
Pat Higgins	-Deputy Treasurer
Gillian Villeneuve	-Recording Secretary

PUBLIC/MEDIA

Director Barr	-NRRD
Director Gray	-NRRD
Director Middleton	-NRRD
S/S Bryan Reid	-RCMP
Kim Hughes-Brinsky	-Family Development Society
Peter Taillon	-Fort Nelson Rotary Club
Bev Thomas	-Trappers Rendezvous Society
John Bartlett	-Trappers Rendezvous Society
Cliff Ashdown	-Trappers Rendezvous Society
Earl Brown	-Trappers Rendezvous Society
Ed Bulley	-Woodlands Inn
Denis Ouellet	-Bluebell Inn
Dwayne Sarafinchan	-Northgate Construction Inc.
Bob Lawrence	-Northgate Construction Inc.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Councillor Craddock, **SECONDED** by Councillor Lutsiak that the agenda for the January 27, 2003 Town Council meeting be amended to include the following:

- Administration Report #13/03, Re: Streets & Roads - Proposed Increase in Vehicle Weights, Residential Neighbourhoods, Impacts on Streets & Sidewalks;
- Recommendation, Special Town Council, January 23, 2003;

and thereafter, be adopted for implementation.

CARRIED

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

3. **Special Town Council
January 13, 2003**

Councillor Craddock inquired as to whether Land & Water BC Inc. had responded to the Town's decision to not accept the counter-offer regarding DL 1748 Block E&A. Mayor Morey noted Administrator Bailey had received correspondence from Land & Water BC Inc. on January 27, 2003 citing they would not proceed with legal action against the Town and that a meeting with the Northern Lamplighters Activity Centre Association was being scheduled.

MOVED by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Lutsiak that the minutes of the Special Town Council meeting held January 13, 2003 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

4. **Town Council
January 13, 2003**

Councillor Streeper advised that EnCana had temporarily suspended use of the winter road and were in the process of working out a solution with Slocan regarding permitting problems.

MOVED by Councillor Lutsiak, **SECONDED** by Councillor Streeper that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held January 13, 2003 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

* *Staff Sergeant Bryan Reid entered the meeting at 6:33 PM.*

5. **Special Town Council
January 23, 2003**

Declaring a conflict of interest in the matter to follow, Councillor Craddock left the meeting at 6:34 PM and did not participate in the discussions or decisions on the same. Councillor Craddock's reason for declaring a conflict of interest was that he was acting on behalf of LWBC as the vendor and on behalf of the purchaser, RLV Holdings, and this decision would have an impact on his client.

MOVED by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Lutsiak that Administration be authorized to proceed with a preparation of a bylaw to amend The Town of Fort Nelson Zoning Bylaw No. 571, 1999 and The Town of Fort Nelson Residential, Commercial and Industrial Subdivision and Development Control Bylaw No. 531, 1997 to allow road surfaces and parking lots in the Industrial Zone to be built to the Town's Bitumen Surface Treatment (BST) standards.

CARRIED

Councillor Craddock re-entered the meeting and assumed his seat at 6:35 PM.

INFORMATION PACKAGES

6. **Council/Board Information Package
January 17, 2003**

MOVED by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Craddock that the Council/Board Information Package dated January 17, 2003 be received for information.

CARRIED

7. **Council/Board Information Package
January 24, 2003**

MOVED by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Craddock that the Council/Board Information Package dated January 24, 2003 be received for information.

CARRIED

* *DRS Sprado, Deputy Treasurer Higgins, Earl Brown, Dwayne Sarafinchan, Bob Lawrence and Denis Ouellet entered the meeting at 6:37 PM.*

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS

8. Pete Taillon, Bryan Reid
Fort Nelson Rotary Club
Re: Request for
Grant-In-Aid

Mayor Morey welcomed Peter Taillon and Bryan Reid to the meeting and requested they proceed with their presentation.

Peter Taillon noted he was requesting a Grant-In-Aid in the amount of \$1,087 on behalf of the Fort Nelson Rotary Club to cover the Community Hall rental for a fundraiser Valentine's Dinner & Dance to be held on February 15, 2003. Mr. Taillon noted that all monies Rotary raised were used in the community.

Mayor Morey thanked Peter Taillon for his presentation and stated the Fort Nelson Rotary Club would be advised of the Town Council's decision.

* *Cliff Ashdown entered the meeting at 6:39 PM.*

9. Kim Hughes-Brinsky
Fort Nelson Family
Development Society
Re: Request for
Grant-In-Aid

Mayor Morey welcomed Kim Hughes-Brinsky to the meeting and requested her to proceed with her presentation.

Kim Hughes-Brinsky expressed appreciation that the previous Town Council had supported the Family Development Society in 2002 with a \$677 Grant-In-Aid to cover the rental of the community hall for Casino Night in conjunction with the Trapper's Rendezvous. Ms. Hughes-Brinsky noted the Family Development Society was again requesting a Grant-In-Aid for \$577 to cover the rental of the community hall. Ms. Hughes-Brinsky further noted that the Family Development Society recently opened Mountainview Centre which houses a licensed daycare in addition to before & after school care.

