

DISTRICT OF CHETWYND

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

- Date:** March 7, 2011
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers
- Present:** Deputy Mayor Norris
Coun. Nichols
Coun. Nicholson
Coun. Roberts
Coun. Weaver
- D. Fleming, Chief Administrative Officer
J. Disher, Director of Corporate Administration
W. Caldwell, Director of Financial Administration
R. Crisfield, Director of Engineering & Public Works
R. Rusjan, Director of Parks & Recreation
L. Howes, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration
- Absent:** Mayor Saugstad
Coun. Maisey
- Press:** Naomi Larsen, Chetwynd Echo
Dustin Grant, Peace FM
- Public:** Judy Vezina
Laura Weisgerber
Lorraine Schockenmaier
Greg Schockenmaier
Pat Borton
David Sawchuk
Scott Parrish, Woodland Log Sort Yards Ltd.
Tarla Moore, Woodland Log Sort Yards Ltd.
Doug Milner, Grizzco Camp Services
Andy Andersen, Grizzco Camp Services
Dave Milner, 3754 Old Hart Wabi Road
Kim Forrest, Moberly Lake Construction
Mel Deck, 45th Avenue Resident
Fred Robertson, 45th Avenue Resident
Leanne Robertson, 45th Avenue Resident
Cindy Langford, 45th Avenue Neighbourhood
David Sawchuk, 45th Avenue Neighbourhood
Dana Wilfur, Hillside Avenue Neighbourhood
Matt Cupples, 5129 – 45th Avenue
Melody Cupples, 5129 – 45th Avenue
Andrea Wilfur, 5140 – 45th Avenue

Colin McIntyre, 5300 Hillside Avenue
Ernest Guillet, 4440 – 53rd Street
Don Hicks, Hillside Neighbourhood
Daniel Rothlisberger, 4444 – 53rd Street
Paul Sawchuk, 5409 Hillside Avenue
Cam Willis, 5124 – 45th Avenue
Kristin Willis, 5124 – 45th Avenue

- 1. Call to Order** Deputy Mayor Norris called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. and a blessing was invoked on the proceedings.
- 2. Adoption of Agenda** MOVED by Coun. Roberts, SECONDED by Coun. Weaver
THAT the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for March 7, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED
- 3. Minutes**

 - 3 (a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
MOVED by Coun. Nicholson, SECONDED by Coun. Roberts
THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 21, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED
 - 3 (b) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting
MOVED by Coun. Roberts, SECONDED by Coun. Weaver
THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on February 21, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED
 - 3 (c) Minutes of the Social Issues Committee Meeting
MOVED by Coun. Nichols, SECONDED by Coun. Weaver
THAT the minutes of the Social Issues Committee Meeting held on December 6, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Delegations and/or Presentations

Public Presentation regarding District of Chetwynd Highway Closure Bylaw No. 933

Deputy Mayor Norris advised that the Notice of Highway Closure for the proposed “District of Chetwynd Highway Closure Bylaw No. 933, 2011” had been advertised to provide the public with an opportunity to make public representations to Council at this time. There being no comments received from members of the public in attendance, Council noted that the bylaw would be given third reading under Bylaws – Item 5 (a).

5. Bylaws

5 (a)
***0039/03/11

MOVED by Coun. Roberts, SECONDED by Coun. Weaver

Bylaw No. 933, 2011

THAT Bylaw No. 933, 2011 cited as the “District of Chetwynd Highway Closure Bylaw No. 933, 2011” be given third reading.

CARRIED***

5 (b)
***0040/03/11

MOVED by Coun. Nichols, SECONDED by Coun. Roberts

Bylaw No. 934, 2011

THAT Bylaw No. 934, 2011 cited as the “District of Chetwynd Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 934, 2011 (Woodland Log Sort Yards Ltd.)” be given third reading.

CARRIED***

6. Council Committee Reports

6 (a)
Regional District Report
0400.70.02

Mayor Saugstad submitted the following written report from the February 24, 2011 Regional District meeting:

“Health District

Issue was raised that UNBC student nurses do not receive any reimbursement when they do their practicums. PRRD to ask Northern Health if some type of remuneration can be forthcoming to incorporate more nurses into the program (reduce their costs).

