

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C08-07 of the Council of the City of Dawson called for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 in the Town of the City of Dawson Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor John Steins
Councillor Diana Andrew
Councillor Ashley Doiron
Councillor Ed Kormendy
Councillor Rick Riemer

ALSO PRESENT CAO Paul Moore
Secretary Karen Fischer

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Steins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. after a brief swearing in ceremony for Councillor Elect Rick Riemer, performed by Marcia Jordan.

Mayor Steins welcomed Rick Riemer to Council.

AGENDA

C08-07-01 Moved by Councillor Andrew, seconded by Councillor Doiron that the Agenda for Council Meeting #C08-07 be adopted as amended add under delegations a) Joy Taylor–Rec Van Use.

CARRIED 5-0

C08-07-02 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Council move into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of hearing delegations.

CARRIED 5-0

DELEGATIONS

a) Joy Taylor re: Rec Department Van Use

Joy Taylor was present to address the issue of Recreation Department Van Use, stating that Wolf Pack Hockey has been declined permission by Acting Rec. Manager to use the van to travel to a tournament in Prince George in April. Joy advised that in the past it has been common practice for the Recreation Department Vehicles to be loaned to community recreation groups for transportation to events and that this request has completed all requirements outlined in Policy 24. The hockey organization has requested quotes for insurance from both Yukon Travel and PAL (letters provided to Council). Further notation was made that BCAHA covers all participants & coaches for travel to and from tourney as well as while they are playing. Final comments were made that the kids have fundraised and worked hard to be able to attend this event. Sporting activities keep kids out of trouble and to miss this event would have negative effects on the kids. Councillor Riemer asked if alternatives had been investigated and was advised that TH has only small vans and that would require 2x insurance, gas etc and that to charter a flight would be 27k and they would still need vehicles.

C08-07-03 Moved by Councillor Doiron; Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Committee of the Whole reverts to Council and proceeds with the Agenda

CARRIED 5-0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) Council Meeting C08-06 of March 4, 2008

C08-07-04 Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that the Minutes of Council Meeting C08-06 dated March 4, 2008 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

NONE

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

- a) Final Cheque Register dated March 13, 2008 for AP Batch #433
b) Final Cheque Register dated March 14, 2008 for AP Batch #434

The following items were questioned:

Industry Canada	Annual Radio Licenses – Fire & PW
Mark Wickham	Thaw-di-graw prizes
Earth Tech	Final engineering fee for York Street lift station and Screening Plant project. There will be another invoice from Budget Plumbing for the work.

C08-07-05 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Accounts Payable Final Cheque Registers

- dated March 13, 2008 in the amount of **\$138,432.46** covering AP Batch #433
- dated March 14, 2008 in the amount of **\$400.00** covering AP Batch #434

Totalling **\$138,832.46** is approved for payment.

CARRIED 5-0

FINANCIAL

NONE

REPORTS

- a) Fire Chief's Report

C08-07-06 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledge as received Fire Chief's Report dated March 17, 2008 for informational purposes.

CARRIED 3-0

- b) CDPO Report
Councillor Andrew inquired as to who hired the consultant in regards to CR lot development. CAO advised YTG hired the consultant *Inuksuk Planning* – Ian Robertson.

C08-07-07 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledge as received CDPO Report dated March 13, 2008 for informational purposes.

CARRIED 5-0

BYLAWS

- a) Bylaw 07-05 Being the "Vehicle for Hire Bylaw" – Third Reading
Mayor Steins provided a brief review of the bylaw noting that hotel shuttles have been removed and further noting that the regulation of taxi services has been downloaded on municipalities by YG as they no longer regulate vehicles for hire under 10 passengers. Councillor Kormendy noted the minor changes since 2nd reading.
- C08-07-08** Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Bylaw 07-05 being the "Vehicle for Hire Bylaw " be given **Third and Final Reading**.
CARRIED 5-0
- b) Bylaw 08-06, Being the Water and Sewer Bylaw Amendment No. 1 – First Reading
Councillor Kormendy inquired if the effective date may be changed and was advised it can be. Council wishes households to be advised prior to 2nd reading. CAO provided clarification on what the customer pays vs. the cost to the City
- C08-07-09** Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Bylaw 08-06 being the "Water and Sewer Bylaw Amendment No.1 " be given **First Reading** and further issue public notice of increased rates and change the effective date to May 1, 2008.
CARRIED 5-0
- c) Bylaw 08-07, Being the 2008 Taxation Bylaw
Upon request CAO advised that the last tax increase was approximately 5 years ago. Council expressed a desire to review the rates for 2009, especially minimum tax and completing a service comparison for different taxing areas.
- C08-07-10** Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Bylaw 08-07 being the "2008 Taxation Bylaw " be given **First Reading**
CARRIED 5-0
- d) Bylaw 08-08, Being the 2008 Operating Budget and 3 Year Capital Expenditure Bylaw – First Reading
Councillor Andrew provided a review of the budget development process and noted the increase in YG Unconditional Grant as well as some new projects. She further noted the Gas Tax money as well as the balance of the 1million from the recovery package. CAO advised of some of the projects that will be funded from the Gas Tax, being an energy audit, development of a community garden, new potable water well and fill station. CAO continued that although the money is "ours" it still must be applied for and the programs must be approved. Discussion continued on these projects and how they came about. There was further discussion on the DCTV revenue & expense not balancing. Council was advised that Admin time is not factored in as it would be very difficult to do so, noting that all front office staff put time into DCTV in a variety of ways.
- C08-07-11** Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Bylaw 08-08 being the "2008 Operating Budget and 3 Year Capital Expenditure Bylaw " be given **First Reading**
CARRIED 5-0
- e) Bylaw 08-03, Being the Sewage Lagoon Location Referendum Bylaw" –Adoption

