

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C11-20 of the Council of the City of Dawson called for 7:00p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 in the Town of the City of Dawson Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Jenkins
Councillor Wayne Potoroka
Councillor Stephen Johnson
Councillor Bill Kendrick

ALSO PRESENT: CAO Jeff Renaud
Secretary Chelsea Parent

ABSENT Councillor Rick Riemer

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

ACCEPTANCE OF ADDENDUM AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

C11-20-01 Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that the agenda for Council Meeting #C11-20 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED 4-0

DELEGATIONS

C11-20-02 Moved by Councillor Potoroka, Seconded by Councillor Kendrick that Council move into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of hearing delegations.

CARRIED 4-0

Ms. Michelle Caws was present to address Council regarding the new Hospital and its plans to staff the facility. Ms. Caws stated it was confirmed that the new Hospital is approximately one (1) year away from opening its doors. Ms. Caws added she was informed that the Primary Health Care Nurses, which provide emergency room services, will be replaced by general duty nurses. Ms. Caws stated general duty nursing does not allow for any diagnosing, which could be a hindrance for Dawson. Ms. Caws requested that when the Yukon Hospital Corporation (YHC) assembles another public consultation, if Council could encourage YHC to maintain a familiar health care model.

It was noted the community has been promised an improved level of care, but Ms. Caws stated she is unsure if that promise will come to fruition as the physicians will be expected to fill in and commute to other communities such as Mayo and Old Crow.

Mr. John Robertson was present to address Council regarding the Water and Sewer Bylaw, specifically washing machines charges, disconnect and reconnect fees and services for redeveloping properties. Mr. Robertson requested that Council address the wide variation in water consumption for individual users. Mr. Robertson added in his opinion, the consumption is billed in very broad categories which may lead to discrepancies in cost for levels of service. Mr. Robertson identified that his apartment sized washing machine is being billed at a cost of \$680

as opposed to a commercial kitchen which is billed at \$520. Mr. Robertson stated the consumption and the charges are not nearly related, to which Mr. Robertson added the charge is also the same for a laundromat and for large hotels.

Mr. Robertson noted the increased fees for disconnecting and reconnecting the water service are unreasonable. Mr. Robertson requested that Council rethink these fees as disconnecting the service is good for both the building as well as the pipes.

Mr. Robertson addressed the discrepancies with water charges pertaining to a lot that already has access to the service and is not expected to commence payment until the service has been turned on; whereas for redeveloping a property which a house ceases to exist on it is required to either pay for the disconnect and reconnect of the service or pay for the service year round. Mr. Robertson stated that redeveloping a property should have the same privileges as the lot that already has access to the service.

It was noted that Mr. Robertson's concerns pertaining to the washing machine charges are valid. It was noted the water disconnect and reconnect fees were set in 1981.

CAO left Council Chambers at 7:34PM.
CAO returned to Council Chambers at 7:35PM.

It was also noted that Council has committed to revisiting the rates for the new year.

CAO left Council Chambers at 7:37PM.
CAO returned to Council Chambers at 7:39PM.

It was noted the City does not have a water metering system, and unfortunately the costs have to be recovered.

CAO left Council Chambers at 7:46PM.
CAO returned to Council Chambers at 7:48PM.

Councillor Kendrick stepped down from his position as a Councillor at 7:51PM, in order to address Council as a delegate.

Mr. William Kendrick was present to address Council regarding a complex issue with his property located in the North End of town. Mr. Kendrick stated he is requesting that the City either transfer the balance of lot 3, lot 4 and lot 5 to him or allow him to purchase the balance of lot 3 and lot 4. Mr. Kendrick added that he has received two (2) heritage grants. In addition, Mr. Kendrick noted that he is requesting to being granted lot 5 as the City's Policy #11 being the Sale of Unserviceable lots, prohibits the sale of full unserviceable lots. Mr. Kendrick also added that the City is recommending the option of purchasing the remainder of lot 3 and lot 4 and to investigate lease options for lot 5.

Council inquired about whether Mr. Kendrick is interested in legally resurveying all the land in question into a new lot with a caveat on the title to not subdivide it at all.

Mr. Kendrick stated he would be amenable to such an option.

It was noted that Mr. Kendrick's request is a unique circumstance, which will require a thorough investigation into all viable options prior to any recommendations being considered at this time.

Councillor Kendrick resumed his seat on Council at 8:16PM.

