

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C09-05 of the Council of the City of Dawson called for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 in the Town of the City of Dawson Council Chambers.

PRESENT:

Mayor	John Steins
Councillor	Diana Andrew
Councillor	Ashley Doiron
Councillor	Ed Kormendy
Councillor	Rick Riemer

ALSO PRESENT

Acting CAO	Jackie Olson
Secretary	Karen Fischer

ABSENT

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

AGENDA

C09-05-01 Moved by Councillor Riemer Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that the agenda for Council Meeting # C09-05 is adopted as amended adding under New Business d) Travel Approval and e) Yukon River Bridge and IN-Camera #15 and change Adjournment to # 16

CARRIED 5-0

C09-05-02 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council move into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of hearing Delegations.

CARRIED 5-0

DELEGATIONS

Sebastian Jones was present to address Council regarding Northern Climate ExChange. He introduced Ryan Hennessy, Community Adaptation Program Manager. Sebastian provided a brief review of community consultations noting targeted consultations with elders and youth as well as community open houses. Sebastian intends to have a draft adaptation plan available to the community for presentation at the Gold Show. He noted that Canada has recently made available \$85 million to the three territories for upgrading research facilities. Due to a very tight timeline Sebastian has submitted a proposal for a Scientific Climate Research Centre to be located in Dawson as part of the Northern Research Institute & Yukon College. Sebastian is seeking a letter of support for this endeavour. He noted the original idea of locating this in the Old Saw Mill Building, but has since learned of a proposed expansion of Yukon College Dawson Campus and feels it would be more suitable to incorporate with this, as well as there are several other viable options for use of this historic building.

Mike Perry, EMS was present to address Council regarding house numbering within the community. He reviewed a recent ambulance call in which it took 20 minutes to reach a location in the town core because of inconsistent house numbering. Had this been a life & death situation the outcome could have been death. He further noted that YG has committed to 2 Primary Care Paramedics to the community. These may not always be a local person who is familiar with the community and where everyone lives. The house numbering system must be addressed for all emergency services to perform their duties. Fire Chief noted that the hundred blocks are in place...in between must be addressed in a sensible and logical manner.

C09-05-03 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Committee of the Whole reverts to Council and proceed with the Agenda.

CARRIED 5-0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

C09-05-04 Moved by Councillor Mayor Steins, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Council direct administration to write a letter of support re: Climate Research Centre to be established in Dawson

CARRIED 5-0

C09-05-05 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Council directs administration to work with EMS to improve & establish a house numbering system in Dawson

CARRIED 5-0

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Council Meeting C09-04

C09-05-06 Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that the minutes of Council Meeting C09-04 of February 24, 2009 are approved as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

NONE

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Final Cheque registers for AP Batches #471 & 472

The following items were questioned:

Claudia Heath	wrap up MRIF reporting on ground issues at Rec Centre
Chilkoot Engineering	additional geo. survey at Rec Centre-MRIF will cover
Emco Corp	storage tank
Lightning Elec.	Electrical supplies and work at screen plant, #2 & #3 wells
Mayor Steins and Councillor Kormendy Travel	Not for the same meeting or same days. Mayor Steins attended several meetings Feb 17-19 in Whitehorse Councillor Kormendy will attend AYC Board Meeting Mar14.

C09-05-07 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that the Accounts Payable Final Cheque Registers dated

- February 25, 2009 in the amount of **\$12,581.77** covering AP Batch 471 and
- February 26, 2009 in the amount of **\$102,789.72** covering AP Batch 472

Totalling \$115,371.49 is approved for payment.

CARRIED 5-0

FINANCIAL
NONE

REPORTS

a) CAO Council Resolution Status Report

Upon request A/CAO provided info on the status of Wastewater MOA noting it is back in the hands of the program leader, who is working for a favourable solution.

Council inquired regarding legal comment on outstanding debts of former mayor re: time line etc for civil charges.