Mayor Steins noted that the Zoning Bylaw would need to be amended to show these lots not usable for this purpose.

- C08-07-12** Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Bylaw 08-03 being the "Sewage Lagoon Location Referendum Bylaw " be read as Adopted by Council March 18, 2008

CARRIED 5-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Old Youth Centre Update

Clarification provided that all steps have been taken as required in Bylaw 07-03. Protective Services manager has researched the issue and the City is in the position to carry forward and have the work done. A contractor meeting qualifications would be hired to do the work. This action is borne out of numerous complaints by the community regarding derelict, unsightly buildings. Council has concerns regarding long-term liability.

- C08-07-13** Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Council acknowledge as received memo from Bylaw re: Old Youth Center and whereas the Property owner has made no attempt to contact or initiate repairs as required in correspondence from City of Dawson Bylaw Constable, Council hereby directs admin to solicit an estimate of work to be done along with a quote to be brought back to Council for consideration

CARRIED 5-0

- b) SWMC

It was noted that Brent McDonald is not a resident of the municipality but will bring valuable input as the landfill is used by the surrounding area as well as the municipality. Councillor Riemer wished to be a member as well.

- C08-07-14** Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that whereas Council Resolution C07-33-16 directed to formation of a Solid Waste Management Committee (SWMC), the SWMC Terms of Reference – March 2008 are hereby adopted and the following members are appointed; Mayor Steins, Councillor Kormendy, 1 CKS representative, Suzanne Crocker, Jeremy Lancaster, Brent McDonald and Councillor Rick Riemer. CAO & PWS of the City of Dawson shall be Ex Officio members.

CARRIED 5-0

- c) Arena Update

Councillor Kormendy inquired if the recommendation on the memo is still the recommendation? CAO noted that a 2nd engineer should be on site tomorrow (Mar 19) to provide a 2nd opinion. Discussion ensued regarding YG promises to the community in their recovery package announcement of April 2006. Community Services seems to have an appetite to address the Recreation Centre issues, but the process & progress is slow. A feasibility study was completed at the request of the City of Dawson but the report has not yet been received, only little bits of it. Councillor Kormendy noted that artificial ice is a big issue, as it would allow for an ice surface much earlier. CAO advised that it would take 3 years to complete excavation and concrete necessary for artificial ice. The arena would not have a usable surface for this time. The arena facility is facing possible closure on Mar 31, 2008 if we are unable to secure the necessary approval from an engineer. Council requests that, bearing in mind the letters and requests that have been sent between City and YG and the apparent lack of response, they would like a

meeting with MLA and further request Mayor write a letter to Minister Hart requesting some concrete answers with regards to the recreation centre facility. The community needs some answers with regards to its recreation facilities.

- C08-07-15** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledges receipt of Memo and Information package provided by CAO re: AMF Recreation Centre for informational purposes. Council instruct Mayor to write to Minister Hart for clarification on YTG's responsibilities re: Rec Centre, further that Mayor engages MLA on this issue.

CARRIED 5-0

Mayor Steins turned the chair over to Deputy Mayor Andrew.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Web Page

CAO advised that Outcrop provides a quality product and is familiar with Dawson. He further noted that a good tender document for such a project could not be created. The decision on the best way to proceed needs to be discussed and agreed upon by the city and the service provider. Approval of this project is committing funds from the 2008 budget although it has not yet received 3rd reading.

- C08-07-16** Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledge receipt of memo provided by CAO re: Website Development. Council directs CAO to work to develop a quote for the development of a municipal website and return to Council for approval.

CARRIED 4- 0

Deputy Mayor Andrew returned the Chair to Mayor Steins

b) Town Hall

Date, time, location and topics (budget, 2007 financial statement, strategic plan, sewage treatment, arena) were discussed. Notation was made that the community really needs to come together after the referendum.

