

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C11-03 of the Council of the City of Dawson called for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 in the Town of the City of Dawson Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Rick Riemer
Mayor Peter Jenkins (by telephone)
Councillor Stephen Johnson
Councillor Bill Kendrick

ALSO PRESENT: CAO Jeff Renaud
Secretary Chelsea Parent
A/Secretary Nadia Sollosy

ABSENT: Councillor Wayne Potoroka

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

AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- i) Water Delivery Proposal

C11-03-01 Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Kendrick that the agenda for Council Meeting #C11-03 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED 4-0

C11-03-02 Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Kendrick that Council move into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of hearing delegations.

CARRIED 4-0

DELEGATIONS

John Steins thanked Council for their quick response regarding the Water and Sewer Subsidy error. Mr. Steins stated he would like to discuss some issues concerning the Water and Sewer Subsidy, comparison between a Bed & Breakfast (B & B) and a rental suite, and the lack of definitions in the Water and Sewer Bylaw. Mr. Steins stated that in his opinion, there is no subsidy for qualifying residents who pay their Water and Sewer invoices; and believes there is a penalty/surcharge for non-qualifying residents who do not live in the area. Mr. Steins requested that Council keep his opinion in mind when reviewing the subsidy program. Mr. Steins requested that Council explain the differences between a B & B and a rental suite. Mr. Steins stated that a B & B is invoiced \$135.00 for Water and Sewer per rentable room a year; whereas, a rental suite is invoiced \$800.00 a year before discounts. Mr. Steins proceeded to explain that some B & B's operate for only three (3) months out of the year, and later revert to a rental suite for the remaining nine (9) months of the year and yet still manage to pay \$135.00 year round. Mr. Steins explained that these differences and discrepancies are unreasonable, and requested that Council review this issue sometime in the near future. Mr. Steins also noted that within Bylaw #06-17 Water and Sewer Bylaw, many definitions are missing such as: definitions for a B & B, boarding house, boarding room, and an inn.

Council thanked Mr. Steins for bringing his concerns forward. It was noted that a B & B room is similar to a hotel room, in which they do not have cooking facilities.

C11-03-03 Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Kendrick that the Committee of the Whole reverts to Council and proceeds with the agenda

CARRIED 4-0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

Council stated the Water and Sewer Bylaw will be reviewed at the next Bylaw and Policy Review Committee meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Council meeting C10-38

C11-03-04 Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Kendrick that the Minutes of Council Meeting C10-38 of November 24, 2010 are approved as presented.
CARRIED 4-0

Council meeting C10-39

C11-03-05 Moved by Councillor Kendrick, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Minutes of Council Meeting C10-39 of December 8, 2010 are approved as presented.
CARRIED 4-0

Special Council meeting C10-40

C11-03-06 Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Kendrick that the Minutes of Special Council Meeting C10-40 of December 15, 2010 are approved as presented.
CARRIED 4-0

Special Council meeting C11-02

It was noted that Resolution #C11-02-03 is missing a sentence.

Amendment: include the following after \$270,500.00, 'and the addition of \$245,500.00 for Water and Sewer subsidy program and \$25,000.00'...

C11-03-07 Moved by Councillor Kendrick, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Minutes of Special Council Meeting C11-02 of January 19, 2011 are approved as amended.
CARRIED 4-0

HAC Meeting HA10-20 & HA10-22

C11-03-08 Moved by Mayor Jenkins, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Minutes of HAC Meeting HA10-20 of September 15, 2010, and HA10-22 of October 4, 2010 are accepted as presented.
CARRIED 4-0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

NONE

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Final Cheque register for AP Batch 552, #1 & #2

The following items were questioned:

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| B4085 | Bull, Housser & Tupper LLP | 2 invoices relating to: outstanding issues with former Mayor, and advice/services rendered regarding CIBC building |
| E0849 | ED Repair | cheque lost in mail – issued new cheque |
| R3502 | Rpay | recertification for Pool staff |
| N2780 | Northwestel Wireless | Public Works phone for Dec |
| AONR001 | Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc. | majority of insurance premiums for 2011 |
| GUIL001 | Guillevin International Inc. | Public Works power supply unit burned out |

C11-03-09 Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Kendrick that the Accounts Payable Final Cheque Register's dated January 20, 2011, in the amount of:

- **\$148,557.76** covering AP Batch 552; and
- **\$134,563.46** Covering AP Batch #1 & #2;
- For a total of **\$283,121.22** is approved for payment.

CARRIED 4-0

FINANCIAL

Variance Report as of December 31, 2010

CAO stated this report should not be considered as yearend totals. CAO also noted that Administration is still receiving 2010 invoices.