Council inquired on Rec Van status and having a van available for community use. Research options for community unit

Lot development deadline (3rd week of Feb) has passed.

Council inquired about subcommittees...comment provided that all Councillors are involved in subcommittees currently and there is no need at this point to create more committees.

- C09-05-08** Moved by Councillor Doiron Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledge as received CAO's Council Resolution Status Report dated March 2, 2009 for informational purposes.

CARRIED 5-0

b) Bylaw Report

Council noted with appreciation the Year End Report provided by Bylaw Constable and queried what the plan is for next year.

- C09-05-09** Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council move into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussion with Fire Chief in his capacity of Manager-Protective Services re: bylaw enforcement concerns.

CARRIED 5-0

Upon request M-PS noted his discussions with Bylaw Constable and her request for more training re: conflict management/resolution and bylaw enforcement consistency. Bylaw Constable wants to move forward being more pro active & educating instead of complaint driven enforcement. Bylaw dept will prioritize and focus on 5 or 6 bylaws.

It was noted that we have one constable on 35 hours/week to look after all bylaw issues and animal control. The hours are being staggered in order to have some evening/weekend enforcement, especially animal control related. Council noted the number of calls and negative dog related experiences i.e. defecation, packing and threatening behaviours of dogs. Also noted were dogs tied in front of businesses. It was noted that at this time an off leash area could be more of a hindrance than a help and further, that an off leash area should be seen as reward for people taking responsibility for their pets.

Council requests bylaw year-end report be made available to the public and further suggests highlighting a specific bylaw monthly for enforcement and education.

- C09-05-10** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Committee of the Whole reverts to Council and proceed with the agenda.

CARRIED 5-0

- C09-05-11** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Council acknowledge as received Bylaw Constable's Activity Report for Jan 26 to Feb 25,

2009 and Bylaw Enforcement Year End Report for October 29, 2007 to February 16, 2009, provided by Bylaw Constable for informational purposes.

CARRIED 5-0

c) Superintendent of Public Works Report

Council discussed options...are they prepared to pay for dock work before the outcome of CDF application is known? Will it effect the CDF application in a negative way? What is the time frame on fabrication?

C09-05-12 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledge as received Public Works Superintendent Report dated February 27, 2009 for informational purposes.

CARRIED 5-0

BYLAWS

a) Bylaw 09-07 Being the 2009 Taxation Bylaw – Second Reading

Clarification was provided regarding the removal of “Incentive for Development “ section.

C09-05-13 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Bylaw 09-07 Being 2009 Taxation Bylaw be given **second reading**.

CARRIED 5-0

b) Bylaw 09-08 being the Business License Bylaw – Second Reading

Confirmation provided that this has been provided to DCCC and their input requested.

C09-05-14 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Bylaw 09-08 being Business License Bylaw be given **Second Reading**.

CARRIED 5-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Skate Park

C09-05-15 Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council move to Committee of the Whole for the purpose fo discussion with Rec Manager re: Skate Park funding

CARRIED5-0

Rec Manager advised the CDF application has not been denied, but notes comments that other funding should be researched. She further advised that an application may be submitted to Lotteries and that Rec Board has “roll over” funds that it would put towards the project *if* it does not conflict with a Lotteries application. Funding organizations would be more favourable if the City’s allocation to the project was higher. Council inquired on the possibility of such a facility being used to host competitions. Upon request Rec Manager commented that TH does not appear to be interested in offering financial support to this project.

C09-05-16 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Committee of the Whole revert to Council and proceed with the agenda.

CARRIED5-0

Council had a brief discussion on locations and noted that although there is an unknown factor with Minto Park this is the best location, keeping youth recreation in a more suitable area of town. Council noted that although they have clearly stated that they are

concerned about the youth of the community this is the first tangible item that has been actively promoted showing this.

- C09-05-17** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledges receipt of memo dated February 27, 2009 re: skate park. Council hereby directs a further \$10, 000.00 be allocated to move this project ahead and identify Minto Park as a potential location
CARRIED 4-0-1Abstained

b) Community Garden
A/CAO confirmed location behind Trinke Zho Daycare.

