

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C08-09** of the Council of the City of Dawson called for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 in the Town of the City of Dawson Council Chambers.

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**PRESENT:** Mayor John Steins  
Councillor Diana Andrew  
Councillor Rick Riemer

**ALSO PRESENT** CAO Paul Moore  
Secretary Karen Fischer

**ABSENT** Councillor Ashley Doiron  
Councillor Ed Kormendy

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

**AGENDA**

**C08-09-01** Moved by Councillor Andrew, seconded by Councillor Riemer that the Agenda for Council Meeting #C08-09 be adopted as amended ADD under New Business c) Relay for Life, ADD under Correspondence b) letter from Wayne Potoroka and ADD after Question Period IN-CAMERA Item SSTP update.

**CARRIED 3-0**

**DELEGATIONS**

**C08-09-02** Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council move into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of hearing Delegations

**CARRIED 3-0**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS**

a) Dawson City Chamber of Commerce

Dina Grenon advised all present that she is attending this meeting on behalf of DCCC seeking a letter of support for the unsolicited proposal creating a vision for Dawson City. The proposal involves all levels of government. DCCC would like to get planning in place regarding tourism and economic development and is hoping for consultation in the near future. Ms. Grenon turned the floor over to Mr. Hakonson.

Mr. Hakonson continued noting he has spent 2 years working on this project. He notes that the “visions” he is hearing for Dawson from senior levels of government are “little visions” and don’t adequately reflect the possibilities. His proposal involves securing support of the community and then going forward with a proposal that encompasses the whole community. Mr. Hakonson noted the support of T. H. Chief, KVA, DCCC and several other businesses and organizations within the community. Mr. Hakonson outlined his vision of the process and how the plan would evolve with input from all stakeholders. Councillor Andrew provided a positive response noting that we need to look at the “big picture” and have some long-term goals. Upon request, Mr. Hakonson advised that he is currently seeking letters of support and a commitment of 2 CoD representatives able to make immediate strategic decisions, not of a financial nature.

Ms. Grenon noted that the Chamber is excited to work with the community stakeholders to bring forward a community plan.

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**C08-09-03** Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that the Committee of the Whole reverts to Council and proceed with the Agenda.

**CARRIED 3-0**

**C08-09-04** Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council directs Mayor to write a letter of support to Chamber re: proposal regarding tourism for the future of Dawson.

**CARRIED 3-0**

**C08-09-05** Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council supports the establishment of a committee by the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of attending the Tourism Oriented Development for the Future of Dawson by considering appointment of 2 CoD reps.

**CARRIED 3-0**

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a) Council Meeting C08-08 of April 1, 2008

**C08-09-06** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that the Minutes of Council Meeting C08-08 dated April 1, 2008 are approved as amended to read C08-08-16 CARRIED 4-0.

**CARRIED 3-0**

b) Planning Board Meeting P08-01 of January 14, 2008

**C08-09-07** Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that the Minutes of Planning Board Meeting P08-01 of January 14, 2008 are accepted as presented.

**CARRIED 3-0**

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Inquiry was made regarding Recreation Board Planning minutes. CAO advised the A/Rec Manager has been unable to locate any formal minutes, only meeting notes. CAO will follow up on the issue.

##### C08-08:

Joint Pole Use: CAO advised that he has sent the bylaw to the lawyer for an opinion and has not yet heard back on the legality of it. Further discussion ensued around the history of the issue noting that YEC has not had any discussion with *this* Council, that the proposed fees are the same as NWTel pays. Councillor Riemer immediately noted that we are not NWTel, but a small municipal government with limited funds available. The proposed price of 16k is an annual fee, not a one time only fee.

#### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

a) Final Cheque Registers dated April 11, 2008 for AP Batch #436 and dated April 10, 2008 for AP Batches #437 & #438

The following item was questioned

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Health Care Benefits

- C08-09-08** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Accounts Payable Final Cheque Registers
- Dated April 11, 2008 in the amount of **\$128,849.87** covering AP Batch #436 and
  - Dated April 10, 2008 in the amount of **\$187,792.70** covering AP Batches #437 and #438
- Totalling **\$316,642.57** are approved for payment.  
**CARRIED 3-0**

## FINANCIAL

- a) Revenue Expense Report for March 2008
- b) Cash Flow Worksheet

Councillor Andrew noted that the budget numbers will change with the YG Unconditional Grant monies

- C08-09-09** Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledge as received Memo, Revenue Expense Report and Cash Flow Worksheet for March 2008 provided by SFO  
**CARRIED 3-0**

## REPORTS

- a) Fire Chief Report

- C08-09-10** Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledge as received Fire Chief Report dated April 7, 2008 for informational purposes.  
**CARRIED 4-0**

- b) CDPO Report  
Upon request CAO clarified that Council has not adopted the Heritage Management report yet and that Council would only be approving the report not approving a bylaw at this point.

- C08-09-11** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Council acknowledge as received CDPO Report dated April 11, 2008 for informational purposes.  
**CARRIED 3-0**

- c) PWS Report  
Councillor Andrew noted that there have been some resignations and inquired if CAO is seeking Council direction on how to proceed. CAO advised he will be looking for Council direction at next Council meeting.

- C08-09-12** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Council acknowledge as received PWS Report dated April 11, 2008 for informational purposes.  
**CARRIED 3-0**

## BYLAWS

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

Councillor Andrew noted that there had been one letter submitted to Council concerning the rate increase.

- C08-09-13** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Bylaw 08-06 being the "Water and Sewer Bylaw Amendment No.1 " be given **Third and Final Reading**.

**CARRIED 3-0**

- b) Bylaw 08-07, Being the "2008 Taxation Bylaw" – Third and Final Reading.

- C08-09-14** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Bylaw 08-07 being the "2008 Taxation Bylaw " be given **Third and Final Reading**

**CARRIED 3-0**

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

- C08-09-15** 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 **Third and Final Reading**

**CARRIED 3-0**

- C08-09-16** Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Mayor Steins the Councillor Riemer be appointed to the Finance Committee

**CARRIED 3-0**

- C08-09-17** Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that finance committee meet prior to hiring of additional admin staff.

**CARRIED 3-0**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) Arena Update

Mayor Steins provided a review of the meeting he and CAO attended in Whitehorse regarding arena issues. CoD was advised that all discussion must be put in context of future capital planning for the City of Dawson. The concept of artificial ice is not in the near future although the new engineer has suggested there may be away of doing this that no one has thought of yet. YG has committed \$1million /year for the next number of years to make what we have more usable. Councillor Riemer inquired if there is anything in writing stating YG is committed to the Rec. Centre and that in is not the CoD responsibility. Again it was noted that it has not been defined what YG's "responsibility" is for the Rec Centre. CoD needs to develop an MOA to take to YG.

CAO noted that the comments he has received from hockey organizations are that the ice was better this year and they are happy.

- C08-09-18** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Council acknowledge as received memo provided by CAO re: Arena Update for informational purposes. Council will consult with community at April 17 Town Hall meeting and make formal a resolution at May 6 Council Meeting.

**CARRIED 3-0**

- b) Relay for Life

Mayor and CAO informed all present that Mayor & Council and CAO have been invited to join TH Chief & Council and Exec. Director as a team for the Relay for Life. The date is not clear at this time.

- C08-09-19** Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council will try to participate with TH Relay for Life team, participants to be determined.

**CARRIED 3-0**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) DCCC Proposal

Item completed in Business Arising from Delegations

- b) Spring Clean-up

Councillor Andrew spoke to this item, noting that her initial idea had been a supercharged spring clean. Bearing in mind recent resignations a clean up of that nature may not be possible. She inquired if any clean up was planned and was advised that admin is planning a clean up similar to last year with extended landfill hours and a joint dike clean up with TH. We could look at a media blitz, notice to nuisance properties, waste reduction information as well. A suggestion of the Mayor to ride along with the garbage contractor was brought forward.

