

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C08-12 of the Council of the City of Dawson called for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 in the Town of the City of Dawson Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Diana Andrew
Councillor Ashley Doiron
Councillor Rick Riemer

ALSO PRESENT CAO Paul Moore
Secretary Karen Fischer

ABSENT Councillor Ed Kormendy
Mayor John Steins

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

AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Andrew noted that there was correspondence received late this afternoon in regards to Governor General's Tour and would like this added to the agenda under New Business, item "e"

C08-12-01 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that the Agenda for Council Meeting #C08-12 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED 3-0

Deputy Mayor Andrew welcomed the full gallery and reminded all present that this is a formal meeting, questions would be heard during question period at the end of the meeting.

DELEGATIONS

C08-12-02 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Council move into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of hearing Delegations

CARRIED 3-0

- a) Francois Guay was present to speak to the seasonal worker housing issue and in particular to the re-establishment of a tent-city. He thanked Council for taking the time to listen to the proposal and proceeded to review the written proposal he had presented to Council. Council inquired if the group would be hiring security and maintenance personnel and were advised that these issues would be looked after by the campers themselves, they would be required to commit to a set number of volunteer hours as a requirement to acquiring a tent space at the north end location. Francois further noted that the group would also work together with the local police. CAO confirmed that the land the group wishes to set up on is both City and YG land. Councillor Doiron inquired if the group present this evening is the same group that has advertising tent spaces for rent at local bulletin boards. Francois confirmed this and noted that they had not actually rented sites out but used this as a contact method. Upon question from Council Francois noted that most people interested and present are already employed and are not satisfied with accommodation provided or what is available elsewhere. Commercial accommodations do not offer suitable options, i.e. rules and guidelines and a higher cost. Francois noted that approximately \$100/month would be a reasonable fee.

- b) Sebastian Jones was present to speak to Northern Climate Exchange, which is being conducted by Northern Research Institute at Yukon College. Sebastian noted that Dawson has been chosen to be the first community to develop an adaptation to change action plan, with additional communities beginning similar programs on a yearly basis. Sebastian spoke of the work and importance of the Climate Change Action plan developed in recent years, the ICSP, International Polar Year Studies. He further noted the presence of Professor Frank Duerden of Ryerson University who is one of the sponsors of the program. Sebastian stated that the goal is to develop a GOOD adaptation plan and is seeking approval from Mayor and Council as well as requesting Mayor Steins to champion the project, noting that with the approval and participation of the government leader adds gravity to the project and will keep this a Dawson project. Deputy Mayor Andrew inquired on how this will benefit Dawson? Sebastian answered that the current infrastructure will need to change and with this program the City of Dawson will benefit from good science...studies of this area directly.

C08-12-03 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that the Committee of the Whole reverts to Council and proceed with the Agenda.

CARRIED 4-0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

- a) Francois Guay/Tent City

Council discussed the need to talk to the residents of the North End subdivision and review any legal issues that could arise. Deputy Mayor Andrew advised Council that she has been in contact with the Bunkhouse-they currently have a 10 person wait list and charge 400.00 month. Bonanza Gold has also been contacted. They have made improvements to the seasonal space available and further identified a need for cheap bikes. Bonanza Gold has tent sites, bunkhouse type units and seasonal motel units available varying in cost from +/- 300.00 to 1000.00/month Concern was also raised regarding overflow camping for Music fest and how it could be mitigated if there is a tent city set up. There would also be administrative and other costs if this project were to be done and done right

C08-12-04 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that administration investigate legal issue of a north end tent city an report at next meeting.

CARRIED 2-1

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) Council Meeting C08-11

C08-12-05 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that the minutes of Council Meeting C08-11 of May 6, 2008 be approved as presented.

CARRIED 3-0

- b) Planning Board Meeting P08-02

C08-12-06 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that the minutes of Planning Board Meeting P08-02 of April 27, 2008 are accepted as presented.

CARRIED 3-0

c) Planning Board P08-03

C08-12-07 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that the minutes of Planning Board Meeting P08-03 of May 5, 2008 are accepted as presented

CARRIED 3-0

d) Recreation Board Meeting R08-03

C08-12-08 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that the minutes of Recreation Board Meeting R08-03 if March 4, 2008 are accepted as presented.

CARRIED 3-0

e) Recreation Board Meeting R08-040

C08-12-09 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that the minutes of Recreation Board Meeting R08-04 of April 3, 2008 are accepted as presented.