D-1 Delegation (former NRAHTA group) requesting that PRRD fund their proposal to develop an application for declaring the Alaska Highway as a Heritage Site. Estimated cost over four years is \$1.2 million. Proposal will be discussed at March 10th budget meeting.

- D-2 Teck resource presentation advising that they are working on a feasibility study for the former Windy/Willow Coal Mines:
- 3 – 3.5 million tonnes of clean coal/year for 15 – 17 years.
 - Working under Mines Act permit (as per the Environmental Assessment Act), given that the mine already has a permit in place (needs updating).
 - Hope for government approval by 4th Quarter 2011 with full operations by 2013.
 - Would require 350 – 400 employees.
- C-3 PRRD to request a meeting with the RCMP and Coroners' Service to discuss the "next of kin" notification process after a traffic accident.
- C-4 PRRD to send letter in support of MLA Lekstrom's "Road Maintenance" letter.
- R-7 Send resolution to NCLGA requesting that UBCM not schedule Ministers' meetings during resolution debates.
- R-8 Extend Eco-Depot recycling contract one year.
- R-9 Give one year notice to Society that runs the Charlie Lake Fire Department that the PRRD will cancel the contract with the Society and prepare a report on what the options going forward will be.
- R-12 There wasn't unanimous support for the Regional Sustainability Initiative. As a result, \$20,000 will be put into the 2011 budget to carry on with the Task group and look at options for 2012.
- B-2 1st and 2nd readings for changes to the General Definitions and in the Light and General Industrial zone designations.
- B-9 Waste management – approve new dumping fees (about 12% increase) and new definition of un-secured load (2x fees if load ruled in non-compliance). New fees are required to keep the balance between taxpayer and user contributions. Changes are to be advertised and a phase-in period of the un-secured load rule."

MOVED by Coun. Nichols, SECONDED by Coun. Roberts

THAT Mayor Saugstad's written Regional District Report, dated February 24, 2011, be received.

CARRIED

6 (b)
Community
Improvements
Committee
0540.20.20
and
Spirit Committee
0540.20.22

Councillor Roberts submitted the following written reports, dated March 7, 2011, for the Community Improvements and Spirit Committees:

Community Improvements Committee

“This year the Communities In Bloom Program will be changed up. It will be year round program to focus on expanded participation overall. We are registered in CIB for this year and will know by the end of March who our judges are and when they will be here. As a committee we were sorry to see the wrap up of Winterlights. We will continue to operate our programs on a summer and winter schedule, just to give us the break in programming that we need to switch back and forth. We are looking forward to what the new yearly program will offer. National Awards Ceremonies hosted this year by the National Battlefields Commission in Quebec City, Quebec on October 26th to the 29th.

CIB Programs will be advertised at the Chetwynd Tradeshow on April 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

Adopt a Bench Program is in place and 3 benches have been purchased to date.

Chainsaw Carving Competition is scheduled for June 9th to 12th and preparations are on track and going well.

Our next meeting will be April 4th at 1 pm in the Committee Room”.

Spirit Committee

“Spirit Week had a number of activities happening. Free swimming, free skating, Baldie climb and skating Rotary Oval to name a few.

Congratulations to the Chamber of Commerce for hosting a wonderful Civic Night. It was well attended and went off without a hitch. Congratulations to all the winners and Honorable Mentions. Thank you to the entertainers for their time to help make the evening a success.

West Moberly First Nations held their Winter Spirit Festival Feb 25th & 26th. With the weather being so cold I’m sure most of the weekend was spent indoors”.

MOVED by Coun. Roberts, SECONDED by Coun. Nichols

THAT Councillor Roberts’ written Community Improvements Committee & Spirit Committee Reports, dated March 7, 2011, be received.

CARRIED

6 (c) Deputy Mayor Norris noted that the Federal Government is investing \$40 million for rural doctors in rural areas, \$6 million of which will go to British Columbia.
Health Services
0540.20.19

MOVED by Coun. Nicholson, SECONDED by Coun. Roberts

THAT Deputy Mayor Norris' verbal Health Services Committee Report be received.

