

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C11-04** of the Council of the City of Dawson called for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 in the Town of the City of Dawson Council Chambers.

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Peter Jenkins  
Councillor Rick Riemer  
Councillor Stephen Johnson  
Councillor Wayne Potoroka

**ALSO PRESENT:** CAO Jeff Renaud  
Secretary Chelsea Parent

**ABSENT:** Councillor Bill Kendrick

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

**AGENDA**

**C11-04-01** Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that the agenda for Council Meeting #C11-04 be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED 4-0**

**C11-04-02** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that Council move into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of hearing delegations.

**CARRIED 4-0**

**DELEGATIONS**

Councillor Johnson stepped down from the Council table to present as Construction Manager for Corix Systems.

Stephen Johnson wished to apprise Council of upcoming plans with reference to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Johnson stated that excavation on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue is scheduled to commence in the middle of March 2011, and is expected to continue for approximately two (2) weeks. Mr. Johnson also noted that three (3) contractors will be assisting with this project: Gammie Trucking Ltd. will be undertaking the excavation, Skookum Asphalt Ltd. will be carrying out piping works, and Canadian Dewatering L.P. will be looking after the dewatering aspect. Mr. Johnson stated that the work will be done as quickly and safely as possible.

Mr. Johnson provided a diagram for Council to review, which outlined where the temporary by-pass will be placed.

Council queried whether Corix has a back up plan should the temporary by-passes give way. Mr. Johnson noted there will plenty of extra materials available should such a thing happen.

Council queried where the excavation will occur. Mr. Johnson noted the excavation will result in a temporary road closure along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Church Street to Turner Street. It was noted that traffic will not be disrupted on said streets and there will be local access to the Wastewater Screening Plant, Ambulance building, and to the Parks Canada Office.

Council queried when the construction to the new Hospital will commence. Mr. Johnson stated it will occur sometime at the end of March 2011.

Council expressed their appreciation for Corix coming to Council and keeping them updated.

Councillor Johnson resumed his position at the Council table.

Mark Wickham presented a PowerPoint presentation to Council regarding the Klondike Development Organization (KDO). Mr. Wickham stated that KDO's mission is to focus on multi-stakeholder collaboration by diversifying and strengthening the local economic base through: strategies and services aimed at retaining and growing a healthy business base, increasing access to equity investment capital, strengthening economic and social sectors, and addressing strategic gaps in services. Mr. Wickham stated there will be three (3) surveys to be circulated around town, focusing on housing within Dawson. Mr. Wickham noted there will be a launch party on Thursday, February 17, 2011, at the KIAC Ballroom.

Council queried whether the Yukon Government (YG) has participated in any of KDO's discussions or meetings. Mr. Wickham stated that YG, Economic Development, is considerably supportive as they attend meetings and partake in discussions.

Council noted that YG is one of the largest employers in the Yukon Territory, and it seems as though many key positions are located in Whitehorse, and not within the area in which such positions are to support.

Diana Andrews addressed Council and explained that one of her roles is lobbying to YG for better local service delivery. Ms. Andrews stated that receiving services out of Whitehorse once a month or once every quarter is not sufficient for the community.

Council also noted that post-secondary education in Trades are lacking in Dawson. It was queried whether education is part of the KDO's mandate. Mr. Wickham stated that research will support such concerns.

Laura Prentice was present to address Council concerning the YG Draft Dome Development Agreement. Ms. Prentice noted the agreement is intended to clarify the roles and responsibilities, along with the financial responsibilities between YG and the City of Dawson. Ms. Prentice explained that YG will handle the development component and the City will handle the planning processes. Ms. Prentice stated the development standard is approximately two (2) years. Ms. Prentice noted once the agreement is in place, geotechnical and heritage planning will commence.

Council indicated that most of the land proposed in the agreement is outside of the municipal boundaries, and requested whether YG can proceed with these developments on their own initiatives. Ms. Prentice stated that YG would like to work with Dawson as the proposed developments are close to the municipality, and perhaps expand their boundaries.

