

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING #C10-11 of the Council of the City of Dawson called for 12:00 Noon Monday March 1, 2010 in the Town of the City of Dawson Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Jenkins
Councillor Rick Riemer
Councillor Wayne Potoroka

ALSO PRESENT A/CAO Scott Widmeyer
Secretary Karen Fischer

ABSENT Councillor Stephen Johnson

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 12:03PM.

AGENDA

C10-11-01 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that the agenda for Special Council Meeting # C10-11 is adopted as presented
CARRIED 3-0

1. YESAA Submission – Slinky Mine

It was noted that CAO worked on the submission all week end and the submission is balanced and addresses the issues. A number of concerns are noted in the submission including set backs from residential properties and bylaw requirements. It was noted that this submission can only comment on the application, not on submissions provided by citizens. Addressing previous comments re: the cost of engaging legal services at this time – the cost would be 20-25k to research pertinent rules and there is no one available to undertake the project on short notice.

C10-11-02 Moved by Councillor Riemer Seconded by Councillor Potoroka, that Council directs administration to forward to YESAA Dawson Designated Office the City of Dawson submission re: Slinky Placer Mine (YESAA file # 2009-00125) as presented.
CARRIED 3-0

C10-11-03 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that Council move to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussion.
CARRIED 3-0

Community members in the gallery inquired when the submission would be public. The submission will be sent off following the meeting.

Lindsay Brown commented that it is difficult to make suggestions when it is passed. He noted that the claims are contiguous, the only one not contiguous is at the bottom where the water is and a document will be signed with the other claim holder.

There was discussion amongst gallery re: dates surrounding staking of the claims, zoning bylaw and Mr. Carey's acquisition of the claims.

There was further discussion regarding costs of fighting the mining and Council was advised that while the City may be looking at 20-25k, each of the homes on the Dome is in the neighbourhood of 200k

Councillor Potoroka provided a review of the City of Dawson submission and noted that the Waterboard would be the next big hurdle.

It was again noted that the City of Dawson must only provide comment on the initial submission of Mr. Carey, not on the comments citizens and that Council must represent all the residents of the community.

Sylvia Burkhard inquired why the city charged money for lots knowing there are mining claims in the vicinity and not have a contingency plan. Now, the City needs more lots and an application has been made for the same area. Ms. Burkhard was advised that the recent application was from YG, not the City. The City did develop the original lots and it was not anticipated that mining would continue, but now the situation has changed and the price of gold is high, making mining the property more viable.

Jim Taggart took the opportunity to remind all present that YESAA is not a decision body; they provide a recommendation only.

Glenda Bolt expressed her appreciation for the work done on this issue and encouraged councillors to invite the mining industry to submit comments on the social, economic and environmental benefits of mining this area. She noted that there are a lot of community voices, the voices of the constituents stating their thoughts and concerns and providing clear direction to their elected officials.

Shirley Pennell provided comment that there is the broader issue of mining within any municipal boundary. She queried if the residents are not successful will this again go onto the back burner or will we; First Nation, YG, Federal and Municipal Governments get together and put the issue to bed.

Council noted that the 4 levels of government will have to work together and that the City is registering their thoughts that residents should have the right to quiet enjoyment of their home and property.

It was confirmed that this item is on the AYC agenda.
Dome residents invited municipal officials to visit their property to see how the, or any proposed mining, would effect their properties.

Council inquired if TH has been requested to prepare a submission and was advised that TH is preparing their submission.

C10-11-04 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that Committee of the Whole revert to Council and proceed the agenda.

CARRIED 3-0

ADJOURNMENT

C10-11-05 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that Council Meeting C10-11 be adjourned at 12:58 PM with the next scheduled meeting being Wednesday March 10, 2010 at 7PM in Council Chambers

CARRIED 3-0

**THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C10-11 WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION #C10-13-05 AT COUNCIL MEETING #C10-13 ON MARCH 10, 2010.**

Peter Jenkins
MAYOR

Jeff Renaud
For/
A/CAO
Scott Widmeyer