CARRIED

6 (d) No report.
Social Issues
0540.20.21

6 (e) No report.
Mayor's Report
0550.04

7. Correspondence – Discussion

7 (a) MOVED by Coun. Nichols, SECONDED by Coun. Roberts

***0041/03/11

BC Hydro –
Application for
an Investigative
Use Permit for
the Proposed
Sundance
Substation
0510.20.01

THAT the email from the Ministry of Natural Resource Operations, dated February 23, 2011, re: BC Hydro – Application for an Investigative Use Permit for the Proposed Sundance Substation (Project No. 56783-59291), be received; and

THAT Council advise Administration of any comments it wishes to have forwarded to the Ministry of Natural Resource Operations, Crown Land Authorizations, regarding British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority's Application for an Investigative Use Permit for the Proposed Sundance Substation (Project No. 56783-59291).

CARRIED***

7 (b)
***0042/03/11
BC Hydro –
Crown Grant
Utility
Application for
Proposed
Sundance
Substation
0510.20.01

MOVED by Coun. Nichols, SECONDED by Coun. Nicholson

THAT the email from the Ministry of Natural Resource Operations, dated February 23, 2011, re: BC Hydro – Crown Grant Utility Application for the Proposed Sundance Substation (Project No. 56783-62311), be received; and

THAT Council advise Administration of any comments it wishes to have forwarded to the Ministry of Natural Resource Operations, Crown Land Authorizations, regarding British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority's Crown Grant Utility Application for the Proposed Sundance Substation (Project No. 56783-62311).

CARRIED***

7 (c)
***0043/03/11
Harley Owners
Group – Pine
River Chapter –
Venue for 3rd
Annual Show
and Shine
0230.50.01

MOVED by Coun. Roberts, SECONDED by Coun. Weaver

THAT the letter from the Harley Owners Group – Pine River Chapter, dated February 24, 2011, re: Venue for 3rd Annual Show and Shine, June 11, 2011, be received; and

THAT the Harley Owners Group – Pine River Chapter be advised to make application to the District of Chetwynd for a 'Parade and Special Event' permit as required under Street and Traffic Regulation Bylaw No. 909, 2009 in order to use 51st Street and 50th Avenue as the venue for the 3rd Annual Show and Shine on June 11, 2011.

CARRIED***

7 (d)
***0044/03/11
NPEDC –
Information
Sharing Meeting
with CN Rail
0510.20.05

MOVED by Coun. Weaver, SECONDED by Coun. Roberts

THAT the emails from the North Peace Economic Development Commission, dated February 19 & March 1, 2011, re: Information Sharing Meeting with CN Rail, Fort St. John, BC, March 15, 2011, be received; and

THAT a member of Council be authorized to attend the North Peace Economic Development Commission's Information Sharing Meeting with CN Rail in Fort St. John, BC on March 15, 2011.

CARRIED***

7 (e) MOVED by Coun. Roberts, SECONDED by Coun. Weaver
***0045/03/11
7th Annual Dr. THAT the invitation from the Northern Medical Society, received February
Bob Ewert 18, 2011, re: 7th Annual Dr. Bob Ewert Memorial Lecture & Dinner, Prince
Memorial George, BC, April 2, 2011, be received; and
Lecture &
Dinner THAT Mayor Saugstad or an alternate be authorized to attend the 7th Annual
0400.90.04 Dr. Bob Ewert Memorial Lecture & Dinner in Prince George, BC on April 2,
2011.

CARRIED***

8. Correspondence – Information

8 (a) MOVED by Coun. Roberts, SECONDED by Coun. Weaver
PRRD – Referral
– Zoning THAT the email from the Peace River Regional District, dated February 17,
Amendment 2011, re: Referral – Zoning Amendment Bylaw – Commercial and Industrial
Bylaw Zones within Bylaw No. 1343, 2001, be received for information; and
0400.70.04

8 (b) THAT the email from the Peace River Regional District, dated February 17,
PRRD – Referral 2011, re: Referral – Rezoning for Shell Gas Plant in the West Peace Area, be
– Shell Rezoning received for information; and
0400.70.04

8 (c) THAT the newsletter from the Peace River Regional District, undated, re:
PRRD Highlights from the PRRHD and PRRD Board Meetings held February 10,
Newsletter 2011, be received for information; and
0400.70.02

8 (d) THAT the newsletter from the North Central Local Government Association,
NCLGA dated February 2011, re: NCLGA Connector – Issue No. 92, be received for
Connector information; and
0230.40.03

8 (e) THAT the emails from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated
FCM February 17 & 23, 2011, re: FCM Newsletters for the Weeks of February 14
Newsletters & 21, be received for information; and
0230.20.02