Council stated that two (2) years for development is too long. Council queried what is happening with the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue proposed developments in East Dawson. Council also queried whether there is scope for moving a Planner to Dawson to expedite the planning for the proposed developments. Ms. Prentice noted there are really good consulting firms for hire which can assist in the planning, but noted that some planning will require staff attention.

Council explained the issues concerning the North End lots. It was suggested that said lots be upgraded to meet resident needs, such as elevating the lots.

Councillor Riemer left Council Chambers at 8:11 PM  
Councillor Riemer returned to Council Chambers at 8:12 PM

Ms. Prentice stated she has made note of Council's comments and concerns, and will forward them to her counterparts at YG.

**C11-04-03** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that the Committee of the Whole reverts to Council and proceeds with the agenda  
**CARRIED 4-0**

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS**

### YG Draft Dome Development Agreement

Council stated that two (2) years is too long for development in Dawson. It was noted that development needs to be expedited now. It was relayed that many residents were excited about the proposed lots on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, as they possess competing scenic views. Council requested that Ms. Laura Prentice lobby to YG that the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue lots are an ideal development.

It was noted that a Committee meeting concerning this agreement is to take place as soon as possible.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### Council meeting C11-03

It was noted under Question Period, that Dan Davidson's comments regarding the Northwestel letters were recorded incorrectly.

Amendment: Letters to both the City and residents did mention why some Dawson residents were experiencing interrupted internet service, but it looks as though two (2) different reasons were given in each letter.

**C11-04-04** Moved by Councillor Potoroka, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Minutes of Council Meeting C11-03 of January 26, 2011, are approved as amended.  
**CARRIED 4-0**

### HAC Meeting HA10-24, HA10-25, HA10-26

**C11-04-05** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Minutes of HAC Meeting HA10-24 of November 1, 2010, and HA10-25 of November 16, 2010, and HA10-26 of December 6, 2010 are received as information.  
**CARRIED 4-0**

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## BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

### Council Meeting C11-03

It was noted that Administration is assisting with coordinating the Canadian Forces attaches trip to Dawson in June 2011. It was also noted that the Rangers have assisted with such requests in previous years.

### HAC Meeting HA10-24

Council requested clarification on the 'perfect packages'. CAO noted he would follow up with the Community Development Officer (CDO).

### HAC Meeting HA10-25

Council queried how Administration is dealing with the tarp sheds around town. CAO noted the CDO is assisting and working with residents on this matter. It was noted there is a property in the North End whose tarp shed extends out on City property. CAO noted he will notify the CDO.

Council also queried whether the changes to the SOVA building windows have been agreed to. CAO noted he will follow up with the CDO.

### HAC Meeting HA10-26

Council addressed the concern Mr. Greg Hakonson brought before the HAC. It was noted such meetings are open to the public and residents are welcomed to stay during the entire meeting.

With reference to the garbage stands, it was noted there was miscommunication between departments which resulted in overlooking HAC guidelines.

Council queried whether the funds have spent regarding the banners. CAO noted that purchase orders were placed earlier in the day.

## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

### Final Cheque register for AP Batch 553, 554, and 555

The following items were questioned:

G1366	Grunt Action Ent.	Awaiting OHS certification before anyone is allowed on the roof to clear snow
A0525	AECOM Canada Ltd.	CAO to follow up with Public Works

**C11-04-06** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that the Accounts Payable Final Cheque Register's dated February 3, 2011, in the amount of:

- **\$1,911.00** covering AP Batch 553; and
- **\$159,979.18** Covering AP Batch #554; and
- **\$99,929.87** Covering AP Batch #555;
- For a total of **\$261,820.05** is approved for payment.

