

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C08-22 of the Council of the City of Dawson called for 12:00 Noon on Friday September 26 , 2008 in the Town of the City of Dawson Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor John Steins
Councillor Diana Andrew
Councillor Ashley Doiron
Councillor Rick Riemer

ALSO PRESENT CAO Paul Moore
Secretary Karen Fischer

ABSENT Councillor Ed Kormendy

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Steins called the meeting to order at 12:00 NOON:

AGENDA

C08-22-01 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that the Agenda for Special Council Meeting #C08-22 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 4-0

Personnel Issue

All members present advised that they would be interested in sitting on the CAO Hiring Committee.

C08-22-02 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledge as received memo dated September 25, 2008 provided by CAO RE: CAO recruitment. Council hereby appoints the following persons to the CAO Hiring Committee; Mayor Steins, Councillor Doiron, Councillor Riemer, Councillor Andrew. Furthermore Council will approve the hiring process once the committee has met and developed this plan. The Hiring Committee will recommend a candidate to Council and Council will make the final decision on hiring for the CAO position.

CARRIED 4-0

CAO provided comment that it would be beneficial for this committee to meet immediately following Council Meeting to discuss where and how long to advertise. All members agreed to this meeting.

Yukon Queen II

Council participated in a lengthy discussion on the issue trying to balance the economic benefit of YQII and the environmental issue of damage caused by the wake of the vessel. Economic benefit is not local to Dawson but includes the communities along the highway. Council noted that *any* activity on the river has a negative environmental effect and that those against the YQII are a minority group within our community. Mayor Steins reminded all present that the group of people concerned about the effects of the YQII are members of our community too and the decision reached today must reflect their concerns as well as the economic concerns. CAO provided some clarification on the YESAA and the YESAB process noting that YESAB does not make a decision, but provides recommendations including a list of mitigation recommendations.

- C08-22-03** Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Council acknowledge receipt of memo dated September 26, 2008 from CAO re: Yukon Queen. Council hereby directs Mayor to submit a letter to YESSA indicating that the City of Dawson recognizes the economic value that Holland America has in our town and therefore supports the continued operation of the Yukon Queen II. Furthermore council believes that the mitigation requirements by instituted as early as possible.

CARRIED 4-0

Front Street Paving

CAO noted that there is no decision required at this time. He further noted that YG is planning a community open house on October 8 regarding the proposal to repair and resurface Front Street. CAO further noted and Mayor Steins emphasized that the DM of YG Dept of Highways has been very sensitive to the need to communicate with us. Council expressed concern on PB involvement on such an issue and that they are perhaps operating outside their mandate. CAO continued noting that the requirement of a development permit would bring the proposal to PB. Council was also reminded that they adopted the HMP and are moving toward implementation of this plan. Road surfaces are included as part of the HMP. There are options with paving...color change, exposed aggregate...Council was emphatic that we can't "dilly-dally" or YG will not take the time to consider our input and do what ever they want or not do anything at all. Council expressed a desire to see what YG will be including in their open house prior to the event.

- C08-22-04** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Council acknowledge receipt of memo dated September 25, 2008 from CDO re: Front Street Paving for discussion and information purposes.

CARRIED 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

- C08-22-05** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Special Council Meeting C08-22 be adjourned at 12:50 PM with the next regular meeting being Tuesday October 7, 2008 at 7PM in Council Chambers.

CARRIED 4- 0

THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING #C08-22 WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION #C08-23-05 AT COUNCIL MEETING #C08-23 ON OCTOBER 7, 2008

Originals signed by

JOHN STEINS
MAYOR

PAUL MOORE
CAO