- C09-05-18** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Council acknowledge receipt of memo dated February 27, 2009 re: Community Garden Project for informational purposes.
CARRIED 5-0

c) Water Meter Project
Council noted that PWS is supportive, although it was noted that to reduce winter flow will increase risk to the water/sewer system operation. A/CAO noted items that will need to be researched in order to proceed with implementing the final project. Council will be provided with info and costs prior to implementing the meter system for billing purposes.

- C09-05-19** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledge receipt of memo dated February 27, 2009 re: Utility Charges-pursuing the Metering Program. Council directs administration to proceed with the second stage of the metering program and begin monitoring water usage across Dawson and determine costs associated with the implementing the program, ensuring necessary financial and human resources are taken into consideration. Council further directs administration to research eligibility for ICSP funding.

CARRIED 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

a) Northern Climate ExChange

- C09-05-20** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledge receipt of information provided re: Northern Climate ExChange
CARRIED 5-0

b) Legion Lease

Mayor Steins turned the chair to Deputy Mayor Riemer – 8:45pm – and left the meeting for a few moments.

Council briefly discussed past RFP process with WFBuilding and noted the desire to remain consistent.

- C09-05-21** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledges receipt of memo dated February 27, 2009 re: Royal Canadian Legion Lease and postpone decision until further discussion with tenant and further information on City Property Use Policy

CARRIED 5-0

Mayor Steins resumed the Chair 8:55

c) Loose Dogs

Item sufficiently discussed in conjunction with Bylaw Constable Report

d) Travel Approval

C09-05-22 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council approves travel for Mayor's Feb 17-19 Whitehorse trip and Councillor Kormendy's trip to attend AYC board Meeting in Marsh Lake on March 14.

CARRIED 5-0

e) Yukon River Bridge

Councillor Andrew wished to bring forward discussion on a bridge across Yukon River. She noted that with Federal Infrastructure monies available there should be discussion on whether there is an appetite in the community to pursue this project again.

C09-05-23 Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council directs Mayor to begin consultation with community and YTG re: Yukon River Bridge.

CARRIED 5-0

CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

INFORMATION

NONE

C09-05-24 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council move to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of Question Period.

CARRIED 5-0

QUESTION PERIOD

Recreation Manager noted Rec Board preference for skate park is the empty lots across the road from the arena. Upon request she further noted that the tennis courts at Minto are used for both tennis and "road" hockey.

Fire Chief noted that the lots in question across from the pool are owned by YG-Education, not City owned lots.

A/CAO informed Council that the City owns the triangle of property to the south of the Bunkhouse on 2nd Ave.

Fire Chief provided comment that the bridge issue should be addressed...there are approximately 50 families located in West Dawson/Sunnydale and further that diesel from the ferry entering the river must also be considered.

C09-05-25 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Committee of the Whole revert to Council and proceed with the agenda.

CARRIED 5-0

IN CAMERA

C09-05-26 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council move to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussion. Furthermore Council directs Committee of the Whole move IN Camera as per Municipal Act (RSY 2002) section 213 (3) (b) (ii) for a period not to exceed 30 Minutes.
Time In-Camera session commences: 9:19PM
Time In –Camera session concludes: 9:35PM

CARRIED 5-0

C09-05-27 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Committee of the Whole reverts to Council and Proceed with the agenda

CARRIED 5-0

C09-05-28 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Council directs admin to seek further legal advise re: Solid Waste RFP.

CARRIED 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

C09-05-29 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council Meeting C09-05 be adjourned at 9:37 PM with the next scheduled meeting Tuesday March 17, 2009 at 7PM in Council Chambers.

CARRIED 5-0

THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C09-05 WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION #C09-06-04 AT COUNCIL MEETING #C09-06 ON March 17, 2009.

Originals signed by

John Steins
MAYOR

Jackie Olson
A/CAO