**CARRIED 4-0**

## FINANCIAL

NONE

## REPORTS

a) CAO Report

The following items were discussed:

- i. CAO verbally added the new accounting system found additional revenue within City accounts as the previous system had glitches which did not generate accounts properly.
- ii. Council queried whether the City has the capacity to develop lots within the municipality.
- iii. Council expressed their interest in speaking with Mr. Curtis Shaw from Northwestel.
- iv. Council queried the outcome of the EMO exercise. CAO noted these exercises are prudent in testing staff skills should a real disaster occur.
- v. Council queried the status of the garbage stands. CAO stated he has been in contact with OHS and stated they are in support of the City's desire stance to bring up safety concerns. CAO also noted he has been working on a new Garbage Bylaw which incorporates current best practises, and hopes to submit to the next Bylaw & Policy Committee as soon as possible.

**C11-04-07** Moved by Councillor Potoroka, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council acknowledges receipt of the CAO Report from January 21, 2011 to February 4, 2011 provided for informational purposes.

**CARRIED 4-0**

b) CDO Report

The following items were discussed:

Mayor Jenkins left Council Chambers at 8:42PM.

- i. Council queried the status of the Hospital Corp. Development permit. CAO noted the Hospital Corp did receive a Development Permit, but had to provide new drawings showing the HAC's requested changes.

Mayor Jenkins returned to Council Chambers at 8:44PM.

**C11-04-08** Moved by Councillor Potoroka, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledges receipt of the CDO Report for February 2011, provided for informational purposes.

**CARRIED 4-0**

c) Fire Chief Report

The following items were discussed:

- i. Council noted that many people have expressed their gratitude with the Fire Chief's involvement with the Hockey Night in Canada games.
- ii. Council queried the status of the House Numbering project. CAO noted the map layout is complete and will be provided to Council later in the week.

**C11-04-09** Moved by Councillor Potoroka, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council acknowledges receipt of the Fire Chief's Report for February 2011, provided for informational purposes.

**CARRIED 4-0**

d) Recreation Manager Report

The following items were discussed:

- i. Council queried whether the noted Recreation programs are currently operating. CAO noted all programs are operational and offered to provide a report outlining each program attendances.

**C11-04-10** Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledges receipt of the Recreation Manager's Report for February 2011, provided for informational purposes.

**CARRIED 4-0**

e) Superintendent of Public Works Report

The following items were discussed:

- i. It was noted the Superintendent of Public Works will receive the finalized drawings for the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue excavation in due time.
- ii. Council queried the status of the Korbo Apartment buildings. CAO noted he has been discussing the construction/demolition waste concerns with the Superintendent, and also noted the new draft Garbage bylaw addresses some of those concerns.
- iii. Council queried the status of the Quigley Landfill negotiations. CAO noted some recent media coverage has resulted in resuming such negotiations.

**C11-04-11** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council acknowledges receipt of the Superintendent of Public Works Report for February 2011, provided for informational purposes.

**CARRIED 4-0**

f) Bylaw Officer

The following items were discussed:

- i. It was noted that nuisance animals are those who bark, howl, or run at large, as opposed to aggressive dog bites, etc.
- ii. Council requested a report illustrating how many people were in favour and/or against the proposed off-leash area in town. It was noted the topic can be discussed further at a Bylaw & Policy Committee Meeting.
- iii. It was noted there is interest in amending the Traffic Bylaw.

**C11-04-12** Moved by Councillor Potoroka, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council acknowledges receipt of Bylaw Officer's 2010 Year End Report and the February 2011 Report, provided for informational purposes.

**CARRIED 4-0**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS**

NONE

**BYLAWS**

NONE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

a) YG Draft Dome Development Agreement

It was the consensus to discuss the Agreement further at a Committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that Council acknowledges receipt of Memo dated February 4, 2011 from the CDO re YG Draft Dome Development Agreement, and approves the Agreement as presented.

**TABLED**

b) Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition System (SCADA)

Council queried the necessity and urgency for this upgrade. It was noted the current computer is drastically out-dated and incompatible with newer components. It was suggested to replace this system as soon as possible.