8 (f) THAT the email from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated
FCM News February 28, 2011, re: Breaking News – Comprehensive Economic and Trade
0230.20.02 Agreement, be received for information; and

- 8 (g) THAT the news release from Northern Health, dated February 14, 2011, re: NH – Imagine Grants
0400.100.03
- 8 (h) THAT the news release from Northern Health, dated February 17, 2011, re: NH – Aboriginal Carving
0400.100.03
- 8 (i) THAT the letter from the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign Association, received March 1, 2011, re: Appreciation for Pledge Made to the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign, be received for information; and
0400.50.03
- 8 (j) THAT the email from the Canadian Electrical Stewardship Association, dated February 16, 2011, re: Upcoming BC Small Appliance Recycling Program, be received for information; and
0230.30.01
- 8 (k) THAT the newsletters from the Central Interior Logging Association, dated February 18 & 26, 2011, re: FactsFAX – Weekly Log-Harvesting Industry Update, be received for information; and
6850.20.01
- 8 (l) THAT the email from the BC Citizens for Green Energy, dated February 24, 2011, re: BCCGE Applauds BC Hydro’s \$6 Billion Regeneration Plan, be received for information; and
0510.20.01
- 8 (m) THAT the email from the BC Sustainable Energy Association, dated February 24, 2011, re: Appreciation for Membership Renewal, be received for information; and
0230.30.22
- 8 (n) THAT the email from the Dokie General Partnership, dated March 2, 2011, re: Dokie Wind Energy Project – Operation Date Achieved, be received for information.
6850.70.04 CARRIED

9. Correspondence – Information Items

Information Items I-1 – I-38
0570.02

MOVED by Coun. Nicholson, SECONDED by Coun. Roberts

THAT Information Items I-1 to I-38 be received for information.

CARRIED

10. Reports – Discussion

10 (a)
Temporary
Commercial &
Industrial Permit
Application –
Moberly Lake
Construction Ltd.
– Public
Presentation
Period

Deputy Mayor Norris advised that the public would be given an opportunity to make representations to Council at this time regarding Moberly Lake Construction Ltd.'s Application for a Temporary Commercial and Industrial Permit to operate a seven room, twenty-one person closed camp for a two year period on Lot 1, 45th Avenue. The following comments were received from members of the public:

Fred Robertson, 4513 – 45th Avenue

- Congratulated Moberly Lake Construction for developing the property
- 100 percent in favour of construction but 100 percent opposed to a camp in that location; should be a more appropriate spot; does not match the District's Vision Statement
- Presented a petition signed by 44 resident of the area stating their opposition to a camp
- Quoted from the petition – "What other town, village, city allows a camp in a residential area?"
- Requested that proper street addresses be included on advertised notices

Matt Cupples, 5129 – 45th Street

- Residential area, should be kept that way; should not be allowed to become a commercial area
- Bought house in that area because it was a residential, family neighbourhood
- Doesn't want camp in the area; thinks camp would be there longer than two years

Mel Deck, 45th Avenue

- Opposed to camp
- Company hasn't met previous timelines; not a lot of faith that project would be completed in two years

Andrea Wilfur, 5140 – 45th Avenue

- House is next door to proposed camp; not willing to listen to camp noise; increased traffic and safety concerns
- Property values could go down
- Opposed to camp

Cam Willis, 5124 – 45th Avenue

- Recently bought in area because it was a family neighbourhood
- Camp takes away from neighbourhood; causes problems and safety issues

Daniel Rothlisberger, 4444 – 53rd Street

- Opposed to camp; requested verbal poll be done

Council requested a show of hands from the public as to who was opposed to the proposed camp. The majority of those in attendance advised that they were not in favour of the camp.

There being no further comments from the public, Council proceeded to consider Moberly Lake Construction Ltd.'s application for a Temporary Commercial and Industrial Permit.

***0046/03/11
Temporary
Commercial &
Industrial Permit
Application –
Moberly Lake
Construction Ltd.
4520.20.08

MOVED by Coun. Nichols, SECONDED by Coun. Roberts

THAT the report dated February 24, 2011, re: Temporary Commercial & Industrial Permit Application (Moberly Lake Construction Ltd. – Lot 1, 45th Avenue), be received; and

THAT Council consider the Temporary Commercial and Industrial Permit Application from Moberly Lake Construction Ltd. for the purpose of operating a seven room, 21 person closed camp for a two year period and the input from the public; and

THAT Council refuse to issue the Temporary Commercial and Industrial Permit to Moberly Lake Construction Ltd. for the purpose of operating a seven room, 21 person closed camp on Lot 1, 45th Avenue for a two year period.

CARRIED***

10 (b)
Temporary
Commercial &
Industrial Permit
Application
Grizzco Camp
Services – Public
Presentation
Period

Deputy Mayor Norris advised that the public would be given an opportunity to make representations to Council at this time regarding Grizzco Camp Services' Application for a Temporary Commercial and Industrial Permit to operate a 98 person closed camp for a two year period on Airport Road. The following comment was received from a member of the public:

David Sawchuk

- Noted that the same issues as noted above for the Moberly Lake Construction Ltd. application also apply to a camp on Airport Road (increased traffic and safety issues on Wabi Crescent)
- Opposed to camp

There being no further comments from the public, Council proceeded to consider Grizzco Camp Services' application for a Temporary Commercial and Industrial Permit.

***0047/03/11
Temporary
Commercial &
Industrial Permit
Application
Grizzco Camp
Services
4520.20.08

MOVED by Coun. Roberts, SECONDED by Coun. Nichols

THAT the report dated February 24, 2011, re: Temp. Commercial & Industrial Permit Application Grizzco Camp Services, be received; and

That Council consider the Temporary Commercial and Industrial Permit Application from Grizzco Camp Services for the purpose of operating a 98 person closed camp for a two year period and the input from the public; and

THAT Council issue the Temporary Commercial and Industrial Permit to Grizzco Camp Services for the purpose of operating a 98 person closed camp on Airport Road for a two year period.

CARRIED***

10 (c)
***0048/03/11
Chetwynd
Community
Auction
0230.50.28

MOVED by Coun. Nicholson, SECONDED by Coun. Nichols

THAT the report dated February 28, 2011, re: Chetwynd Community Auction, be received; and

THAT District Council offer its support of a Community Auction sponsored by the TLC Thrift Shop and Training Centre; and

THAT staff be directed to prepare and present a list of Surplus District Equipment which could be offered for sale at the upcoming TLC Community Auction.

CARRIED***

10 (d)
***0049/03/11
Election Official
Appointments
4200.01

MOVED by Coun. Nichols, SECONDED by Coun. Roberts

THAT the report dated February 24, 2011, re: Election Official Appointments, be received; and

THAT pursuant to Section 41 (1) and (2) of the *Local Government Act* Jannene Disher be appointed Chief Election Officer for conducting the 2011 general local elections with power to appoint other election officials as required for the administration and conduct of the 2011 general local elections; and

THAT Laura Howes (Plambeck) be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2011 general local elections.

CARRIED***

11. Reports – Information

11 (a)
BC Water Act
Modernization
Policy Proposal
0400.70.02

MOVED by Coun. Roberts, SECONDED by Coun. Weaver

THAT the report from Councillor Nichols, dated February 15, 2011, re: PRRD Committee to Review the BC Water Act Modernization Policy Proposal on BC's New *Water Sustainability Act*, be received for information.

CARRIED

11 (b)
Accounts
Payable Month
End Cheque List
1630.01

MOVED by Coun. Roberts, SECONDED by Coun. Weaver

THAT the report dated March 1, 2011, re: Accounts Payable Month End Cheque List, be received for information; and

THAT the cheque register for the month of February totaling \$ 773,853.72 be received.

CARRIED

11 (c)
MUTN Award
Nomination
4810.20.02

MOVED by Coun. Roberts, SECONDED by Coun. Weaver

THAT the report dated March 1, 2011, re: MUTN Award Nomination 2011, be received for information.

CARRIED

12. New Business

Nil

13. Question/Answer Period

Leanne Robertson thanked Council for refusing to issue a Temporary Commercial and Industrial Permit to Moberly Lake Construction for a camp on 45th Avenue and noted that residents appreciated Council listening to their views.

14. Adjournment MOVED by Coun. Weaver, SECONDED by Coun. Roberts

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Jannene Disher
Director of Corporate Administration

Evan Saugstad
Mayor

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 7, 2011 in the Council Chambers.

Jannene Disher
Director of Corporate Administration