

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C08-08 of the Council of the City of Dawson called for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 in the Town of the City of Dawson Council Chambers.

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

ALSO PRESENT CAO Paul Moore
Secretary Karen Fischer

ABSENT Councillor Ashley Doiron

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Steins called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

AGENDA

C08-08-01 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, seconded by Councillor Riemer that the Agenda for Council Meeting #C08-08 be adopted as amended ADD under New Business b) Pool Upgrade Quote, c) Budget Plumbing Payment and ADD after Question Period a) Arena In-Camera.

CARRIED 4-0

DELEGATIONS

NONE

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

NONE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Council Meeting C08-07 of March 18, 2008

C08-08-02 Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that the Minutes of Council Meeting C08-07 dated March 18, 2008 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 4-0

b) Recreation Board Meeting R08-01 of January 8, 2008

C08-08-03 Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that the Minutes of Recreation Board Meeting R08-01 of January 8, 2008 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED 4-0

c) Recreation Board Meeting R08-02 of February 5, 2008

C08-08-04 Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that the minutes of Recreation Board Meeting R08-02 of February 5, 2008 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED 4-0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Councillor Andrew inquired regarding the van issue. CAO advised that there was lots of follow-up, but was unable to come up with insurance that meets requirements. Mayor Steins noted that this is an agenda item and more information can be provided at that time. Councillor Andrew further inquired about the planning documents from Rec. Board and when they would be available. CAO confirmed a letter from T.H. was responded to.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

- a) Final Cheque Register dated March 27, 2008 for AP Batch #435
No items were questioned.

C08-08-05 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Accounts Payable Final Cheque Register dated March 27, 2008 in the amount of **\$46,997.56** covering AP Batch #435 is approved for payment.

CARRIED 4-0

FINANCIAL

NONE

REPORTS

- a) Council Resolution Status Report
Councillor Andrew inquired regarding the status of the Saw Mill building, noting her impression that it is off the table. CAO confirmed he has informally heard this but no formal comment has been made.

C08-08-06 Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledge as received Council Resolution Status Report dated March 27, 2008 for informational purposes.

CARRIED4-0

- b) Bylaw Report
Councillor Andrew suggests a nuisance property clean up be held in conjunction with spring clean up

C08-08-07 Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledge as received Bylaw Constable Report dated March 26, 2008 and Bylaw Services Constable Activity Report for Feb 26 to March 25, 2008 for informational purposes.

CARRIED 4-0

- c) Recreation Department Report
Road Hockey, beginning April 10, 2008 will be in the parking lot of AMF Rec. Centre.

C08-08-08 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Council acknowledge as received Recreation Department Report dated March 28, 2008 for informational purposes.

CARRIED 4-0

BYLAWS

- a) Bylaw 08-06, Being the Water and Sewer Bylaw Amendment No. 1 – Second Reading

CAO confirmed letters have been sent to water delivery customers and only 1 comment received regarding perceived inequities in subsidies e.g. water delivery vs. landfill and rec. centre.

- C08-08-09** Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Bylaw 08-06 being the "Water and Sewer Bylaw Amendment No.1 " be given **Second Reading**.

CARRIED 4-0

- b) Bylaw 08-07, Being the "2008 Taxation Bylaw" – Second Reading.

- C08-08-10** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Bylaw 08-07 being the "2008 Taxation Bylaw " be given **Second Reading**

CARRIED 4-0

- c) Bylaw 08-08, Being the "2008 Operating Budget and 3 Year Capital Expenditure Bylaw" – Second Reading

CAO noted that as we did not receive the confirmation of CMG funding until late last week the new amount (1.3 million instead of 1.2 million) does not show in the budget yet. This amendment will be made prior to 3rd reading.

- C08-08-11** 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 **Second Reading**

CARRIED 4-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Arena Update

Mayor Steins immediately queried how 2 engineers could be so divergent?

CAO provided a verbal update noting that he met with the engineer and Claudia Carlson on March 27. The engineer provided verbal indication that he has no concerns with the building. He is aware of the time issue and a stamped letter is expected in approximately 2 weeks. This should satisfy the insurance company and the building should be able to remain open. Councillor Andrew noted that the present PM is moving. Who will be replacing her? CAO advised that Claudia Carlson (PM) has agreed to continue in her position, but at this point it is unclear who she will be contracted by, CoD or YG.

- C08-08-12** Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledge as received memo and information package provided by CAO re: Arena Update for informational purposes.

CARRIED 4-0

- b) Rec. Department Van

CAO advised that substantial efforts were made to secure insurance for the van in order for it to be used to transport the wolf pack hockey team to Prince George. "facility insurance" was investigated but maxed at 1million liability. A list of options was presented to the organization for their travel. We have since learned the trip has been called off. There is considerable community desire for the City to be able to assist with these types of activities. Councillor Kormendy noted that it is not realistic to expect a City employee be available to drive the vehicle, perhaps a different vehicle should be sought.

Councillor Andrew noted public transportation might alleviate some of the problem. Council noted that in light of past tragedies, that we should investigate replacing the van with a more suitable unit. The insurance issue seems to be very specific to the 15 passenger vans.

- C08-08-13** Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledge as received verbal update provided by CAO re: Rec. Department Van Use. Council further directs administration to review Policy 24 and furthermore research alternative transport for community use.

