

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C08-13 of the Council of the City of Dawson called for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 in the Town of the City of Dawson Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Diana Andrew
Councillor Ed Kormendy
Councillor Rick Riemer
Mayor John Steins (present Via Phone)

ALSO PRESENT CAO Paul Moore
Secretary Karen Fischer

ABSENT Councillor Ashley Doiron

CALL TO ORDER: Deputy Mayor Andrew called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

Deputy Mayor Andrew placed a call to Mayor Steins in order for his participation in this Council Meeting.

AGENDA

C08-13-01 Moved by Mayor Steins, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that the Agenda for Council Meeting #C08-13 be adopted as amended to add under New Business item f) re-schedule July 1 Council Meeting.

CARRIED 4-0

Deputy Mayor Andrew welcomed the full gallery and reminded all present that this is a formal meeting, delegations are limited to 5 minutes each delegation, Council may ask questions of the delegate and questions from the gallery would be heard during question period at the end of the meeting.

DELEGATIONS

C08-13-02 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council move into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of hearing Delegations

CARRIED 4-0

- 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 advised that he has been waiting since the last Council Meeting to see the legal opinion of the City's legal counsel and the letter from DCCC regarding the proposed North End Tent City. Francois noted that when he had spoke to DCCC regarding the tent city DCCC had advised they would speak to their membership and send a letter to Council. Francois was advised that Council has not received a letter from DCCC declaring or declining their support of the proposal.

- b) Johnny Nunan
Mr. Nunan was not in attendance to discuss the proposed naming of the Crocus Soccer Pitch.

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- C08-13-03** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that the Committee of the Whole reverts to Council and proceed with the Agenda.
CARRIED 4-0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

NONE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) Council Meeting C08-12

- C08-13-04** Moved by Councillor Reimer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that the minutes of Council Meeting C08-12 of May 20, 2008 be approved as amended with the correction of page header to read May 20, 2008.
CARRIED 4-0

BUSINESS ARISING FORM MINUTES

NONE STATED

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

- a) Final Cheque Registers dated May 15 2008 in the amount of **\$142,377.40** for AP Batch #442

The following item was questioned

Nation Wide

Pool liner and installation fees.

- C08-13-05** Moved by Mayor Steins, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Accounts Payable Final Cheque Register dated May 30, 2008 in the amount of **\$142,377.40** covering AP Batch #442 is approved for payment.
CARRIED 4-0

FINANCIAL

- a) Revenue/Expense Report
b) Cash Flow Worksheet

- C08-13-06** Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Reimer that Council acknowledge as received memo, Revenue/Expense Report and Cash Flow Worksheet for April 2008 provided by SFO.
CARRIED 4-0

REPORTS

- a) CAO Council Resolution Status Report

CAO confirmed that there is no further info at this time regarding the proposed Dome lot development. Mayor Steins inquired about the Old Youth Centre and was advised that the work is complete and all costs will be added to the owners tax account. It was confirmed that the same property owner has stated that the Amica's building will be looked after and tidied up this summer. CAO noted that the pool opened on time; although the water is cold...it takes a long time to heat up the large volume of water. Upon request of Deputy Mayor CAO clarified that discussions have been re-opened on the original MOA between CoD and YTG regarding the SSTP. Deputy Mayor also offered congratulations to CAO for being chosen to participate in the Governor General's Tour and noted CAO would be absent until the beginning of July.

C08-13-07 Moved by Mayor Steins, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledge as received CAO Council Resolution Status Report for June 2008 for informational purposes.

CARRIED 4-0

b) Bylaw Officer Report

Deputy Mayor noted that the Bylaw Officer has sent letters to property owners who have cleaned up their properties thanking them for doing so.

C08-13-08 Moved By Councillor Reimer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledge as received Bylaw Officer Report for April 30-May 30, 2008 for informational purposes

CARRIED 4-0

c) Public Works Superintendent Report

Councillor Reimer inquired about the composting project. CAO advised this would be beginning July 1 and further noted that the landfill attendant will be going to Whitehorse for training.

C08-13-09 Moved by Mayor Steins, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledge as received PWS Report dated May 30, 2008 for informational purposes.

CARRIED 4-0

BYLAWS

a) Bylaw 08-10, Being the "Animal Control Bylaw" – Second Reading

Upon request CAO advised that the Humane Society was involved with the development of this bylaw. CAO further noted that this bylaw along Bylaw 08-11 will be advertised for 3rd reading in the next newsletter.

C08-13-10 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Bylaw 08-10 being the "Animal Control Bylaw " be given **Second Reading**.

CARRIED 4-0

b) Bylaw 08-11 being the Petition, Referendum and Plebiscite Bylaw – Second Reading
Mayor Steins noted that this bylaw provides clarity in defining eligible voters.

C08-13-11 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Reimer that Bylaw 08-11 being the " Petition, Referendum and Plebiscite Bylaw" be given **Second Reading**.

CARRIED 4-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Tent City-Legal opinion from Lori Lavois

Councillor Kormendy read the email from Lori Lavoie for the benefit of those in the gallery. Mayor Steins inquired if the proposal was on City or YTG land and was advised that the proposal includes both and that we have focused on the City land and cannot speak or approve/decline for YG. Mayor Steins further inquired about how things are set up for the campground in town on City owned property (Gold Rush Campground)? Deputy Mayor noted that the North End Proposal is simply a group of tenters with no one

in charge and not a legal entity. Goldrush has a signed lease agreement with the City and has their own liability insurance. Councillor Reimer noted that the group is expecting an answer tonight and further noted that we should not go into business against other businesses. Councillor Reimer further noted other concerns, i.e. grey water dumping, self-policing after working long hours, as well as North End residents concerns of noise and avoiding “undesirables”? Councillor Kormendy stated “ what worked in the 70’s 80’s and 90’s doesn’t work in 2008”, and that the reality is once it is open no one has any control over who camps there.

