



**REGULAR COUNCIL
APRIL 26, 2010
3:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Lantz
Councillor Lori Ackerman
Councillor Trevor Bolin
Councillor Larry Evans
Councillor Don Irwin

ALSO PRESENT: Dianne Hunter, City Manager
Janet Prestley, Director of Legislative and Administrative Services
Jim Rogers, Director of Protective Services
Victor Shopland, Director of Infrastructure and Capital Works
Laura Sanders, Director of Finance
Don Demers, Director of Public Works
Grace Fika, Manager of Human Resources
Debra Law, RCMP Support Manager
Pat Egan, RCMP Inspector

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

Mayor Lantz congratulated the Fort St. John Flyers on their Allan Cup win on the weekend. Council is very proud of the Flyers for their undefeated record in this tournament.

2. Notice of New Business:

None

3. Adoption of Agenda by Consensus:

The April 26, 2010 Regular Council meeting agenda was adopted by consensus.

4. Recommendations from Committee of the Whole Meeting:

None

5. Adoption of Minutes:

April 12, 2010 Regular Council Meeting

RESOLUTION NO. 165/10
MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT, minutes of the April 12, 2010 Regular Council Meeting be adopted.”

CARRIED

6. **Business Arising Out of the Minutes:**

BC Transit Annual Operating Agreement

The Director of Infrastructure and Capital Works provided confirmation on the size of the new buses which will be provided by BC Transit. He reported that there will be three buses being replaced with an additional one for a spare. The new buses are 35 feet in length and are completely assessable to allow handicapped users to ride the bus.

7. **Presentations and Delegations:**

Sports Storage Facility

Connie Richter and Gail Weber

Ms. Weber thanked the City for the \$35,000 loan for the grant application to construct a community sports league building. She reported that the grant was declined by the Province, therefore, presented Council with a cheque to reimburse the loan. This cheque includes \$30.70 in interest that the group received on the loan.

Ms. Weber confirmed that the group has not looked into other funding opportunities at this time although there may be an opportunity to apply for a NPEDC grant.

Council commended the delegation on their initiative to provide a solution for local organization's storage space needs.

Day of Mourning

Julie Romine and Robert McGuire

Ms. Romine explained that this day is to acknowledge workers killed, injured or disabled on the job. She noted this year's campaign is "worker injury or death harms families". To promote this day, there will be a walk on April 28 at noon from City Hall to Centennial Park and invited the public to participate. A chili lunch will be served and transportation will be available to drive people back up to City Hall if they desire.

RESOLUTION NO. 166/10
MOVED/SECONDED

"THAT, April 28, 2010 be proclaimed "Day of Mourning" in the City of Fort St. John in recognition of workers that have been killed, injured or disabled on the job."

CARRIED

Ministry of Forests – Peace Forest District

Dale Morgan – District Manager

Mr. Morgan reported that the Ministry of Forests was established in 1912 and will be 100 years old in 2012. He mentioned that the Peace River District is comprised of 7.2 million hectares and there are 2 timber supply areas in this area. Mr. Morgan provided statistics on the types of trees within the timber supply areas and reported that the Chetwynd Mill has been reopened.

Mr. Morgan noted that the economic outlook in forestry is brighter than it has been in the last few years. There were 204 job positions that were eliminated in the Ministry throughout the Province which reflects the economic downturn. In 2009, there was \$58.33 million in revenue generated which was the lowest revenue amount in 10 years. He reported that stumpage rates went from \$24.76 per cubic meter in 1999 to \$3.34 in 2009. These figures are for the northern interior as a whole which reflects that the mountain pine beetle has decreased wood value. The impact

7. **Presentations and Delegations:**

Ministry of Forests – Peace Forest District (Continued)

Dale Morgan – District Manager

on the forest industry in this area will be less than in other areas of the Province due to the mountain pine beetle.

Mr. Morgan mentioned that the oilfield industry is inadvertently assisting the forestry industry since they are constructing rural roads that forestry can use to log timber. Mr. Morgan announced that the Ministry has established a North East Managers Committee which allows coordinated planning for the region with a variety of different ministries participating on the committee. This approach will result in timber license approvals being completed in a more timely fashion.

The Ministry asking licensees to target pine beetle stands at 70% within each timber supply area. Focusing on the removal of this type of wood will allow for reforestation. The Ministry does not have a program to cut trees and replant unless there is a forest fire.

9. **Correspondence:**

Archer

Charlie Lake Archaeological Project

Archer provided notification to the City that research funding for the proposed Charlie Lake Archaeological Project was declined. Archer and Northern Lights College are developing an Archaeological Assistant Program that will be offered later this year. The letter was received for information.

Fort St. John Energy Expo - May 26 and 27, 2010

Exhibitor's Registration and Sponsorship Opportunity

The City Manager suggested that Council may wish to participate in this expo to promote the City's Energy Conference in October. Discussion took place regarding sponsorship and hosting a booth at the expo.

