

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C08-11 of the Council of the City of Dawson called for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 in the Town of the City of Dawson Council Chambers.

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

ALSO PRESENT CAO Paul Moore
Secretary Karen Fischer

ABSENT Councillor Diana Andrew

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Steins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

C08-11-01 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, seconded by Councillor Riemer that the Agenda for Council Meeting #C08-11 be adopted as amended ADD under Delegations a) Tenting/Seasonal Worker Housing and ADD under Adoption of Minutes b) Special Council Meeting C08-10, Furthermore ADD under Unfinished Business c) Website Proposal and d) Court Update.

CARRIED 4-0

DELEGATIONS

C08-11-02 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Council move into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of hearing Delegations

CARRIED 4-0

Mr. Palma was also present and was asked if he was here to speak in delegations. He confirmed he would like to address council regarding the Old Youth Centre.

Mayor Steins noted there did not appear to be anyone in the gallery to speak to the Tenting/Seasonal Worker Housing issue. Mr. Palma was invited to speak.

Mr. Palma addressed Council and requested more time to complete the work that is required to the Old Youth Centre building, noting that he did not receive any notification from the bylaw officer regarding its deficiencies. Mr. Palma advised that he only picks up his mail every couple of months. He advised that he had other projects that have taken more time and funds than expected. Councillor Kormendy inquired how much more time is being requested. Mr. Palma stated that a month or so would be sufficient. He would like to do work inside the building too. Mayor Steins noted that the City has been receiving complaints regarding the Amica's building as well. Mr. Palma stated that he is planning on working on that building as well as the old CIBC. Mayor Steins advised Mr. Palma that all procedures for notification had been followed and the issue needs to be dealt with in a timely manner. Mr. Palma advised that he needs to bring materials and workers...all of whom are presently working on a project in Whitehorse.

C08-11-03 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that the Committee of the Whole reverts to Council and proceed with the Agenda.

CARRIED4-0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

a) Mr. Mike Palma

The contractor was advised he would be able to start on May 7 if the property owner has not already begun. The owner was contacted weeks ago and was aware of the issue and the requirements. He is not ready to begin the work, nothing has changed. The contractor should complete the project.

Council noted that there were several people congregated in the hallway. Fire Chief inquired with them and advised Council that they were in fact here to speak to the Tenting/Seasonal Housing issue. Mayor Steins polled Council on whether they would like to move to committee of the whole again.

C08-11-04 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Council move to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of delegations.

CARRIED 4-0

Mayor Steins advised those attending in regards to tenting/seasonal housing that Council Meetings begin at 7 pm and that if they wish to speak to Council on any issue they need to be in attendance at 7PM. Council has agreed to hear them out of courtesy.

Joelle (?) advised council that she is back to work in Dawson and is disappointed that nothing has changed from last year. She stated that when she was here last year she thought that the issue was going to be dealt with. Joelle stated that she has concerns with the methodology and accuracy of the Seasonal Housing Study completed by Michael Pealow in the fall of 2007. She noted that the study was completed after many student workers had left for the season and that employers had been asked questions that should have been asked of employees. Joelle notes that there is a strong desire to see "Tent City" revived in a suitable location for the benefit of seasonal workers, employers and the community as a whole. Mayor Steins summarized the comments that

1. Tent City should be re-established and
2. The survey is being called into question.

Joelle agreed with this was the view she is presenting.

C08-11-05 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that the Committee of the Whole reverts to Council and proceed with the Agenda.

CARRIED4-0

BUSINESS ARISING FORM MINUTES

Councillor Riemer noted that T.H. owns the "Tent City" land. Mayor Steins stated that students are looking for a cheap place to live, but don't want to live on a gravel pad. He noted that the "Tent City" environment is a social experience for kids. He noted that there *may* be some issues with the survey with timing vs. those in need.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) Council Meeting C08-09 of May 6, 2008
- C08-11-06** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that the Minutes of Council Meeting C08-09 dated May 6, 2008 are approved as amended to change C08-09-27 to 9:39 from 8:39.
CARRIED 4-0
- b) Special Council Meeting C08-10 of May 1, 2008
- C08-11-07** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that the Minutes of Special Council Meeting C08-10 of May 1, 2008 are accepted as presented.
CARRIED 4-0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

NONE

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Final Cheque Registers

- a) dated April 22, 2008 in the amount of for AP Batch #439
b) and dated May 2, 2008 for AP #440

The following item was questioned

C0400 Commonwealth Historic Management Plan Consultant.