- C08-13-12** Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Mayor Steins that Council acknowledge as received email dated Friday May 30, 2008 from Lori Lavoie, legal counsel for City of Dawson providing a legal opinion in relation to the Tent-City proposal. Council hereby directs administration not to proceed with the submitted tenting proposal in the North End.

CARRIED 3-1

b) Docks

CAO advised that the dock is partially in and there have been some difficulties with it, although everything seems fine now. There is still one section not in, but will be put in when the water level recedes. Both *Yukon Queen* and *Klondike Spirit* are using the docks and the CoD is working on a waiver, as none exists at this point. Options for the future of the docking facility were discussed including both a) not renewing the waterfront lease with YG and b) upgrading the facility.

- C08-13-13** Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Reimer that Council acknowledges receipt of verbal report from CAO regarding City of Dawson docks and instruct administration to survey stakeholders’ needs and submit draft plan and budget to Council.

CARRIED 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

a) Energy Sustainability

Mayor Steins inquired on the difference between a task force and a committee and was advised that a task force would have a specific task to solve. Mayor suggested that maybe a different title may generate more interest.

- C08-13-14** Moved by Mayor Steins, Seconded by Councillor Reimer that Council acknowledge receipt memo provided by CAO dated May 28, 2008 re: Energy Sustainability. Council directs administration to move forward with striking an Energy Sustainability Committee including Terms of Reference, reviewing options for financing, advertising for community interest and investigating alternatives for contracting with energy experts. The committee should begin meeting in early September and report to Council by Feb 28, 2009.

CARRIED 4-0

b) General Engineering

PWS is requesting approval to have EarthTech conduct thermal monitoring study so we can isolate areas of concern and methods of improving our energy consumption. Deputy Mayor suggests including Dome lot development infrastructure as well.

C08-13-15 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Reimer that Council directs administration to seek a conceptual design and quote for sustainability/energy issues in relation to our water and sewer system.

CARRIED 4-0

c) Miner's Banquet at Minto Park

Deputy Mayor reviewed the proposal. Mayor Steins inquired if there is ever any feedback from the neighbours regarding events in the park. CAO advised we do not receive complaints about noise, but do receive complaints about camping and public drinking. CAO advised that day camp is aware of the proposal and have a plan in place for day camp.

C08-13-16 Moved by Mayor Steins, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledge receipt of memo dated May 28, 2008 provided by CAO Miner's Banquet July 25, 2008. Council directs administration to proceed with proposal.

CARRIED 4-0

d) Deputy Mayor Appointment

Deputy Mayor Andrew agreed to extend to July 31, 2008.

C08-13-17 Moved by Mayor Steins, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Councillor Andrew is hereby appointed to the position of Deputy Mayor for a term to expire July 31, 2008

CARRIED 4-0

e) Office Renovation

C08-13-18 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Reimer that Council acknowledge verbal recommendation of CAO regarding office renovation proposal to add one further office space. Council provides their approval of this renovation.

CARRIED 4-0

f) Reschedule July 1 Council Meeting

C08-13-19 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Rick that July 1 Council Meeting is postponed until July 2 given the stat holiday.

CARRIED 4-0

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letter from Deputy Mayor to Minister Hart Re: Recreation Centre funding

C08-13-20 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer Council acknowledge receipt of the following correspondence for informational purposes Letter dated May 23, 2008 to Minister Hart from Deputy Mayor Diana Andrew re: Recreation Centre Funding.

CARRIED 4-0

INFORMATION

NONE

QUESTION PERIOD

C08-13-21 Moved by Councillor Reimer, Seconded by Mayor Steins that Council move to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of Question Period.

CARRIED 4-0

Joelle asked for a copy of the legal opinion. CAO advised that although generally lawyers do not wish these to be made public he could not see it being a problem for this issue. Joelle also asked for a copy of the letter from the Chamber. She was reminded that the CoD did not receive a letter of support regarding Tent City from DCCC. Joelle continued stating housing is a right and it should be more affordable. Deputy Mayor acknowledged that housing is an issue and that Tent City is a separate issue. Council is working on the year 'round housing issue. Deputy Mayor further noted that as a member of DCCC she advises that there are differing opinions amongst the DCCC membership regarding tent city proposal. Councillor Reimer asked if YG or TH has been contacted in regard to other possible locations? "No"

Francois expressed his disappointment that administration has been instructed to discontinue working on the issue. The only solution is Bonanza Gold as the Youth Hostel has "weird" rules. Deputy Mayor commended the committee for respecting the rules of Council and further noted that the group has its philosophy and Council has a job to do.

Nancy Schmidt inquired about future plans for the North End. She stated that as a resident of the North End she has seen a lot of activity and is not opposed to the public use of the site, although it needs to be regulated by some means. She advises that she regularly hikes through the area and has to beware of broken glass, excrement and other garbage.

C08-13-22 Moved by Mayor Steins Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Committee of the Whole revert to Council and proceed with the agenda.

CARRIED 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

C08-13-23 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council Meeting C08-13 be adjourned at 8:38 PM with the next scheduled meeting Tuesday June 17, 2008 at 7PM in Council Chambers.

CARRIED 4- 0

**THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C08-13 WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION #C08-14-05 AT COUNCIL MEETING #C08-14 ON June 17, 2008**

DEPUTY MAYOR
DIANA ANDREW

CAO PAUL MOORE