CARRIED 4-0

c) Old Youth Centre

Clarification was made on "rough skirting". The recommended estimate meets minimum bylaw and safety requirements.

- C08-08-14** Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that whereas council directed admin to solicit an estimate of work to be done to bring the Old Youth Centre in line with Bylaw 07-03, Council acknowledges receipt of memo dated April 1, 2008 from Fire Chief. Council further directs administration to proceed, securing the services of Vogt Enterprises to complete this project as per "option 2" outlined in their proposal dated March 27, 2008 for a total fee not to exceed 3500.00 (GST incl)

CARRIED 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

a) Yukon Energy Joint Pole Use

Councillor Kormendy inquired if this is common practice, for utility owners to rent pole space to other utility operators. CAO noted that he has inquired to other municipalities throughout Yukon. CoD is unique in the fact that we operate a utility, but we also own the land the pole is on. There is also an easement issue that YEC is trying to rectify. Although it is currently a separate issue, if council desires the issues may be linked. There is no current policy on pole placement but YEC seems open to moving inappropriately placed poles.

- C08-08-15** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledge receipt of past correspondence dated between March 9, 1999 to December 14, 2006 between City of Dawson and Yukon Energy regarding Joint Pole Use, and Bylaw 96-17 (s/b Bylaw 03-11) for informational purposes. Options for finalizing this agreement will be presented at next council meeting.

CARRIED 4-0

b) Pool Upgrade Proposal

CAO clarified the proposal noting the cost for replacement has been amended to 46k from 55k and cost for temporary patch would be 15k. CAO said we were told that the current liner failed due to chemical imbalance in the water...a user issue, not quality or workmanship issue. Once this work is complete staff training is critical. CAO noted a Building Maintenance Technician has been hired and will attend training and assist with the work. All training will also be recorded. NCAquatics recommends annual training review. There will also be a new/updated control system required. An estimate from Arcrite is 20k. Should check to see if NCAquatics is able to supply control parts. A reminder was made that facility issues must go to Rec Board for their information.

C08-08-16 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledge as received information and proposal dated March 26, 2008 regarding Pool Up-grades. Council hereby directs administration to enter into an agreement with NCAquatics to complete repairs and upgrades to the pool as outlined in NCAquatics proposal dated March 26, 2008. Council further authorizes the expenditure of **\$46,000** to complete the necessary work.

CARRIED 4- 0

c) Budget Plumbing

CAO clarified the numbers, noting that the final cost was less than the estimate provided. Once EarthTech has signed off that the work is complete the holdback will be released.

C08-08-17 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledge as received memo from PWS regarding the invoice/payment for the Pipe replacement work at the York Street Lift Station and Screening Plant. Council Directs Payment in the amount of **\$108,751.88** be made to Budget Plumbing. This transaction would appear in the Cheque Register of the next regular council meeting.

CARRIED 4-0

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letter dated March 25, 2008 from Lindsay Brown
Council noted a job well done by the Fire Department

C08-08-18 Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledge receipt of correspondence from Lindsay Brown to the DCFD dated March 25, 2008.

CARRIED 4-0

QUESTION PERIOD

C08-08-19 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Council move to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of Question Period.

CARRIED 4- 0

Dan Davidson directed question to CAO-Where are we in terms of the Rec. Centre issue? CAO advised we are awaiting stamped letter from engineer. Insurance coverage will not change at least until they have reviewed the engineer's report. We are very hopeful the letter from the engineer will be positive and the facility will continue to remain open.

Mr. Davidson expressed surprise at 25 million to retrofit/complete the present building and queried how much has been spent so far. An estimate of approx 10 million was provided by CAO.

With regard to the van issue, why can't the City hire a temporary qualified driver. Councillor Kormendy noted that this would fall under the review of Policy 24.

C08-08-20 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Committee of the Whole revert to Council and proceed with the agenda.

CARRIED 4- 0

Mayor Steins advised those in the gallery that Council would be going In-Camera after a brief recess -8:07 pm

Mayor Steins called meeting back to order at 8:10 pm

C08-08-21 Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council move to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussion.

CARRIED-4-0

C08-08-22 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer the Committee of the Whole move In-Camera as per the Municipal Act s. 213 (b) (v) to discuss Recreation Centre issues for a period not to exceed 30 minutes duration.

❖ Time In-Camera session began 8:12 pm

❖ Time in-Camera session ended 8:40 pm

CARRIED 4-0

C08-08-23 Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Committee of the Whole reverts to council and proceed with the agenda

CARRIED 4-0

C08-08-24 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council directs Mayor to update Minister Hart on CoD's proposed course of action 1) Acknowledgement of offer, 2) desire from Council to propose MOA re: AMF Rec. Centre, 3) remind Minister of Premier's commitment to citizens of Dawson re: facility, 4) Acceptance of offer does not commit Council and Citizens of CoD to accept existing AMF Rec Centre as the future rec centre.

CARRIED 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

C08-08-25 Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council Meeting C08-08 be adjourned at 9:00 PM with the next scheduled meeting Tuesday April 15, 2008 at 7PM in Council Chambers.

CARRIED 4- 0

**THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C08-08 WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION #C08-09-06 AT COUNCIL MEETING #C08-09 ON April 15, 2008**

MAYOR JOHN STEINS

CAO PAUL MOORE