CARRIED 3-0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

NONE STATED

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

a) Final Cheque Registers dated May 15 2008 in the amount of **\$107,677.32** for AP Batch #441

The following items were questioned

Oxford Inc.	Calcium for summer road surfacing
Northern Climate	Final invoice from engineer re: Mechanical engineering at the Rec Centre (MRIF Project)
Heather Mayes	Pool Manager pool training

C08-12-10 Moved by Councillor Doiron Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Accounts Payable Final Cheque Register dated May 15, 2008 in the amount of **\$107,677.32** covering AP Batch #441 is approved for payment.

CARRIED 3-0

FINANCIAL

NONE

REPORTS

NONE

BYLAWS

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

C08-12-11 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Bylaw 08-09 being the "2008 Annual Operating Budget & Three Year Capital Expenditure Program Amendment No.1 " be given **Third and Final Reading**

CARRIED 3-0

b) Bylaw 08-10, Being the "Animal Control Bylaw" – First Reading

Councillor Riemer inquired on how the community is advised of new bylaws. CAO noted that bylaw information is included in the newsletter or in a mail drop. We also include an educational period after the bylaw takes effect. CAO advised that the Humane Society has been very involved with the development of this bylaw. CAO further advised that this and other bylaws will be posted on the web-site when it is operational.

C08-12-12 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Bylaw 08-10 being the "Animal Control Bylaw" be given **First Reading**.
CARRIED 3-0

c) Bylaw 08-11 being the Petition, Referendum and Plebiscite Bylaw – First Reading

C08-12-13 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Bylaw 08-11 being the "Petition, Referendum and Plebiscite Bylaw" be given **First Reading**.
CARRIED 3-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Arena

Upon request CAO provided a brief review of recent events and correspondence regarding the arena issues and YG funding offered. Although the seismic report from second engineer is positive YG's offer has not changed and still includes seismic upgrade work. Councillor Riemer noted that we must respond to the letters and that this funding would allow us to get the "new" sections usable. Councillor Doiron recommended accepting the 4 million and develop an MOU being clear that it has no effect on the long-term issue of a fully functional and acceptable recreation facility. Council was advised that MLA is available for meetings next week if they so desire.

C08-12-14 Moved by Councillor Doiron Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledge receipt of memo dated May 15, 2008 regarding the arena, provided by CAO. Council hereby directs administration to draft a letter to Minister Hare and Steve Nordick to accept the 4 million offer with stipulation that

1. short term interim
2. MOU be drafted to identify YTG's role with the long-term needs of rec. centre including new facility if required.

CARRIED 3-0

b) ICSP

CAO provided a review of the process noting the development of this document is the first partnership between City of Dawson and Tr'ondek Hwech'in governments for such activity. CAO further advised that upon adoption the City will then be able to access funds for green infrastructure projects. Council offered their congratulations to the Jim Taggart project consultant for a job well done.

C08-12-15 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council approve the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and City of Dawson Integrated Community Sustainability Plan titled *After the Goldrush*.
CARRIED 3-0

c) Heritage Management Plan

CAO provided a review of process of development for the Heritage Management Plan noting a need and desire for new heritage guidelines dating back to 1997. CAO acknowledged the support of YG for funding for this project. The plan makes recommendations for both a heritage plan and a new zoning bylaw. Councillor Riemer inquired about a time line. CAO advised that this is not included in the HMP and further noted that this outlines the *ideals* but there may be variance from this...it is only recommendations, not rules.

- C08-12-16** Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledge receipt of memo provided by CDPO dated May 16,2008 regarding Heritage Management Plan. The Heritage Management Plan, March 2008, completed by Commonwealth Historic Resource Management Ltd is hereby adopted.

CARRIED 3-0

d) Lot Development

CAO provided background of the issue and noted that 2 areas had originally been identified, Dredge Pond and Dome. The Dome location was preferable both by community input, ease of access to town and development costs. 2 areas on the Dome were identified with the lower area, below the ski hill, is the recommended location due access issues and land slope of the upper location. Councillor Riemer noted that we must first investigate the placer and hard-rock claims in the area.

- C08-12-17** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Council Acknowledges receipt of memo provided by CDPO re: Lot Development. Council directs administration to submit a formal request to continue the development planning process as outlined in the work plan i.e. pursuing development of residential lower bench. Furthermore Council request a report ASAP on status of hard-rock & placer claims.

CARRIED 3-0

NEW BUSINESS

a) Dock

CAO advised that normal procedure is to wait for high water to come and go before installing the dock and the past two years it has either been installed very late in the season or not at all. With low snow pack this year PWS and installation contractor agree that it can likely be installed in the next couple of weeks. It was noted that Holland America Lines (HAL), operator of *Yukon Queen* would like to review / change the docking facility. This discussion could take place over the summer and fall for the possibility of changes for next season.

- C08-12-18** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Council acknowledge receipt of memo dated May 15, 2008 provided by CAO re: Docking Facilities. Council directs status quo be maintained for the 2008 season, ensuring the dock is installed as early as possible. Council furthermore directs discussions to take place this summer and fall with all users in regard to the docking facilities.