Council queried whether this report was generated from the old accounting system. CAO stated that it was, and once the new accounting system is fully operational, variance reports will be illustrated slightly different than they are now.

It was noted the 2011 Provisional Budget was generated on the new accounting software.

It was also noted the repairs to the Recreation Centre appear higher than anticipated. CAO agreed and explained that Administration is reviewing past bills to see whether costs were incorrectly coded.

C11-03-10 Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Mayor Jenkins that Council acknowledges receipt of the Variance Report as of December 31, 2010 for information purposes.

CARRIED 4-0

REPORTS

a) CAO Report

The following items were discussed:

- i. Council addressed the Water and Sewer Subsidy, stating that the content enclosed in the CAO's report is accurate.

C11-03-11 Moved by Mayor Jenkins, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council acknowledges receipt of the CAO Report from January 10, 2011 to January 21, 2011 provided for informational purposes.

CARRIED 4-0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS

NONE

BYLAWS

CAO stated this bylaw derives from Special Council Meeting C11-02 of January 19, 2011, where Council directed Administration to prepare a bylaw which will result, upon final passing, legislative changes required to allow the City of Dawson to cease providing the service of Water Delivery.

It was noted that over the last three (3) years, Water Delivery has been in the process of being phasing out. Water delivery recipients were initially invoiced 55%, then 70%, and currently 85%. It was also noted that it is now approaching cost recovery.

C11-03-12 Moved by Mayor Jenkins, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Bylaw #11-02 being the Water and Sewer Amendment No. 2 be given **First Reading**.

CARRIED 4-0

C11-03-13 Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Kendrick that Administration send a letter to all persons on the City of Dawson Water Delivery list indicating that the City will be getting out of the Water Delivery business should the Water & Sewer Bylaw receive assent at Third Reading.

CARRIED 4-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Hockey Tournament Fees

It was noted the Rental Agreement Form was Tabled from a 2010 Council meeting. Council briefly discussed the issue in which the janitorial services came under review.

C11-03-14 Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Kendrick that Council acknowledges receipt of Memo dated January 26, 2011 from the Recreation Manager, and agrees to a weekend ice rental rate of \$750.00 which includes normal janitorial services.

CARRIED 4-0

b) Subdivision Application

It was noted the Subdivision Application for Lot 1067 was Tabled, due to receiving approval from Yukon Government to which an acceptable highway access route be installed to both parcels. CAO stated that the access route has now been approved and subsequently installed.

C11-03-15 Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Mayor Jenkins that Council acknowledges receipt of memo dated January 21, 2011 from CDO re Subdivision Request from John and Gail Hendley, and accepts the plan to divide Lot 1067 in which the Yukon Government has approved an acceptable access route to both parcels subject to the following conditions: receipt of subdivision plan done by a Canadian Land Surveyor, certificate of non-encroachment for dwelling units/septic fields/and power lines.

CARRIED 3-1

NEW BUSINESS

a) Canadian Forces

Council briefly discussed past welcoming events.

C11-03-16 Moved by Councillor Kendrick, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council acknowledges receipt of e-mail dated December 11, 2010 from Captain Nancy Silver re visit to Dawson City and agrees to host a welcoming group to honour the arrival of 56 Canadian Forces members to Dawson City.

CARRIED 4-0

b) Dawson Cemetery

Council requested whether additional information can be provided before a decision is established.

C11-03-17 Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Kendrick that Council acknowledges receipt of letter dated November 26, 2010 from Lisa-Marie Vowk re Outstanding Costs for the Exhuming of Peter Vowk from Dawson Cemetery.

CARRIED 4-0

c) Quarry Permit Application

Councillor Kendrick queried how long quarry permits are valid for.

C11-03-18 Moved by Mayor Jenkins, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council acknowledges receipt of Memo dated January 6, 2011 from CDO re Gammie Quarry Permit Application and hereby approves the issuance of a quarry permit to Gammie Trucking Ltd. to the area east of Lot 1121 in Callison.

CARRIED 4-0

d) Water Delivery Proposal

CAO referred to Bylaw #06-17 Water & Sewer Bylaw, Section F, Water Delivery.

Councillor Kendrick stated Water Delivery is an issue for the town. Councillor Kendrick also noted that should the contract be retendered, there is nothing committing the City to agree and issue the tender. It will also allow Administration to negotiate a possible excellent rate.

Council stated that Administration is to retender the contract.

CAO left Council Chambers at 8:34PM.
CAO returned to Council Chambers at 8:35PM.

Council briefly discussed what the RFP would entail.

C11-03-19 Moved by Councillor Kendrick, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council direct Administration to issue a request for proposals for the provision of Water Delivery services.