- C08-11-08** Moved by Councillor Kormendy Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Accounts Payable Final Cheque Registers
- Dated April 22, 2008 in the amount of **\$957.90** covering AP Batch #439 and
 - Dated May 2, 2008 in the amount of **\$166,769.6570** covering AP Batches #440
- Totalling **\$167,727.55** are approved for payment.
CARRIED 4-0

FINANCIAL

REPORTS

- a) CAO Council Resolution/Action Status Report
- C08-11-09** Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledge as received Council Resolution/Action Status Report provided by CAO
CARRIED 4-0
- b) Bylaw Report and Bylaw Activity Report
- C08-11-10** Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledge as received Bylaw Report dated April 29, 2008 and Bylaw Activity Report for March 26-April 29, 2008 for informational purposes.
CARRIED 4-0

c) Public Works Superintendent Report
Councillor Riemer inquired about the pool opening date. CAO advised that all the materials have arrived and master pools technician will arrive and begin work on May 9. This will move completion date forward approximately 2 days
Upon request CAO noted that YG is responsible for engineering and studying Front Street with a plan on repaving etc in 2009.

C08-11-11 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledge as received PWS Report dated May 1, 2008 for informational purposes.

CARRIED 4-0

d) Community Development and Planning Report
Councillor Doiron inquired about “project suspended”. CAO clarified that the terminology refers to the project being on hold.

C08-11-12 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledge as received CDPO Report dated May 1, 2008 for informational purposes.

CARRIED 4-0

BYLAWS

a) Bylaw 08-09, Being the “2008 Annual Operating Budget & Three Year Capital Expenditure Program Amendment No. 1” – First Reading

C08-11-13 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Bylaw 08-09 being the “2008 Annual Operating Budget & Three Year Capital Expenditure Program Amendment No.1 “ be given **First Reading**.

CARRIED 4-0

b) Bylaw 08-09, Being the “2008 Annual Operating Budget & Three Year Capital Expenditure Program Amendment No. 1” – Second Reading.

C08-11-14 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Bylaw 08-09 being the “2008 Annual Operating Budget & Three Year Capital Expenditure Program Amendment No. 1 “ be given **Second Reading**

CARRIED 4-0

c) Bylaw 08-10, Being the “Animal Control Bylaw” – Information
Upon request CAO clarified the reasoning for Lifetime licensing noting that it is both cheaper administratively and encourages owners to have their pets neutered. CAO further noted that this bylaw is a year’s work that has had a legal review already.

C08-11-15 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Bylaw 08-10 being the “Animal Control Bylaw “ is received for informational purposes.

CARRIED 4-0

d) Bylaw 08-11 being the Petition, Referendum and Plebiscite Bylaw – Information
CAO noted this is a “Dawsonized” version of the Whitehorse Bylaw and further noted that Whitehorse is the only Yukon community that has such a bylaw.

- C08-11-16** Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Bylaw 08-11 being the “ Petition, Referendum and Plebiscite Bylaw” be received for informational purposes.

CARRIED 4-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Arena Update

Councillor Kormendy noted that there does not seem to be any reason not to move ahead, as long as it is clearly understood by YG that the building needs to be completed for any use, but this is not a long-term solution to the Arena/Recreation Facility issue. Mayor Steins reviewed the meeting with YG officials in Whitehorse in April and noted that this a short term fix, larger issues would be dealt with in the MOU and a capital plan will also be developed to address medical facilities, seniors residence etc. Councillor Riemer expressed concern that the public does not have a clear understanding of what the options for the Rec. Centre are. He noted in regard to Minister Hart’s letter dated Mar 25, 2008 there has been NO direction from Council although the letter states there is, and furthermore there has not been any meetings with stakeholders that he is aware of. Mayor Steins noted that there was a meeting approximately a year ago involving engineers, city staff and stakeholders to discuss options for the facility.