C11-20-03 Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Kendrick that Council accepts the topic of **Regularly Scheduled Meetings of Council**, as a time sensitive item pursuant to Section 7(1) of Bylaw #11-12 being the Council Proceedings Bylaw, and adds this item under Business Arising from the Minutes.
CARRIED 4-0

C11-20-04 Moved by Councillor Kendrick, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that Council waive the notice of requirement and accepts **Ms. Carla Mather's** presentation as an addendum to the agenda to be added under Delegations.
CARRIED 4-0

Ms. Carla Mather was present to address Council regarding her estimate for a water and sewer service as well as requesting assistance by proposing a payment schedule for amortizing the material for installation on said service. Ms. Mather clarified that she has hired a private crew to install the materials and is only requesting assistance for the materials itself.

The CAO stated that it appears Administration was under the assumption that the City would be managing the installation. The CAO added that since Ms. Mather has already hired a private crew to install the service, it was suggested that the remaining issue can be handled at the Administration level.

C11-20-05 Moved by Councillor Kendrick, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that Committee of the Whole reverts to Council and proceeds with the agenda.
CARRIED 4-0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

Ms. Michelle Caws

C11-20-06 Moved by Councillor Potoroka, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council invites the CEO of Yukon Hospital Corporation (YHC) and a senior official from Health and Social Services (H&SS) to update Council on staffing levels and service delivery models at the new Dawson City Hospital.
CARRIED 4-0

CAO left Council Chambers at 8:31PM.
CAO returned to Council Chambers at 8:33PM.

Mr. John Robertson

C11-20-07 Moved by Councillor Potoroka, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council directs Administration to prepare an amendment to Bylaw #11-03 being the Water and Sewer Bylaw, that changes the cost for water and or sewer disconnect or reconnect charge to a minimum of one (1) hour for two employees and one (1) hour equipment or actual cost if greater.
CARRIED 4-0

Councillor Kendrick declared a conflict of interest and stepped down from his position as a Councillor at 8:52PM.

Mr. William Kendrick

Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Mayor Jenkins that Council acknowledges receipt of Letter dated August 9, 2011, from William Kendrick re North End Property Issue at lots 3 and 4 Block G, Plan 8338S, Government Addition, along with Memo dated August 16, 2011, from the Community Development Officer re Petition for Land Right Addition, and allows Mr. Kendrick to keep the land he currently owns and directs the CAO to offer Mr. Kendrick the purchase rights of the remainder of lot 3 and lot 4 and to explore lease options for lot 5.

TABLED

Councillor Kendrick resumed his seat on Council at 8:54PM.

PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS

NONE

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Council Meeting C11-19

It was noted on page 2, that 'ay' be amended to 'at'.

Amendment: CAO left Council Chambers at 7:50PM and immediately returned.

It was also noted that the spelling of Ms. Kissoun's name is incorrect, and shall be amended throughout the minutes.

Amendment: Ms. Don Kisoun

It was noted on page 7, under Question Period, second sentence, that 'would' be amended to 'could'.

Amendment: Council stated that should the request be approved, it would require an amendment to the bylaw which **could** take several months.

C11-20-08 Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that the Minutes of Council Meeting C11-19 of August 10, 2011, are approved as amended.

CARRIED 4-0

HAC Meeting HA11-13

C11-20-09 Moved by Councillor Kendrick, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Minutes of HAC Meeting HA11-13 of July 18, 2011, are received as information.

CARRIED 4-0

Recreation Board Meeting R11-15

C11-20-10 Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that the minutes of the Recreation Board Meeting R11-12 of August 1, 2011, are received as information.

CARRIED 4-0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

C11-20-11 Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that Council hereby establishes 7PM on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month as the date and time for regular meetings of Council for the remainder of 2011.

CARRIED 4-0

Council Meeting C11-19

It was requested that the TABLED items pertaining to Whitehouse Motel Ltd., and the Klondike Spirit Tours Inc., be addressed during the next Bylaw and Policy Committee Meeting.

It was noted that a public consultation should take place prior to any amendments being considered in the zoning bylaw.