**C11-04-13** Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that Council acknowledges receipt of Memo dated February 1, 2011 from CAO re Funding for a new Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition System (SCADA), and approves the immediate upgrading of the SCADA system to a standard to match that being installed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant with funding to a maximum of **\$30,000** to be drawn from the Public Works Reserve.

**CARRIED 4-0**

c) Appointment to AYC Board of Directors

It was suggested to Table this motion as Councillor Kendrick is not in attendance and had previously expressed interest in becoming a representative to the AYC Board of Directors.

Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council acknowledges receipt of Memo dated February 1, 2011 from CAO re Appointment of Dawson City Representatives, and appoints Councillor/Mayor to serve as its representative to the AYC Board of Directors and requests that the CAO modify the AYC Executive Director of this Appointment.

**TABLED**

d) Winter 2011 Community Grants

**C11-04-14** Moved by Councillor Potoroka, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledges receipt of Memo dated February 4, 2011 from the CDO re Winter 2011 Community Grants, and adopts the recommendation of the Community Grants Committee and approves the issuance of Community Grants in the following amounts:

- Oldtimers Hockey (Nuggets vs. Senators) in the amount of **\$1,000**; and
- Dawson City Hockey Assoc. (Senior Tournament) **\$1,000**;
- Klondike Visitors Assoc. (Thaw-di-gras) **\$1,000**;
- Conservation Klondike Assoc. (Agriculture Conference) **\$1,000**;
- DC Music Festival (2011 Music Festival) **\$3,000**;
- DC Cross-Country Ski Club (Yukon River ski trails) **\$1,000**;
- Yukon Quest (Meal vouchers) **\$675**;
- Percy de Wolfe (2011 race) **\$1,000**;
- Adult Indoor Soccer (Equipment) **\$2,000**;
- DC Muay Thai (Equipment and training) **\$1,000**;

For a combined total of **\$12,675**.

**CARRIED 4-0**

e) RCMP Request for donation

Council stated the Dawson RCMP Detachment have an exceptional team and deserve the support.

**C11-04-15** Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledges receipt of letter dated received at the City of Dawson Office on January 27, 2011 from the RCMP re August 2011 RCMP Regimental Ball and agrees to fund **\$1,500** for the event.

**CARRIED 4-0**

## CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that Administration and Council should better communicate proposed changes to its Bylaws, as many residents continue to send in letters to the City for fear that their water and sewer rates will increase.

- C11-04-16** Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that Council acknowledges receipt of the following correspondence:
- Letter dated January 11, 2011 from Barbara Hanulik re Water and Sewer Bylaw; and
  - Letter received at the City of Dawson Office on January 12, 2011 from Kathy Webster re Utility schedule.

**CARRIED 4-0**

## INFORMATION

NONE

## QUESTION PERIOD

- C11-04-17** Moved by Councillor Potoroka, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council move to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of Question Period.

**CARRIED 4-0**

Dan Davidson provided information to Council in regards to the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce Meeting which took place earlier in the day. Mr. Davidson noted that many members discussed encouraging Yukon Housing to maintain the Korbo building instead of demolishing it.

It was noted that one of the reasons and or suggestions for maintaining the building is to retrofit it as part of the Yukon College project, in which it could be turned into residences for SOVA, Yukon College students, and staff.

Mr. Davidson added that no official decision came to pass, but stated that no one was opposed to the idea.

- C11-04-18** Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Committee of the Whole reverts to Council and proceed with the agenda.

**CARRIED 4-0**

## ADJOURNMENT

- C11-04-19** Moved by Councillor Potoroka, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council Meeting C11-04 be adjourned at 9:22 PM with the next scheduled meeting being Wednesday February 23, 2011 at 7PM in the Council Chambers.

**CARRIED 4-0**

**THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING C11-03 WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION #C11-04-04; AT COUNCIL MEETING C11-04 OF February 9, 2011.**

**Originals signed by**  
Peter Jenkins  
MAYOR

**Originals signed by**  
Jeff Renaud  
CAO