CAO noted that although the March 25, 2008 letter noted a Council direction, the preceding letter states a decision had NOT been made. Council is uncomfortable with the inaccuracy of the letters “quoting” what has been proposed. A well-crafted MOU will help, but we should begin with a well-crafted letter to address the concerns. There was discussion on proposing a plan of a similar nature to the one proposed by DCCC involving all stakeholders prior to moving forward to YG and that perhaps an MOU should be in place prior to accepting the money.

- C08-11-17** Moved by Councillor Doiron Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council postpone arena resolution until next Council Meeting.

CARRIED 4-0

b) Community Clean-up

CAO provided a brief verbal update noting special collections; dike clean up with T.H. extended landfill hours and provision of garbage bags and gloves for the school.

- C08-11-18** Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledge verbal update provided by CAO regarding Community Spring Clean-up for informational purposes.

CARRIED 4-0

c) Web-Site Proposal

CAO provided a review of the proposal noting that the company has won awards for the sites they have developed. CAO recommends *secure on-line payments* and *web hosting* be added. CAO further noted that the site would be updateable by staff. It will be approximately 2-3 months before the site will be activated.

- C08-11-19** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council approve the Outcrop Yukon Website Proposal dated May 5th, 2008. Furthermore Council directs that the optional secure online payment and web hosting be

added. CAO is to discuss with Outcrop if the site visit to present the design can be removed and done by teleconference.

CARRIED 4-0

d) Court Update

Mayor Steins provided a review of the Court Appearance held via teleconference today. He advised that the prosecution came down heavily requesting the court to require the SBR be implemented without delay and further that Judge Lilles is very disappointed. Mr. Crossman, legal counsel for the City & YG, requested that more time is required to consult with the community and work together with T.H. to find a suitable location and avoid another referendum. Mayor Steins further advised that a suitable solution must be found prior to the September Court date AND SBR plans must be ready as well. If nothing is moving forward then the SBR will be ordered. In September the City & YG will be looking for a motion to vary the court order for completion by December 31, 2008.

C08-11-20 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council accepts verbal report re: Court Update

CARRIED 3-1

NEW BUSINESS

a) Mayor's Travel

C08-11-21 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council approves Mayor Steins' travel to Whitehorse April 7 & 8, 2008 to attend meetings with YG officials regarding the Recreation Centre and SSTP. Council further directs that Policy 06-01 - Travel Policy be amended to allow CAO being the approval authority for Mayor and Council travel within the territory.

CARRIED 4-0

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letter received April 22, 2008 from Sue Franks re: Cable Charges
Council noted that when customers sign up for cable they should be signing a service agreement.

C08-11-22 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledge receipt of letter received April 22, 2008 from Sue Franks regarding Cable Service. Council directs administration to write a letter of apology.

CARRIED 4-0

INFORMATION

a) Reciprocal Insurance Presentation

C08-11-23 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Council acknowledge receipt of Reciprocal Insurance Presentation prepared by Gary Duncan, AON Reed Stenhouse Inc.

CARRIED 4-0

QUESTION PERIOD

C08-11-24 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council move to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of Question Period.

CARRIED 4-0

Jim Regimbal, Fire Chief noted that he had left the gallery while discussion regarding Mr. Palma's request was proceeding. Would Council advise him of their decision? Mayor Steins advised that nothing has changed; the contactor can proceed with work.

Dan Davidson asked if the Genivar letter was the letter for the Rec. Centre. This was confirmed. With regard to the Feasibility Report...Can we acquire one yet? Mr. Davidson was directed to YG for this report.

Allan provided a couple of comments: Mayor's Travel should have a cap. Cable letter is likely the "thin edge of the wedge". Unfortunately these things service disruptions, happen.

Allan provided his comment on the 4million for the Rec. Centre noting that council should accept it before it is gone and further noting his understanding is that it is for capital not operating. He then inquired how it would be given over the 5-year term. Mayor Steins noted that it is project driven...City advises of a project and YG approve, or not.

C08-11-25 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Committee of the Whole revert to Council and proceed with the agenda.

CARRIED 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

C08-11-26 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council Meeting C08-11 be adjourned at 9:08 PM with the next scheduled meeting Tuesday May 20, 2008 at 7PM in Council Chambers.

CARRIED 4- 0

**THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C08-11 WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION #C08-12-05 AT COUNCIL MEETING #C08-12 ON May 20, 2008**

Originals signed by

JOHN STEINS
MAYOR

NORM CARLSON
A/CAO