Moved by Councillor Potoroka, Seconded by Councillor Kendrick, whereas Council is interested in exploring housing options for Dawson City;

Be it resolved that Council directs administration to bring forward a bylaw amendment that would provide for garden suites as a discretionary use for areas zoned RS, TS1 or Core Commercial;

Be it resolved that between first and second reading of the bylaw, administration set up public consultations before September 30, 2011, to receive input on this matter;

Be it resolved that between first and second reading of the bylaw, administration takes great care to study concerns expressed by the Public Works Superintendent;

Be it resolved that between first and second reading of the bylaw, administration consider and report on such matters related to garden suites as bylaw enforcement, parking, fire concerns, water and sewer billing, historical appearance and policing;

Be it resolved that the administration work closely with the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) on possible heritage impacts of garden suites, including lot siting, appearance, impact on surrounding development, and any other matter the HAC deems worthy.

TABLED

CAO left Council Chambers at 9:22PM.

CAO returned to Council Chambers at 9:23PM.

Mayor Jenkins left Council Chambers at 9:32PM, and immediately returned.

C11-20-12 Moved by Councillor Kendrick, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council direct Administration to organize a public meeting on the subject of garden suites before September 30th, 2011.

CARRIED 4-0

REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

NONE

FINANCIAL AND BUDGET REPORTS

C11-20-13 Moved by Councillor Potoroka, Seconded by Councillor Kendrick that Council acknowledges receipt of the Variance Report as of August 12, 2011, for informational purposes.

CARRIED 4-0

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Final Cheque register dated August 24, 2011

The following cheques were questioned:

Cheque #	Vendor Name	Further information
42903	Lawson Lundell LLP	The CAO stated the City has put forth their final position and is currently waiting to hear back from the other side.

C11-20-14 Moved by Councillor Potoroka, Seconded by Councillor Kendrick that the Accounts Payable Final Cheque Register dated August 24, 2011, in the amount of **\$47,325.90** is approved for payment.

CARRIED 4-0

SPECIAL MEETING, COMMITTEE, AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a) CAO Report

C11-20-15 Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Kendrick that Council Meeting C11-20 be extended for a period not to exceed one (1) hour.

CARRIED 4-0

C11-20-16 Moved by Councillor Potoroka, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council acknowledges receipt of the CAO's Report dated August 19, 2011, provided for informational purposes.

CARRIED 4-0

b) Recreation Manager Report

- C11-20-17** Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Kendrick that Council acknowledges receipt of the Recreation Manager's Report for August 2011, provided for informational purposes.

CARRIED 4-0

BY-LAWS

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- C11-20-18** Moved by Councillor Johnson, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that Council acknowledges receipt of the following correspondence:
- Letter dated August 1, 2011, from the Heritage Advisory Committee re Tarp sheds.

CARRIED 4-0

INFORMATION

- C11-20-19** Moved by Councillor Kendrick, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that Council acknowledges receipt of the following information:
- Letter dated August 9, 2011, from the KVA re 2010 Community Grants Fund;
 - Letter dated August 10, 2011, from John Robertson re Water and Sewer Bylaw;
 - Project Status Report dated August 11, 2011, from Catherine Harwood, YG re Dawson Waste Water Treatment Plant;
 - Letter dated August 5, 2011, from the Minister of Justice, Marian Horne re RCMP Dawson Detachment.

CARRIED 4-0

- C11-20-20** Moved by Councillor Potoroka, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council allow the release of the previously approved **\$1500** Community Grant to the Klondike Visitors Association for their 2010 Yukon Gold Panning Championship event.

CARRIED 4-0

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- C11-20-21** 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

Ms. Carla Mather stated that should the promise of better health care not come to fruition, how and who should residents approach with their concerns.

Council stated that they have passed a resolution to seek out answers to such concerns.

CAO left Council Chambers at 10:06PM.

Ms. Mather stated that with her past experience as an Emergency Medical Technician as well as her personal experience receiving medical care in Dawson, she has received the best training and care than what could ever be provided in a large city center.

CAO returned to Council Chambers at 10:08PM.

Council agreed that the Yukon Territory has some of the best health care services in Canada.

C11-20-22 Moved by Councillor Potoroka, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Committee of the Whole reverts to Council and proceeds with the Agenda.

CARRIED 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

C11-20-23 Moved by Councillor Kendrick, Seconded by Councillor Potoroka that Council Meeting C11-20 be adjourned at 10:13PM with the next regular scheduled meeting being Wednesday, September 14th, 2011, at 7PM in the Council Chambers.

CARRIED 4-0

**THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING C11-19 WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION #C11-20-08 AT COUNCIL MEETING C11-20 OF August 24, 2011.**

Originals signed by
Peter Jenkins
MAYOR

Originals signed by
Jeff Renaud
CAO