9. Continued

The Family Development Society also began a respite care contract for those families with special needs children who may at times require time away from the home and need care for their child(ren) while they are away. The Family Development Society was not Federally funded for any new services and Mountainview Centre was an independent program. Ms. Hughes-Brinsky noted that the Family Development Society was committed to helping families in Fort Nelson.

Ms. Hughes-Brinsky explained that while the Casino Night was held in conjunction with the Trapper's Rendezvous, it was a separate event and was wholly independent with regards to fundraising efforts.

Mayor Morey thanked Kim Hughes-Brinsky for her presentation and stated the Family Development Society would be advised of the Town Council's decision.

10. Jim Bartlett, Cliff Ashdown,
Bev Thomas - 2003 Trapper's
Rendezvous Committee
Re: Request for
Grant-In-Aid

Mayor Morey welcomed Jim Bartlett, Cliff Ashdown and Bev Thomas to the meeting and requested they proceed with their presentation.

Jim Bartlett began his presentation by noting the Trapper's Rendezvous Society was a non-profit, volunteer group that had worked together since the Fall of 1999. The Trapper's Rendezvous was scheduled to provide 10 days of mid-winter family fun activities. Mr. Bartlett provided a detailed list of activities organized for the 2003 Trapper's Rendezvous which is attached to and forms a part of these minutes. Mr. Bartlett noted the Opening Ceremonies begin on February 21 and the event would close on March 2, 2003. Mr. Bartlett further noted that in order to provide a variety of events, the Society had worked with a variety of community groups and organizations. Volunteers and funding were still being sought and to date, fundraisers included raffles, bottle drives and entrance fees for special events (the majority of events held throughout Rendezvous were free). The Society must raise between \$10,000 - \$20,000 each year and all surplus funds are rolled over to the next year to cover expenses. Most of the funding had been provided through private donation.

10. **Continued**

The major expense the Society faced was the community hall rental for the Family Dinner & Dance and Adult Dances held throughout the event and a Grant-In-Aid for \$2200 was requested.

Mr. Bartlett further noted the Town of Fort Nelson would benefit by supporting the Trapper's Rendezvous through the Society's promotion of town facilities and encouragement of children & adults within the community being involved in healthy activities. Mr. Bartlett indicated a mayor's proclamation could further raise community awareness. Mr. Bartlett stated Earl Brown had been working to coordinate media coverage for the event and had already secured national radio coverage. Mr. Bartlett concluded his presentation by noting that the Town Council's support of the Trapper's Rendezvous, would demonstrate the event was a valuable community endeavour promoting winter fun and activity in the North.

Earl Brown added that the "Tales of a Catskiner" play was originally inspired by the Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association who worked to ensure the play came to Fort Nelson with as much flair as possible. As well, "Tales of a Catskiner" author Chester Russell, would be in Fort Nelson for the festivities (travelling from Oregon, USA).

Mayor Morey thanked Jim Bartlett and Earl Brown for their presentation and stated the Trapper's Rendezvous Society would be advised of the Town Council's decision.

CORRESPONDENCE

11. **Dan Maxwell, Chief Executive Officer
Homeowner Protection Office
Re: Response to Council/Board Letter
to Honourable Kevin Falcon
Minister of State for
Deregulation Re: Homeowner
Protection Act**

This item was deferred to the Regional Board meeting.

12. City of Dawson Creek
Re: 2003 Oil & Gas Conference
September 29-October 2, 2003
Request for Sponsorship This item was deferred to the Regional Board meeting.

* *Kim Hughes-Brinsky exited the meeting at 6:46 PM.*

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

13. Administration Report #15/03
Re: Council/Board Operations
Notice of Procedure Bylaw
Amendments, Meeting
Agenda Order **MOVED** by Councillor Unruh, **SECONDED** by Councillor Lutsiak that Administration Report #15/03 Re: Council/Board Operations - Notice of Procedure Bylaw Amendments, Meeting Agenda Order be received for information.

CARRIED

* *Jim Bartlett, Earl Brown, Bev Thomas and Cliff Ashdown exited the meeting at 6:49 PM.*

14. Administration Report #13/03
Re: Streets & Roads
Proposed Increase in Vehicle Weights,
Residential Neighbourhoods,
Impacts on Streets & Sidewalks
For Review **MOVED** by Councillor Craddock, **SECONDED** by Councillor Lutsiak that the Traffic Control Bylaw No. 615, Section 9(1)(n) be amended to increase the gross vehicle weight restriction to 7,900 KG and that the Town monitor for asphalt, concrete or sub-grade fatigue (including a photo log of intersections and other areas of concern).

CARRIED

15. **ADJOURNMENT** **MOVED** by Councillor Craddock, **SECONDED** by Councillor Unruh that the meeting be declared adjourned at 6:50 PM.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Town Council meeting held on Monday, January 27, 2003.

Chris Morey, Mayor/Chair

Debbie Walker, Corporate Administrator

Gillian Villeneuve, Recording Secretary