- C08-07-17** Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that a Town Hall meeting will be held on April 10, 2008 tentatively at the YOOP hall at 7PM.

CARRIED 5- 0

c) Policy 24

Lengthy and in-depth discussion on liability issues vs. community group needs, including discussion of the safety issues related to this particular vehicle, a 15-passenger van. Correspondence from AON Reed Stenhouse insurance was read and the final comment emphasized *"I have spoken to the underwriter for this policy and have been advised that they would not provide coverage for such use"* Discussion continued on possible hockey association coverage and changing the insurance policy. Councillor Kormendy noted that the recreation department van has in the past been used for such activities and that this group should not be outright denied, that we should work to try and accommodate them somehow. Concern was also raised about precedent ...how will we deal with future requests.

C08-07-18 Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledge as received memo from Acting Recreation Manager re: Recreation Department Vehicle Use Policy 24. Council directs administration to work with Insurance Company to find coverage for proposed use of vehicle or alternative options.

**4 For – 1 Against
CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE

None

INFORMATION

a) Pool Reports

C08-07-19 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledges the following items for informational purposes:

- Report dated January 26, 2008 from NCA Aquatics re: Myrtha Pool Inspection (September 2007)
- Report dated September 15, 2007 from Master Pools re: Pool Circulation/Chemical Reed System Inspection (September 2007)

CARRIED 5-0

b) Joint Pole Use Agreement

It was promptly noted that the effective date for this agreement is July 1, 2006 and invoices included for 2005 & 2006. CAO noted that this has been an on-going issue and upon agreement the date would be changed. The funds have been budgeted. CAO further noted that there is an easement issue and the two issues *may* be tied together.

C08-07-20 Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledges draft of License Agreement for Joint Use of Poles for informational purposes

CARRIED 5-0

QUESTION PERIOD

C08-07-14 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Council move to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of Question Period.

CARRIED 5- 0

Jim Regimbal Commented on the Recreation Centre issue that maybe its time to go to the media and advise YTG as such. It must be clearly stated

- why we need the facility,
- what was promised in the past and the dates of the promises
- what has been done to date
- the amount of correspondence and requests from the City to YG
- lack of useful space for youth activities.....

Mayor Steins commented that he will be writing again to Minister Hart on the issue and that he clearly understands that the community needs a sense of place, certainty and that the community has made sacrifices to have a reasonable, functional and safe facility.

Stephen Johnson offered his congratulations to Councillor Riemer and further extended good wished to all of Council in solving the current and upcoming issues. Mr. Johnson

continued asking about the 20k budgeted for website and noting the 5k previously been spent. CAO clarified that the previous 5k was not paid out as the project was not completed.

Mr. Johnson further noted that the referendum was against the location only not the proposed system. Has there been any discussion with YG? Mayor Steins noted that it is a very complex issue involving the Courts, Env. Canada, Premier Fentie, Minister Baird. He further noted that the lawyer has had a teleconference with Judge Lilles. Mayor Steins continued that there is value in the referendum noting it is the first time the community has sent a message from the roots up to the government. The City's status has not changed, there is nothing new on the horizon and Council is interested in being more involved with input and decision making on this issue.

Mr. Johnson asked a final question regarding the discussion of an alternate location for a recreation facility at the old YTG Grader Station. How much input would the citizens of the community have on what could/would be built? Mayor Steins advised that Council speaks on behalf of the community.

Dan Davidson asked how many households receive water delivery? CAO advised of 55 households currently on water delivery.

Mr. Davidson inquired as to Council's position on photo ID at the post office. Council provided no comment.

Brent McDonald asked if present Council has an appetite to revisit the smoking bylaw? Mayor Steins advised that there is a motion expected to come forward in the Legislature's spring session. Mr. McDonald noted that it would take a much longer time frame to come into effect than a municipal bylaw. Mayor stated that if Council wishes to revisit the issue they would. Councillor Kormendy noted that there must also be a means to enforce it.

Stephen Johnson made a final comment that with regard to the van issue maybe a swap could be arranged for the McDonald Lodge bus or a school bus.

C08-07-22 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Committee of the Whole revert to Council and proceed with the agenda.

CARRIED 5- 0

ADJOURNMENT

C08-07-23 Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Council Meeting C08-07 be adjourned at 9:36 PM with the next scheduled meeting Tuesday April 1, 2008 at 7PM in Council Chambers.

CARRIED 5 - 0

**THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C08-08 WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION #C08-08-02 AT COUNCIL MEETING #C08-07 ON April 1, 2008**

Originals signed by:

JOHN STEINS,
MAYOR

PAUL MOORE,
CAO