RESOLUTION NO. 167/10
MOVED/SECONDED

"THAT, the City be a platinum sponsor for the Fort St. John Energy Expo on May 26 and 27, 2010 at the Pomeroy Hotel in Fort St. John to promote the City's Energy Conference, AND FURTHER THAT, staff allocate the \$5,000 expense to the appropriate account."

CARRIED

10. **Council Information Package Adoption:**

Administration Report No. 94/10

Council Information Package - April 26, 2010

RESOLUTION NO. 168/10
MOVED/SECONDED

"THAT, the Council Information Package for April 26, 2010 be received for information."

CARRIED

10. Council Information Package Adoption:

Communities in Bloom

WinterLights Celebrations Competition

Mayor Lantz mentioned that the letter from Communities in Bloom indicates that the summer and winter programs will be combined due to the economic climate and the inability for some communities to be able to financially participate in both programs. The WinterLights program will be discontinued after the 2009/10 year.

RESOLUTION NO. 169/10
MOVED/SECONDED

"THAT, the letter from Communities in Bloom be referred to the local Communities in Bloom Committee for their comments."

CARRIED

Local Government Leadership Academy

2010 Leadership Forum

Mayor Lantz asked if staff would be attending this conference. The City Manager mentioned that no one from Administration is planning to attend at this time. Discussion took place regarding selection of Council and staff to attend this forum.

Councillor Evans indicated interest in attending. Council asked staff to obtain additional information regarding presenters and conference content and to provide this information at the next meeting.

11. Reports by Mayor and Council on Meetings and Liaison Responsibilities:

Administration Report No. 95/10

Council Conference Reports to April 26, 2010

RESOLUTION NO. 170/10
MOVED/SECONDED

"THAT, the Council Conference Reports to April 26, 2010 be received for information."

CARRIED

Mayor Lantz attended:

- 2010 Allan Cup opening ceremonies
- Site C announcement
- Meeting with BC Hydro's Chairperson and CEO in Vancouver
- City's Community Awards presentation
- Annual CKNL Trade Show and worked the City booth
- Denny Morrison's homecoming
- Northern Health community roundtable
- Big Brothers/Sister Bowl-a-thon event. The Mayor reported that the District of Taylor won the community challenge.

11. Reports by Mayor and Council on Meetings and Liaison Responsibilities:

Councillor Irwin attended:

- City's Community Awards
- Annual CKNL Trade Show and worked the City booth
- UNBC Advisory Meeting
- Denny Morrison homecoming
- The final Flyers game at which time they won the Allan Cup

Councillor Irwin reminded the audience that the North Peace Leisure Pool is currently closed and will reopen on June 6.

The City Manager mentioned that the garbage container that was on display at the Trade Show was the wrong size since it was 360 litres rather than 250 litres. The displayed can was larger than what will be supplied to residents this summer.

Councillor Evans attended:

- Save Our Northern Seniors meeting
- A Museum meeting and noted that May 15 will be the second gala celebration recognizing the 100th anniversary of police building. This gala will take place at the Lido.
- Kids Arena Committee meeting
- Northern Health Board meeting
- "Art That Moves You" promotion
- Mayor's Disability Advisory Committee meeting
- Denny Morrison's homecoming
- The Flyer's winning Allan Cup game

Councillor Evans participated in the City's booth at the Trade Show. He suggested that non-profit organizations should be allowed to participate as part of the City's booth since there are organizations that can't afford to rent a booth such as Big Brothers/Sisters and SONS.

Spirit of the Peace Pow Wow Society

Request for Letter of Support

RESOLUTION NO. 171/10

MOVED/SECONDED

"THAT, Council provide a letter of support to the Treaty 8 Tribal Association for the 2010 Spirit of the Peace Pow Wow being held from June 18 to 20, 2010 in Taylor, BC."

CARRIED

Councillor Ackerman attended:

- City's Community Awards
- Annual CKNL Tradeshow and participated in the City's booth
- The apartment fire on 93 Avenue. The Provincial Emergency Plan arranged the evacuation of 63 people from the apartment fire and Councillor Ackerman commended the emergency personnel who were very well coordinated considering there was another fire happening at the same time in another area of the City.
- Northern Development Initiative Trust Board meeting
- Regional District Board meeting
- The final Allan Cup game for the Flyers
- Big Brothers/Sisters Bowl-a-thon

11. Reports by Mayor and Council on Meetings and Liaison Responsibilities:

Councillor Bolin attended:

- Denny Morrison's homecoming,
- The Annual CKNL Tradeshow and participated in the City's booth,
- Kid's Arena Committee meeting.

