

DISTRICT OF CHETWYND

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Date: April 15, 2013
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
B. Caldwell, Director of Financial Administration
R. Rusjan, Director of Parks & Recreation
P. Gordon, Manager of Public Works Operations
L. Howes, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration

Absent: Coun. Nicholson

Press: Mike Carter, Chetwynd Echo
Leo Sabulsky, Peace FM
Andy Chandy, Peace FM

Public: Darren Brkic, West Fraser Mills [Item 4 (a)]
Rod Albers, West Fraser Mills [Item 4 (a)]
Jason Mattioli, West Fraser Mills [Item 4 (a)]
Janelle Sakamoto, West Fraser Mills
Jesse Rashke, West Fraser Mills
Tara Knight, West Fraser Mills
Tony Fazekas, Little Prairie Community Forest
Larry Vezina
Judy Vezina
Sheree Smith
Karen Boos, Royal Lepage Cascade Realty
Anthony Boos, Royal Lepage Cascade Realty
Robin Peterson

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

4. Delegations and/or Presentations

4 (a) Representatives from West Fraser Mills thanked Council for the opportunity to provide updates and information on the following projects:

Darren Brkic,
Rod Albers &
Jason Mattioli,
West Fraser
Mills –
Information and
Updates

Bio-Energy Plant:

- Provided overview of West Fraser's operations in BC, noting that West Fraser spent \$241,000,000 in capital investments in BC from 2007 to 2012.
- Bio-energy project is a result of BC Hydro's call for proposals in 2010.
- Chetwynd Power Plant will produce electricity for BC Hydro grid.
- New units will be about 80% efficient.
- Benefits include improved air quality/emissions; shutting down of beehive burner; reduced fire hazards; renewable electricity; value for residual waste; firm electrical supply; 10 new jobs and 20 construction jobs.
- Construction to start late next month with commissioning of thermal units in March 2014, commissioning of ORC (Organic Rankine Cycle) in Spring of 2014. Up and running July 1, 2014.

West Fraser responded to various questions from Council regarding air quality, emissions, HOG from Canfor, amount of ash in landfill and total number of West Fraser employees in BC.

West Fraser's Capital Expenditures and Investments in the Mill:

- Over \$35,000,000 in capital investment since last October.
- Increased production and shifts.
- Sawmill projects include grade improvements, canter upgrade (newest technology), new trades rooms and lunch room; high speed de-barker.
- Improvements to work environment to improve employee retention.
- Two week shut-down in July to replace canter line.
- Addressing dust control strategies; already significant improvements.

West Fraser responded to various questions from Council regarding employee retention, daily output, supply of timber and number of trucks.

Little Prairie Community Forest:

- Five year management plan between West Fraser and the Little Prairie Community Forest (LPCF) to manage the community forest.
- Forest Stewardship plan amended to include community forest.
- Conducting mapping, field work, flights, visual modeling.
- Provided information/photos of effects of mountain pine beetle in the Community Forest.
- Potential conflicts within the Community Forest include the trail system and the impact to visual landscape.
- Next steps include more fieldwork, assessments, commencement of road building and harvesting in the SW corner during the Summer of 2013; consultation with communities; and salvage operations.
- West Fraser's management plan ends in 2017 however West Fraser will still manage obligations to produce free-growing stands after that.

West Fraser responded to various questions from Council regarding disposition of community forest revenue, start of logging and annual allowable cut.

Council thanked West Fraser for its presentation.

D. Brkic, R. Albers, J. Mattioli, J. Sakamoto, J. Rashke, T. Knight, Tony Fazekas and A. Chandy left the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

5. Bylaws

5 (a)
***0073/04/13
Bylaw No.
978, 2013

MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT Bylaw No. 978, 2013 cited as the "District of Chetwynd Local Area Service (Water – 45A Street SE) Establishing Bylaw No. 978, 2013" be given final adoption.

CARRIED***

5 (b)
***0074/04/13
Bylaw No.
981, 2013

MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT third reading of Bylaw No. 981, 2013 cited as the "District of Chetwynd Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw No. 981, 2013" as given at the April 2, 2013 Regular Council Meeting, Resolution No. 0059/04/13, be rescinded.

CARRIED***

***0075/04/13
Bylaw No. 981,
2013

MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT Bylaw No. 981, 2013 cited as the “District of Chetwynd Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw No. 981, 2013” be given third reading as amended.

CARRIED***

5 (c)
***0076/04/13
Bylaw No.
982, 2013

MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT Bylaw No. 982, 2013 cited as the “District of Chetwynd Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 982, 2013 (Permitted Home Occupation – Tanning Booths)” be given first and second readings.

CARRIED***

6. Council Committee Reports

6 (a)
Regional District
Report
0400.70.02

Councillor Brownlee noted that, at the April 11, 2013 Regional District meeting, local ranchers expressed concerns regarding ash from the West Fraser proposed bio-energy plant. The issue was dealt with and the West Fraser application to the Agricultural Land Reserve regarding a landfill for ash from the proposed bio-energy plant will move forward.

MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT Councillor Brownlee’s verbal Peace River Regional District Report 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

No report.

6 (e)
Public Works
Committee
Report
0540.20.25

No report.

6 (f)
Water & Sewer
Task Group
Report
0540.20.26

Councillor Weisgerber advised that the Water & Sewer Task Group met last week. Topics of discussion included the completion of the sewer lagoon desludging (final reports expected in May) and updates on various projects.

MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner

THAT Councillor Weisgerber's verbal Water & Sewer Task Group Report be received.

CARRIED

6 (g)
Mayor's Report
0550.04

Mayor Nichols submitted the following written Mayor's Report dated April 15, 2013:

"The following items occupied some of the Mayor's time since last reported:

- April 3: Council of Forest Industries Convention PG
- April 4: Council of Forest Industries Convention
- April 5: Council of Forest Industries Convention
- April 7: PRRD Trade Show Booth
- April 8: Proclamation
- April 8: Budget Development Meeting
- April 9: UNBC Advisory Committee FSJ
- April 15: Flew the Community Forest with Jason and Tony
- April 15: Proclamation Canadian Cancer Society Daffodil Month
- April 15: Committee of the Whole"

MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT Mayor Nichols' written Mayor's Report, dated April 15, 2013, be received.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence – Discussion

7 (a) MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

***0077/04/13

NCLGA –
Invermere
Resolution
0550.05

THAT the email from the North Central Local Government Association on behalf of the District of Invermere, dated April 9, 2013, re: Resolution – Municipalities With No Population and Appointed Councils, be received; and

THAT a letter be sent to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities in support of the District of Invermere's resolution regarding the establishment of municipalities with no population and with appointed councils.

UNANIMOUSLY OPPOSED

DEFEATED***

7 (b) MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber

***0078/04/13

AGLG – Annual
Service Plans
0530.20.13

THAT the letter from the Auditor General for Local Government, dated March 27, 2013, re: Annual Service Plans, be received; and

THAT Council advise Administration of any comments or concerns to be forwarded to the Auditor General for Local Government regarding the Annual Service Plans.

CARRIED***

7 (c) MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber

PRRD –
Regional Parks
& Trails Master
Plan
0400.70.02

THAT the media release from the Peace River Regional District, dated March 28, 2012, re: PRRD Releases Draft of Regional Parks & Trails Master Plan, be received for information.

CARRIED

7 (d) MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith
***0079/04/13
Meetings with Northern Health at NCLGA AGM 0390.20.02
THAT the invitation from Northern Health, dated April 3, 2013, re: Meetings with NH Representatives at the NCLGA Annual General Meeting in Quesnel, be received; and
THAT Council direct staff to schedule a meeting with Northern Health representatives during the NCLGA Annual General Meeting in Quesnel.

CARRIED***

7 (e) MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner
***0080/04/13
21st Century Learning Meeting 0530.20.01
THAT the information, undated, re: 21st Century Learning Meeting, Dawson Creek, BC, April 18, 2013, be received; and
THAT Council authorize Mayor Nichols or an alternate to attend the 21st Century Learning Meeting in Dawson Creek, BC on April 18, 2013.