CARRIED 3-0

b) Climate Change

It was noted that CoD is currently facing climate change issues in particular with the arena and SSTP. It will be beneficial to have good, accurate and local science to work with.

- C08-12-19** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Council Acknowledge information regarding Northern Climate Exchange Adaptation provided by Sebastian Jones, Project Coordinator. Council hereby provides their support for this program and Deputy Mayor attend open house on Wednesday and agree to champion the Dawson Adaptation Project.

CARRIED 3-0

c) Sewage Treatment Facility Update

CAO reviewed recent activities and correspondence and further noted CoD has been contacted by TH in an effort to work together and find a community based solution to the SSTP issue. CAO continued stating that we cannot afford to hire a large engineering firm to assist with research and planning. Stephen Johnson P. Eng. has offered his services to act as project consultant, reporting to CAO, to assist in finding this community based solution, something that we, as a community, can take to YG and then to the Court showing that we are making effort to move forward to resolve the issue. Mr. Johnson's services come at a very favourable fee. CAO also noted that YG has been informally advised that we, CoD, are working together with TH. The draft MOU presented will go to Council prior to final approval.

- C08-12-20** Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer THAT Council acknowledge memo, correspondence from Mr. Stephen Johnson and Draft MOU between City of Dawson and Tr'ondek Hwech'in regarding SSTP project. Council agrees in principle with the development of an MOU with TH that will work towards creating a community- based solution. Council directs CAO to continue discussion to develop an agreement and furthermore, to work with YTG to ensure this MOU is in line with the partnership that is already developed between City of Dawson and YTG. Secondly, City of Dawson will hire Stephen Johnson in partnership with Tr'ondek Hwech'in on a "month to month" basis as a project consultant to assist in the development of this agreement and research alternatives that can move this project forward to meet the court order as expediently as possible.

CARRIED 3-0

d) SWMC Recommendations

Council noted that this is movement in a positive direction. A lot has been accomplished in a short period of time.

- C08-12-21** Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledge and thank the Solid Waste Management Committee's excellent work and accept the short term recommendations, including putting these recommendations out for public consultations for a two week period prior to Council adopting them at the June 3rd Council Meeting. Furthermore Council extends the duration of this committee for 6 months to November 30, 2008 in order to evaluate the progress and further develop medium and long-term goals.

CARRIED3-0

e) Governor General's Tour
Councillor Andrew noted this information was received late and Council should be present.

C08-12-22 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that administration proceed with participation in the Governor General Tour.

CARRIED3-0

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter dated May 5, 2008 from John Gould re: Planning Board Resignation
- b) Letter dated May 5, 2008 from Recreation Board Vice Chair re: AMF Rec Centre

C08-12-22 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledge receipt of the following correspondence for informational purposes:

- Letter dated May 5, 2008 from John Gould re: Planning Board Resignation
- Letter dated May 5, 2008 from Recreation Board Vice Chair re: AMF Rec Centre.

CARRIED 3-0

INFORMATION

NONE

QUESTION PERIOD

C08-12-23 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council move to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of Question Period.

CARRIED 3-0

Several people in the audience spoke to the issue of seasonal worker housing. The following items were brought up

- Lack of appropriate housing/tenting facilities puts unnecessary stress on the seasonal workers
- Inadequate water and sanitation provided
- Lack of housing is poor advertising for the community
- Clarification was presented on Chamber's "lack of interest" is actually "not in their best interest" as their membership offer a camping services
- Legal issues were brought forward by Council...the proposed site is partially on City land; if you own the land you are responsible for any events/issues that take place on it.
- Poor timing of the seasonal worker housing study leading to possible inaccurate results.
- Does Council prefer unregulated camping in the community? Deputy Mayor stated that campers to businesses operating that would be able to provide the services needed.

Brent MacDonald inquired why TH appeared to be receiving preferential treatment in regard to the SSTP issue, by drafting an MOU between CoD and TH. Why isn't TH involved on a citizen level instead of a government level? Councillor Riemer stated TH is another level of

government in this community and it is in the best interest of the community to work together to resolve the issue.

C08-12-25 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Committee of the Whole revert to Council and proceed with the agenda.

CARRIED 3-0

ADJOURNMENT

C08-12-26 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council Meeting C08-12 be adjourned at 9:26 PM with the next scheduled meeting Tuesday June 3, 2008 at 7PM in Council Chambers.

CARRIED 3- 0

**THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C08-12 WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION #C08-13-04 AT COUNCIL MEETING #C08-13 ON June 3rd, 2008**

DEPUTY MAYOR
DIANA ANDREW

CAO PAUL MOORE