CARRIED 3-1

CORRESPONDENCE

C11-03-20 Moved by Councillor Kendrick, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council acknowledges receipt of the following correspondence:

- Letter dated November 8, 2010 from Yukon Land Use Planning Council re Senior Land Use Planner; and
- Letter dated November 19, 2010 from Minister Archie Lang re Appointment of Project Manager for the Art and Margaret Fry Recreation Centre; and
- Letter dated December 1, 2010 from Kathryn Johnson re City Christmas lights; and
- Letter received December 6, 2010 from Mrs. Daniele McRae re Water Delivery; and
- E-mail dated January 13, 2011 from Jim Taggart re Community Services and development permits; and
- E-mail dated January 13, 2011 from Shirley Pennell re Water and Sewer Bylaw

CARRIED 4-0

INFORMATION

Hockey – Dawson Nuggets and Ottawa Senators Alumni

Council noted the community is very excited for this event.

C11-03-21 Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Kendrick that Council acknowledges receipt of the following information:

- Action Resolution Tracking Items for January 2011; and
- AYC Board meeting Report of December 11, 2010; and
- Email dated January 7, 2011 from Dan Baikie re update on Dawson Nuggets and Ottawa Senators Alumni; and
- E-mail dated January 21, 2011 from Northwestel re Dawson City Internet update

provided for informational purposes.

CARRIED 4-0

QUESTION PERIOD

C11-03-22 Moved by Councillor Kendrick, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council move to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of Question Period.

CARRIED 4-0

Ken Snider requested clarification on the Water and Sewer subsidy for seniors.

CAO noted that the subsidy was removed from the Provisional Budget at the December 15, 2010 Special Council meeting. At such time, Administration could not guarantee whether a subsidy will be given to residents, thus, the subsidy comment was removed from the City's invoices. CAO also noted that a Special Council meeting was later held on January 19, 2011, at which time the funds were allocated back to the subsidy fund.

Dan Davidson commented on the Northwestel letter. Mr. Davidson noted that residents received a separate letter from Northwestel, mentioning why some Dawson residents were experiencing interrupted internet service, but it looks as though two (2) different reasons were given in each letter.

CAO noted that he has been in communication with Northwestel, and they have expressed their desire to attend a public Council meeting and address such questions.

Suzanne Saito queried whether the Water and Sewer subsidy for seniors will be revisited.

Council stated the entire Water and Sewer Bylaw needs to be rewritten.

Ms. Saito noted that many organizations offer a senior's rate, and recommends that the City do the same. Ms. Saito suggested that the term, subsidy, is generic and recommends changing the wording. Ms. Saito suggested changing the wording to a, senior's rate, year-round rate, and a regular rate. Ms. Saito also suggested that should the City decide to eliminate the subsidy, perhaps each resident's invoice be increased by the same amount.

Council thanked Ms. Saito for her suggestions, and noted that Bylaw #06-17 will be on agenda at the next Bylaw & Policy Committee Meeting.

Ms. Saito also noted that Council agendas should be posted on the City's webpage.

CAO noted that Administration has been short staffed recently, which resulted in the delay with posting the Agenda on the City's website.

Colleen Smith queried how actual costs can be discussed and reviewed, when the City has undergone a change in financial software, which may alter the actual costs.

It was noted the City has some substantial figures to work with.

Ms. Smith queried the location of Ms. Kathy Webster's letter. It was noted she had written a letter to the City and requested that it be on this agenda, which it has not.

CAO noted that the oversight was not intentional, and advised that Ms. Webster's letter will be included on the next Council Agenda.

Mr. Ken Snider commented that if Council were able to convince the Ottawa Senators Alumni that they were in fact the current Ottawa Senators team, the Dawson Nuggets chances for a victory would be increased.

Mayor Jenkins queried whether all 230 Dawson residents who were affected by the interrupted Internet service, will receive a one (1) month credit on their invoices.

CAO stated he does not have confirmation, but noted that many residents have received notices in their mailbox.

C11-03-23 Moved by Councillor Kendrick, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Committee of the Whole reverts to Council and proceed with the agenda.

CARRIED 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

C11-03-24 Moved by Councillor Kendrick, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council Meeting C11-03 be adjourned at 9:03 PM with the next scheduled meeting being Wednesday February 9, 2011 at 7PM in the Council Chambers.

CARRIED 4-0

THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING C10-38 WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION #C11-03-04; MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING C10-39 WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION #C11-03-05; MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING C10-40 WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION #C11-03-06; AND THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING C11-02 WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION #C11-03-07 AT COUNCIL MEETING C11-03 OF January 26, 2010.

Originals signed by
Peter Jenkins
MAYOR

Originals signed by
Jeff Renaud
CAO