CARRIED***

8. Correspondence – Information

8 (a) MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith
2013 Fair Share Grant 0530.20.07
THAT the letter from the Peace River Regional District, dated March 28, 2013, re: 2013 Fair Share Grant, be received for information.

CARRIED

8 (b) MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner
NDIT – 2013 Economic Development Capacity Building 0360.20.11
THAT the letter from Northern Development Initiative Trust, dated March 22, 2013, re: 2013 Economic Development Capacity Building, Project Number 3048 30, be received for information.

CARRIED

8 (c) MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber
FCM – President's Corner Update 0230.20.02
THAT the email from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated April 2, 2013, re: President's Corner Update, be received for information; and

8 (d) THAT the email from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated April 5, 2013, re: Nominations to FCM's Board of Directors, be received for information; and
FCM-
Nominations to
Board of
Directors
0230.20.02

8 (e) THAT the email from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated March 28, 2013, re: FCM News – Week of March 25, 2013, be received for information; and
FCM News
0230.20.02

8 (f) THAT the email from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, dated March 27, 2013, re: The Compass – News and Information from UBCM, be received for information; and
UBCM – The
Compass
0230.30.02

8 (g) THAT the newsletters from the North Central Local Government Association, dated March & April 2013, re: NCLGA Connector, Issues 115 & 116, be received for information; and
NCLGA
Connector
0230.40.03

8 (h) THAT the newsletter from the Peace River Regional District, dated March 28, 2013, re: Board Meeting Highlights, be received for information; and
PRRD Board
Meeting
Highlights
0400.70.02

8 (i) THAT the email from the BC Community Forest Association, dated April 4, 2013, re: 2013 BCCFA Conference, Smithers, BC, May 23 – 25, 2013, be received for information.
2013 BCCFA
Conference
0230.30.10

CARRIED

9. Correspondence – Information Items

Information
Items I-1 – I-39
0570.02
MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber
THAT Information Items I-1 to I-39 be received for information.

CARRIED

10. Reports – Discussion

10 (a) MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee
***0081/04/13
Protection of THAT the memo dated April 10, 2013, re: Protection of Small Community
Small Grant, be received; and
Community
Grant THAT Council ratify the proposed “Protection of Small Community Grants”
0500.05 resolution for submission to the North Central Local Government Association.

CARRIED***

10 (b) MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner
***0082/04/13
Junior THAT the report dated April 8, 2013, re: Junior Entrepreneur Business
Entrepreneur License Option, be received; and
Business License
Option THAT staff be directed to prepare an amendment to the District of Chetwynd
4020.20.04 Business Licensing Bylaw No. 906, 2009 to include a new category for a
'Junior Entrepreneur' at a reduced rate.

CARRIED

Staff were also directed to write a letter to Clay Bougrolle acknowledging his request for a business license and commending him for his entrepreneurial skills.***

10 (c) MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee
***0083/04/13
Saulteau Rodeo THAT the report dated April 9, 2013, re: Saulteau Rodeo Club, be received;
Club and
1850.20.01 THAT the District of Chetwynd provide a one-time grant in the amount of
\$1,000.00 to the Saulteau Rodeo Club.

CARRIED***

10 (d) MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee
***0084/04/13
Circus Camp THAT the report dated April 9, 2013, re: Circus Camp, be received; and
1850.20.01 THAT the District of Chetwynd provide a grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 to
the Chetwynd Social Planning Society for the Circus Camp.

CARRIED***

***0086/04/13
Video-taping of
Swearing-In
Ceremony

MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT Council allow the swearing-in of Councillor-Elect Vezina at the Special Council Meeting on April 29, 2013 to be video-taped by Peace FM.

CARRIED***

14. Adjournment

MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Jannene Disher
Director of Corporate Administration

Merlin Nichols
Mayor

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 15, 2013 in the Council Chambers.

Jannene Disher
Director of Corporate Administration