- C08-09-20** Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council ask admin. to prepare a spring clean-up campaign

**CARRIED 3-0**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Letter dated April 2, 2008 from DCMF

Council expressed appreciation that the organization is seeking its "care and control" approval in advance.

- C08-09-21** Moved by Councillor Rick, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Council acknowledge receipt of correspondence dated April 2, 2008 from DCMF.

**CARRIED 3-0**

- b) Letter dated April 14, 2008 from Wayne Potoroka

The points in the letter have been taken note of. Cost of water at the fill station is \$1 for approx. 350 gallons. Council expressed a desire to see the letter responded to.

- C08-09-22** VOID

## **INFORMATION**

- a) Workers Compensation Health & Safety re: meeting May 7, 2008

There is a substantial cost to sending someone to Whitehorse for a 1-hour meeting. This should be brought to the community, or a video link provided. Councillor Riemer noted that a paper will be developed from that meeting and that a copy can be requested. The City will not be sending anyone to attend the meeting.

- C08-09-23** Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledge receipt of information from Workers' Compensation health & Safety Board dated April 4, 2008 Re; May 7 meeting discussing YWCHS matters affecting *Cities, Towns, Villages & Municipalities*.

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**CARRIED 3-0**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

**C08-09-24** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Council move to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of Question Period.

**CARRIED 3- 0**

Dan Davidson noted with respect to YEC Pole use although there may have been no attempt to negotiate with the current council he recalls attempts in the past, prior to council being removed.

Mr. Davidson asked if there has been any discussion in regards to broadcasting council meetings. Mayor Steins noted that if council wishes then every effort would be made to broadcast. There may be some technical issues to be worked out.

With regard to MOA and Capital Plan...if you don't have one, they will send you one.

With regard to resignations...who else? CAO advised that the CDPO /Acting Rec Mgr has resigned effective the end of May.

Allan Schmidt noted that last year Dawson's Relay for Life raised a substantial amount of money for a community of its size...it would be a good idea to have some high profile personality participate in the first lap.

With regard to the MOA and Capital Plan...if it originates here, it is your wish list.

With regard to DCMF letter paragraphs 3 & 4 made a request, why was this not addressed in the resolution? CAO advised that Council has delegated "care and Control authority to CAO. Council was given letter for information as it was address to Mayor and Council.

How was the visit with the Austrian Ambassador and what was discussed? Mayor Steins apologized for not providing a report earlier and advised that they had a good meeting and discussed tourism. There is a lot of interest about Dawson in Austria and Germany.

Dan Davidson inquired who is in control of the Ambassadors' dinner? Mayor Steins replied the Mr. & Mrs. Jenkins host the dinner each year.

**C08-09-25** Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Committee of the Whole revert to Council and proceed with the agenda.

**CARRIED 3-0**

Mayor Steins called a 5-minute Recess (9:02pm) and noted when Council returned they would be going in camera for discussion.

Mayor Steins called meeting back to order at 9:07 pm

**C08-09-26** Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council move to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussion.

**CARRIED 3-0**

**C08-09-27** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Committee of the Whole move In-Camera for the purpose of discussion as per section. 213 (b) (v) of the Municipal Act. Duration not to exceed 30 minutes

❖ Time In-Camera session began 9:10 pm

❖ Time in-Camera session ended 9:39 pm

**CARRIED 3-0**

**C08-09-28** Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Committee of the Whole reverts to Council and proceed with the agenda

**CARRIED 3-0**

In future we need to be more proactive. Invite MLA to meet as well as Chief & Council to meet to discuss issues and options.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**C08-09-29** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Council Meeting C08-09 be adjourned at 9:43 PM with the next scheduled meeting Tuesday May 6, 2008 at 7PM in Council Chambers.

**CARRIED 4- 0**

**THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C08-09 WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION #C08-11- 06 AT COUNCIL MEETING #C08-11 ON May 6, 2008**

Originals signed by:

JOHN STEINS  
MAYOR

PAUL MOORE  
CAO