Councillor Bolin thanked Councillor Ackerman for filling in for him at Big Brothers/Sisters Bowl-a-thon since he was unable to attend.

12. Reports from City Manager and Administration:

Administration Report No. 96/10

BC Hydro Meeting

RESOLUTION NO. 172/10
MOVED/SECONDED

"THAT, the following Telephone Survey Poll conducted on April 15, 2010 be ratified:
THAT, Council authorizes Mayor Lantz and the City Manager to attend a meeting with BC Hydro officials in Vancouver, BC on April 21, 2010."

CARRIED

Administration Report No. 97/10

Fort St. John Curling Club Lease Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. 173/10
MOVED/SECONDED

"THAT, Council authorizes the Mayor and the Director of Legislative and Administrative Services to sign the lease agreement for a five year term with the Fort St. John Curling Club for Lot 1 Section 31 Township 83 Range 18 West of the Sixth Meridian Peace River District Plan 25780."

CARRIED

Administration Report No. 99/10

Hook Lift Truck Tender

RESOLUTION NO. 174/10
MOVED/SECONDED

"THAT, the tender for the Hook Lift Truck be awarded to the low bidder, Gear O Rama Supply Limited, Dawson Creek BC for the tendered amount of \$277,751.93."

CARRIED

Administration Report No. 100/10

Motor Grader Tender

RESOLUTION NO. 175/10
MOVED/SECONDED

"THAT, the tender for the Motor Grader be awarded to the lowest bidder meeting the minimum specifications, Brandt Tractor Ltd, Fort St. John for the tendered amount of \$220,962.00."

CARRIED

12. Reports from City Manager and Administration:

Administration Report No. 102/10

Transport Canada: Rail Freight Service Review

RESOLUTION NO. 176/10
MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT, Council authorizes staff to send a letter to the Rail Freight Service Review Panel for Transport Canada concerning the absence of adequate rail service in the Peace region.”

CARRIED

Administration Report No. 103/10

Snow Removal Procedures (Task Force)

Councillor Ackerman thanked the volunteers and City staff for providing these recommendations.

RESOLUTION NO. 177/10
MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT, City staff be authorized to revise the current snow removal policy and present the revised policy for Council’s consideration.”

AND FURTHER THAT, staff make changes to the City of Fort St. John’s snow removal procedures to accommodate the revised snow removal policy.”

CARRIED

13. Works in Progress:

The Works in Progress schedules to April 26, 2010 were received for information.

Kids Arena Committee

Councillor Irwin requested an update regarding the Kid’s Arena request for proposal. Councillor Evans reported that the City received four proposals and the Committee shortlisted these to two organizations. These two organizations will be making a presentation to the Committee later this week.

14. Bylaws:

Administration Report No. 98/10

Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 2033, 2010

RESOLUTION NO. 178/10
MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT, Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 2033, 2010 be read for the first three times by title only.”

CARRIED

14. Bylaws:

Administration Report No. 101/10

Tax Rates Bylaw No. 2034, 2010

RESOLUTION NO. 179/10

MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT, Tax Rates Bylaw No. 2034, 2010 be read for the first three times by title only.”

CARRIED

15. New Business:

Council Calendar

The Council Calendar was received for information.

16. Questions from the Media:

There were no questions from the media.

17. Notice of Motion:

None

The meeting recessed at 4:15 p.m. and reconvened at 5:04 p.m.

18. Resolution to Move to Closed Meeting:

RESOLUTION NO. 180/10

MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT, Council Move to the Closed Council Meeting for the purpose of discussing matters that pertain to:

- 1(e) The acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interest of the municipality;
- 2(b) The consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.”

CARRIED

The meeting recessed at 5:05 p.m. and reconvened at 6:02 p.m.

The RCMP Inspector and RCMP Support Manager were not present for this portion of the meeting.

The meeting recessed at 6:02 p.m. and reconvened at 6:08 p.m.

8. **Public and Statutory Hearings and Public Meetings:**

Lane Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication Bylaw No. 2028, 2010

Steve Moore Lane Closure Application

RESOLUTION NO. 181/10
MOVED/SECONDED

"THAT, the Public Hearing with respect to Lane Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication Bylaw No. 2028, 2010 be received."

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 182/10
MOVED/SECONDED

"THAT, Lane Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication Bylaw No. 2028 be adopted by title only."

CARRIED

Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2032, 2010

Environmental Sustainability

RESOLUTION NO. 183/10
MOVED/SECONDED

"THAT, the public hearing report for Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 2032, 2010 be received."

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 184/10
MOVED/SECONDED

"THAT, Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 2032, 2010 be read for a third time and adopted by title only."

CARRIED

19. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Confirmed by Council this 10th day of May, 2010

**CERTIFIED CORRECT IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 124 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER**

BRUCE LANTZ, MAYOR

JANET PRESTLEY, DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE
AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES