

DISTRICT OF CHETWYND

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Date: February 6, 2012
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Nichols
Coun. Brownlee
Coun. Galbraith
Coun. Pfanner
Coun. Weisgerber

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: Coun. Harris
Coun. Nicholson

Press: Reinisa MacLeod, Peace FM
Stuart Mill, Peace FM/CHET TV
Vadim Stolyabov, Peace FM/CHET TV
Elizabeth Brown, Chetwynd Echo

Public: Wendy Davies, South Peace BC SPCA [Item 4 (a)]
Jenny Spitz, South Peace BC SPCA [Item 4 (a)]
Claire Corcoran, South Peace BC SPCA [Item 4 (a)]
Rebekah Hallaert, TLC Thrift Shop & Training Centre
[Item 4 (b)]
Leo Sabulsky, TLC Thrift Shop & Training Centre
[Item 4 (b)]
Marvella Schwartz, Chetwynd Animal Control
Russ Young, Pine River Holdings

1. Call to Order

Mayor Nichols called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and a blessing was invoked on the proceedings.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for February 6, 2012 be adopted as circulated with the addition of Item 6 (h) – Seniors’ Housing Report.

CARRIED

3. Minutes

3 (a)
Minutes of the
Regular Council
Meeting

MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 16, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Regarding Item 7 (c) – Pembina’s Proposed Integrated Pest Management Plan, Mayor Nichols noted that a response had been received from Pembina advising that herbicides are only used as a last resort when mechanical means are not practical.

3 (b)
Minutes of the
Community
Improvements
Committee

MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT the minutes of the Community Improvements Committee Meeting held on June 20, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Delegations and/or Presentations

4 (a)
Wendy Davies,
South Peace BC
SPCA, re:
Request for
Financial Support
1770.20

Wendy Davies, Branch Manager of the Dawson Creek SPCA, advised that the purpose of her presentation was to raise awareness of the high cost of caring for animals in need in the Peace Region and to point out that not all municipalities currently contribute to the BC SPCA service that they are using (including sheltering animals and cruelty investigations).

The BC SPCA is the only organization trained to enforce the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* of British Columbia and SPCA constables investigate cruelty complaints in our area, working with local RCMP and Animal Control when necessary.

The South Peace Branch services primarily PRRD Electoral Areas D and E, including Dawson Creek, Pouce Coupe, Chetwynd and Tumbler Ridge. Approximately half of the animals dealt with in the Dawson Creek SPCA come from outside the Dawson Creek boundaries. Taking in and caring for animals from across the region has left the South Peace BC SPCA with a serious and growing deficit and without some support from the surrounding areas, this service will not continue.

To move forward, approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000 in annual funding will be needed from surrounding areas. This presentation has or will be made to the Peace River Regional District and all municipalities in the South Peace. The goal is to unite the Peace Region and create a partnership to bring animal welfare to a higher level.

Ms. Davies responded to various questions from Council regarding the amount of funding required and educational programs.

Council thanked Ms. Davies for the presentation and noted that it will take this matter under advisement.

W. Davies, J. Spitz, C. Corcoran & M. Schwartz left the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

4 (b)
Rebekah Hallaert
& Leo Sabulsky,
TLC Thrift Shop
& Training
Centre, re:
Request for Letter
of Support and
Grant-in-Aid
0230.50.28

A video was presented regarding the TLC Thrift Shop & Training Centre, outlining what it does, how many people it employs and its Silent Auction Fundraising.

Rebekah Hallaert, Manager of the TLC Thrift Shop & Training Centre, advised that the shop is now a registered charity and is self-sustaining, receiving no core funding. The newly formed society would like to carry out a renovation to the building to install 10 new energy-efficient windows and a wheelchair accessible door at the front of the building. The renovation will benefit the community by reducing heat and hydro costs thereby allowing the society to direct more funds to programs which help needy families in the community. Current initiatives include working with emergency services, community living groups, probation programs, donations to the SPCA etc.

A grant-in-aid of \$4,500.00 as a capital, one-time grant was requested from the District of Chetwynd. Ms. Hallaert noted that the society has already saved \$7,000.00 and received a donation of \$10,000.00 for the project.

Ms. Hallaert responded to various questions from Council regarding specifics of the project and details on the building lease.

Council advised that a decision on the grant would be made later in the meeting.

5. Bylaws

5 (a)
***0023/02/12

MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

Bylaw No.
957, 2012

THAT Bylaw No. 957, 2012 cited as the “District of Chetwynd Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 957, 2012 (Ambleside Land Ltd.)” be given third reading.

CARRIED***

5 (b)
***0024/02/12

MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

Bylaw No.
958, 2012

THAT Bylaw No. 958, 2012 cited as the “District of Chetwynd Airport Regulation & Fees Bylaw No. 958, 2012” be given final adoption.

CARRIED***

6. Council Committee Reports

6 (a)
Regional District
Report
0400.70.02

Mayor Nichols submitted the following written Regional District Report, dated January 26, 2012:

“The January 26 PRRD Board meeting was very short and contained only a few items of interest to Chetwynd.

R-5: The Waldie temporary camp was approved to be sent to the ALC.

R-11: The Fraser Basin Group has been contracted by the provincial government to study the impacts of oil and gas activity on human health in NE BC. The PRRD will contact the Fraser Basin Group directly. Councils can also make direct representations.”

MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT Mayor Nichols’ written Peace River Regional District Report, dated January 26, 2012, be received.

CARRIED

6 (b)
Community
Improvements
Committee
Report
0540.20.20

No report.

6 (c)
Finance Strategy
Committee
Report
0540.20.18

No report.

6 (d)
Health Services
Committee
Report
0540.20.24

Coun. Pfanner noted that he had met with Rick Bruce, Chetwynd Hospital, and is working with CAO Fleming to set up a meeting with stakeholders.

MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT Councillor Pfanner's verbal Health Services Committee Report be received.

CARRIED

6 (e)
Public Works
Committee
Report
0540.20.25

No report.

6 (f)
Water & Sewer
Task Group
Report
0540.20.26

No report.

6 (g)
Mayor's Report
0550.04

Mayor Nichols submitted the following written Mayor's Report dated February 6, 2012:

“The following items occupied some of my time during the last two weeks:

- January 26: PRRD Board meeting in Dawson Creek
- January 30: Community Improvements Committee (CIC) Meeting
- January 31: Safety Tutorial with Leo Sabulsky
- January 31: Economic Development Committee (EDC) Meeting
- February 1: Met with Paul Gordon, re: events and workings of his department

The highlights of all this are two: The tutorial with Leo and the insight Paul provided into the workings of his department”.

MOVED by Mayor Nichols, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT Mayor Nichols' written Mayor's Report, dated February 6, 2012, be received.

CARRIED

6 (h)
Seniors' Housing
Report

Councillor Galbraith advised that she attended the Chetwynd Seniors' Housing Society meeting at which Phase II of the Surerus Place Project (a new 18 – 20 unit facility) was announced. Construction of the facility will start in approximately 18 months and will be on the same property as Surerus Place. The Chetwynd Seniors' Housing Society will bring a presentation to Council regarding this project at a future date.

MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT Coun. Galbraith's verbal Seniors' Housing Report be received.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence – Discussion

7 (a)
***0025/02/12
TLC Thrift Shop
and Training
Center, re:
Request for
Letter of Support
and Financial
Assistance
0230.50.28

Stating a perceived conflict of interest, Councillor Galbraith excused herself from the meeting and left the Council Chambers at 5:16 p.m.

MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber

THAT the letter from the TLC Thrift Shop and Training Center, dated January 27, 2012, re: Request for Letter of Support and Financial Assistance, be received; and

THAT Council donate \$4,500.00 to the TLC Thrift Shop and Training Center as a capital one-time grant for the replacement of windows and doors at the Thrift Shop; and

THAT a letter of support be sent to the TLC Thrift Shop and Training Center regarding this project.

CARRIED***

Councillor Galbraith returned to the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

7 (b) MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith
***0026/02/12
PRRD Referral Form, re: Waldie – Proposed Temporary Use Permit Application 0400.70.02

THAT the referral form from the Peace River Regional District, dated January 24, 2012, re: Waldie – Proposed Temporary Use Permit Application, be received; and

THAT the PRRD Referral Form regarding the Waldie Proposed Temporary Use Permit Application be returned to the PRRD advising that the District of Chetwynd’s comments on this project were included in a letter sent to the PRRD on January 17, 2012; and

THAT a copy of the January 17, 2012 letter to the PRRD be included with the completed Referral Form.

CARRIED***

7 (c) MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith
***0027/02/12
Fraser Basin Council, re: Human Health Concerns 0530.20.01

THAT the news release from the Fraser Basin Council, dated January 27, 2012, re: FBC is Ready to Receive Human Health Concerns Relating to Oil and Gas Development in Northeastern BC, be received; and

THAT Council advise of any comments it wishes to have forwarded to the Fraser Basin Council regarding the Human Health Risk Assessment.

CARRIED***

7 (d) MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee
***0028/02/12
Chetwynd Success by 6, re: Survey – Family Friendly Community 0530.20.01

THAT the letter from the Chetwynd Success by 6/Children First Coordinator, received January 31, 2012, re: Survey – Family Friendly Community, be received; and

THAT Council members be authorized to complete the Success by 6 online survey as to how family friendly Chetwynd is.

CARRIED***

7 (e) MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith
***0029/02/12
MoJTI – THAT the email from the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation, dated
Northeast January 26, 2012, re: Invitation – Northeast Regional Workforce Table –
Regional Open House, Dawson Creek, BC, February 10, 2012, be received; and
Workforce Table
0400.20.30 THAT Mayor Nichols or an alternate be authorized to attend the Ministry of
Jobs, Tourism and Innovation’s Northeast Regional Workforce Table – Open
House in Dawson Creek, BC on February 10, 2012.

CARRIED***

7 (f) MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee
***0030/02/12
Taylor Winter THAT the email from Bizzybody Events on behalf of the District of Taylor,
Olympics dated January 25, 2012, re: Taylor Winter Olympics – Community / Mayoral /
0400.60.50 Councillor Challenge, Taylor, BC, February 19, 2012, be received; and

THAT all members of Council be authorized to attend the Taylor Winter
Olympics’ Community / Mayoral / Councillor Challenge in Taylor, BC on
February 19, 2012.

CARRIED***

7 (g) MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber
***0031/02/12
UBCM – 4th THAT the email from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, dated
Chief Elected January 17, 2012, re: 4th Chief Elected Official Forum, Vancouver, BC, April
Official Forum 17 – 18, 2012, be received; and
0230.30.02

THAT Mayor Nichols be authorized to attend the Local Government
Leadership Academy (LGLA) 4th Chief Elected Official Forum in Vancouver,
BC on April 17 – 18, 2012.

CARRIED***

7 (h) MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee
***0032/02/12
3rd Annual Cities THAT the email from the City of Kamloops, dated January 25, 2012, re: 3rd
Fit for Children Annual Cities Fit for Children Provincial Summit, Kamloops, BC, May 10 –
Provincial 11, 2012, be received; and
Summit
0390.20.01 THAT a member of Council be authorized to attend the 3rd Annual Cities Fit
for Children Provincial Summit in Kamloops, BC on May 10 – 11, 2012.

CARRIED***

7 (i) MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber
***0033/02/12
2012 FCM THAT the email from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated
Annual January 19, 2012, re: 2012 FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show,
Conference and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, June 1 – 4, 2012, be received; and
Trade Show
0390.20.06 THAT Mayor Nichols or an alternate be authorized to attend the Federation of
Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference and Trade Show in
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on June 1 – 4, 2012.

CARRIED***

8. Correspondence – Information

8 (a) MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber
2013 NCLGA
AGM & THAT the memo from the North Central Local Government Association,
Convention dated January 23, 2012, re: NCLGA AGM & Convention 2013, be received
0230.40.03 for information; and

8 (b) THAT the letter from the Village of Slocan, dated January 23, 2012, re:
Village of Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement
Slocan – CETA (CETA) Negotiation, be received for information; and
0400.60.01

8 (c) THAT the letter and card from Yvonne Elden, dated January 22, 2012, re:
Yvonne Elden – Appreciation for Bear Carving, be received for information; and
0230.50.25

- 8 (d) FSJ – Ice & Snow Carving Competition
0400.60.30 THAT the news release from the Fort St. John Community Arts Council, dated January 16, 2012, re: Ice & Snow Carving Competition a Success, be received for information; and
- 8 (e) FSJ – Ice Carving Workshop
0400.60.30 THAT the email from Bizzybody Events, dated January 24, 2012, re: FSJ Ice Carving Workshop, Fort St. John, BC, February 11, 2012, be received for information; and
- 8 (f) Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal Nominations
0400.40.04 THAT the news release from Bob Zimmer, MP (Prince George-Peace River), dated January 10, 2012, re: MP Zimmer Encourages Residents to Submit Nominations for the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medals, be received for information; and
- 8 (g) MoNRO - Quintette Coal Mine – MDRC
0400.20.09 THAT the email from the Ministry of Natural Resource Operations, dated January 13, 2012, re: Quintette Coal Mine – Mine Development Review Committee, be received for information; and
- 8 (h) MoCFD – Child Care Awards of Excellence
0400.20.12 THAT the letter from the Ministry of Children and Family Development, dated January 23, 2012, re: Fifth Annual Child Care Awards of Excellence, be received for information; and
- 8 (i) Order of BC – Nominations
0530.20.01 THAT the email from CivicInfo BC on behalf of the Honours and Awards Secretariat, Government of British Columbia, dated January 26, 2012, re: Order of British Columbia – Call for Nominations, be received for information; and
- 8 (j) NH – Men’s Health Website
0400.100.03 THAT the news release from Northern Health, dated January 10, 2012, re: Men’s Health Website Encourages Men to Get Active and Be Informed, be received for information; and

- 8 (k) THAT the news release from Northern Cancer Control Strategy, dated January
Northern Cancer 31, 2012, re: New Hires Bolster Core Team Needed to Open Cancer Centre,
Centre New be received for information; and
Hiring
0400.100.03
- 8 (l) THAT the executive release from the Union of British Columbia
UBCM – New Municipalities, dated January 24, 2012, re: Two New Appointments to UBCM
Appointments Executive, be received for information; and
0230.20.02
- 8 (m) THAT the member release from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities,
UBCM – dated January 20, 2012, re: Supreme Court Decision in Catalyst v. North
Supreme Court Cowichan (District), be received for information; and
Decision
0230.30.02
- 8 (n) THAT the member release from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities,
UBCM – dated January 24, 2012, re: Healthy Families BC Communities Consultation
Healthy Families Sessions – Northern Health Region, 100 Mile House, BC, May 2, 2012 (*during*
BC Consultation *NCLGA Conference*), be received for information; and
Sessions
0230.30.02
- 8 (o) THAT the letter from the North Central Local Government Association, dated
2012 – 2013 January 26, 2012, re: Call for Nominations for 2012 – 2013 NCLGA
NCLGA Executive, be received for information; and
Executive
0230.40.03
- 8 (p) THAT the email from the North Central Local Government Association, dated
NCLGA – January 13, 2012, re: Measuring Up the North – Award Nomination, be
MUTN Award received for information; and
Nomination
0230.40.03
- 8 (q) THAT the email from the North Central Local Government Association, dated
NCLGA January 24, 2012, re: NCLGA Connector Newsletter, Issue No. 103, January
Connector 2012, be received for information; and
Newsletter
0230.40.03

- 8 (r) THAT the email from the Peace River Regional District, dated January 30, 2012, re: South Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan, be received for information; and
PRRD – South Peace Fringe Area OCP
0400.70.02
- 8 (s) THAT the email from the Peace River Regional District, dated January 25, 2012, re: Announcement – PRRD Puts Canada’s Gas Tax Fund to Work on Local Landfill Carbon-Capture, be received for information; and
PRRD – Gas Tax Fund
0400.70.02
- 8 (t) THAT the newsletters from the Peace River Regional District, dated January 12 & 26, 2012, re: Board Meeting Highlights, be received for information; and
PRRD Meeting Highlights
0400.70.02
- 8 (u) THAT the email from the District of Taylor, dated January 24, 2012, re: Minutes of the Peace River Local Government Association (PRLGA) Meeting held September 14, 2011, be received for information; and
PRLGA Meeting Minutes
0390.20.04
- 8 (v) THAT the letter from CN, dated January 4, 2012, re: Election – Congratulatory Message, be received for information; and
CN – Election Congratulations
0510.20.05
- 8 (w) THAT the letter from the BC Retired Teachers’ Association, dated January 10, 2012, re: Election – Congratulatory Message, be received for information; and
BC Retired Teachers’ Assoc. – Election Congratulations
0530.20.01
- 8 (x) THAT the letter from the Canadian Union of Public Employees, British Columbia Division, dated January 12, 2012, re: Election – Congratulatory Message, be received for information; and
CUPE BC – Election Congratulations
0530.20.01
- 8 (y) THAT the letter from the Canadian Union of Public Employees, British Columbia Division, dated January 24, 2012, re: Rebuilding of Infrastructure in Canada’s Municipalities, be received for information; and
CUPE BC – Rebuilding of Infrastructure
0530.20.01

- 8 (z) THAT the email from the Mayors for Peace Secretariat, dated January 15, 2012, re: Mayors for Peace News Flash (January 2012) No. 25, be received for information; and
Mayors for Peace News
0400.50.03
- 8 (aa) THAT the email from the Organizers of the Housing Affordability Symposium, dated January 23, 2012, re: Minister Rich Coleman To Deliver Opening Address at Upcoming HAS – Housing Affordability Symposium, be received for information; and
HAS – Opening Address
0390.20.01
- 8 (bb) THAT the email from the Coal Association of Canada, dated January 31, 2012, re: 2012 National Conference, Vancouver, BC, June 3 – 5, 2012, be received for information; and
2012 National Coal Conference
0390.20.01
- 8 (cc) THAT the letter from the Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union, Local 378, dated January 12, 2012, re: BC Hydro Smart Meters, be received for information; and
COPE Local 378 – BC Hydro Smart Meters
0510.20.01
- 8 (dd) THAT the email from the Centre for Sustainability Whistler, dated January 17, 2012, re: Whistler Centre for Sustainability Receives Grant from the Real Estate Foundation of BC to Support Five Small Communities in BC, be received for information; and
Whistler Centre for Sustainability Receives Grant
0530.20.01
- 8 (ee) THAT the email from the Arts BC/Assembly of BC Arts Councils, dated January 12, 2012, re: Results of the Community Gaming Grants Review Update, be received for information; and
BC Arts Council – Community Gaming Grants
0530.20.01
- 8 (ff) THAT the newsletter from the Central Interior Logging Association, dated January 13, 2012, re: FactsFAX – Weekly Harvesting Industry Update, Issue #641, be received for information; and
CILA Update – FactsFAX
6850.20.01
- 8 (gg) THAT the letter from ForestEthics, dated January 23, 2012, re: Report – “Driving Change: Case Studies for Sustainable Transportation Options in Northern British Columbia”, be received for information; and
ForestEthics – Driving Change Report
0530.20.01

8 (hh) THAT the public information package from Behr Energy Services Ltd.,
Talisman Energy received January 27, 2012, re: Talisman Energy – Monkman Field Emergency
– Monkman Response Plan, be received for information; and
Field Emergency
Response Plan
6850.50.10

8 (ii) THAT the email from BC Hydro Sustainable Communities, dated January 25,
BC Hydro 2012, re: Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP), be received for
Sustainable information.
Communities –
CEEP CARRIED
0510.20.01

8 (jj) MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee
***0034/02/12
FortisBC – THAT the email from FortisBC, dated January 31, 2012, re: Amalgamation of
Amalgamation Natural Gas Utilities into One Legal Entity, be received; and
of Natural Gas
Utilities THAT a letter be sent to FortisBC requesting information as to how the
0510.20.03 amalgamation will affect Chetwynd.

CARRIED***

9. Correspondence – Information Items

Information MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee
Items I-1 – I-63
0570.02 THAT Information Items I-1 to I-63 be received for information.

CARRIED

S. Mill & V. Stolyabov left the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

10. Reports – Discussion

10 (a) MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee
***0035/02/12
Northern THAT the memo dated January 13, 2012, re: Northern Medical Programs
Medical Trust, be received; and
Programs Trust
0400.90.04 THAT the District of Chetwynd provide a grant-in-aid to the UNBC Northern
Medical Programs Trust in the amount of \$716.00

CARRIED***

10 (b) MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner
***0036/02/12
Council Member THAT the report dated January 30, 2012, re: Council Member Leave, be
Leave received; and
0520.01 THAT Councillor Nicholson's request for a leave of the Council until
approximately April 10, 2012, be approved.

CARRIED***

11. Reports – Information

Nil

12. New Business

Nil

13. Question/Answer Period

Nil

14. Adjournment

MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Jannene Disher
Director of Corporate Administration

Merlin Nichols
Mayor

Certified a true and correct copy of the
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Chambers.

Jannene Disher
Director of Corporate Administration