

DISTRICT OF CHETWYND

Minutes of the Special Regular Council Meeting

Date: December 17, 2015
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Nichols
Coun. Bassendowski
Coun. Brownlee
Coun. Deck
Coun. Galbraith
Coun. Pfanner
Coun. Weisgerber
D. Fleming, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Newsom, Director of Corporate Administration
K. Franson, Director of Financial Administration
D. Ennis, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration
(Recording Secretary)

Absent: Nil

Press: Marlon Gomez, CHET TV

Public: Terry Halliday
Maury Hoehn
Sara Hoehn
Wini Hoehn
Ellen McAvany
Lou Surerus
Laverne Norris
Dani Gagne
Leah Pfanner

- 1. Call to Order** Mayor Nichols welcomed everyone to the last Council meeting of 2015 and the first meeting in the new Council Chambers.

Mayor Nichols called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and an opening statement was read.

Mayor Nichols thanked Council and Administration for all of their hard work in 2015.

MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner

THAT Council extend a formal thank you to Staff for all of their hard work in 2015.

CARRIED

MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT Council consider renaming the new Municipal Hall.

CARRIED

- 2. Adoption of Agenda** MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT the Special Regular Council Meeting Agenda for December 17, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- 3. Minutes**

Nil

- 4. Delegations and/or Presentations**

Nil

- 5. Bylaws**

Nil

- 6. Council Committee and Liaison Reports**

Nil

- 7. Correspondence – Discussion**

Nil

- 8. Correspondence – Information**

Nil

- 9. Correspondence – Information Items**

Nil

10. Reports – Discussion

RD-1 MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

***2016

Council
Meeting
Schedule

THAT the report dated November 24, 2015 re: 2016 Council Meeting Schedule prepared by Administration, be received; and

THAT the 2016 Regular Council meetings be held in the Council Chambers, at 4:30 p.m., on the following dates:

January 18	June 20
February 1	July 18
February 15	August 15
March 7	September 6
March 21	September 19
April 4	October 3
April 18	October 17
May 2	November 7
May 16	November 21
June 6	December 5

CARRIED ***

RD-2 MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Bassendowski

Appointment
of Auditor for
District of
Chetwynd

THAT the report dated November 24, 2015 re: Appointment of Auditor for District of Chetwynd prepared by Administration, be received; and

THAT the Chartered Accounting firm of Sander Rose Bone Grindle LLP be appointed as auditor for the District of Chetwynd for 2016.

CARRIED***

RD-3 MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Deck

***Deputy

Mayor
Appointments

THAT the report dated November 24, 2015 re: Deputy Mayor Appointments prepared by Administration, be received; and

THAT the following Council members be appointed Deputy Mayor for the designated periods of 2016:

Coun. Alec Brownlee	January/September
Coun. Rochelle Galbraith	February/April
Coun. Clay Bassendowski	March/July
Coun. Mel Deck	August/October
Coun. Ernest Pfanner	May/November
Coun. Laura Weisgerber	June/December

CARRIED***

RD-4
Council
Appointments
– 2016

MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner

THAT the report dated December 17, 2015 re: Council Committee Appointments, be received; and

THAT Council members be formally appointed to the following Committees, Boards, and Commissions:

Council Committees:

Community Improvements	Coun. Bassendowski Coun. Deck Coun. Galbraith (Chair)
Finance Strategy	Mayor Nichols and all of Council
Health Services	Mayor Nichols and all of Council Coun. Pfanner (Chair)
Public Works Committee	Coun. Bassendowski Coun. Brownlee Coun. Deck (Chair)
Water & Sewer Task Group	Coun. Bassendowski Coun. Brownlee (Chair) Coun. Weisgerber
Committee of the Whole	Mayor Nichols and all of Council

Boards, Commissions & Other:

Chainsaw Carving Placement Committee	Coun. Galbraith
Civic Properties Commission	Mayor Nichols Coun. Brownlee Coun. Pfanner
Economic Development Commission	Mayor Nichols Coun. Deck Coun. Pfanner Coun. Weisgerber
Façade Improvement Committee	Coun. Brownlee Coun. Galbraith
Library	Coun. Galbraith

Northern Development Initiative Trust	Coun. Weisgerber Coun. Bassendowski (Alternate)
Municipal Insurance Authority	Coun. Weisgerber Coun. Bassendowski (Alternate)
Peace River Regional District	Mayor Nichols Coun. Brownlee (Alternate) Coun. Deck (Alternate)
Physicians Welcoming and Retention Committee	Coun. Bassendowski
South Peace EDC	Mayor Nichols
<u>Liaison Appointments</u>	
Chamber of Commerce	Coun. Weisgerber
Chetwynd Communications Society	Coun. Bassendowski
Fire Department Liaison	Coun. Brownlee
Heritage/Museum	Coun. Bassendowski
Proposed Natural Gas Transmission System (Spectra) Working Group	Mayor Nichols (Chair) Coun. Brownlee Coun. Galbraith
RCMP	Coun. Pfanner
Treaty Land Entitlement Joint Planning Committee	Mayor Nichols Coun. Brownlee

CARRIED***

RD-5
***Peace
River Regional
District
Appointments
- 2016

MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith
THAT the report dated December 15, 2015 re: Peace River Regional District Appointments – 2016 prepared by Administration, be received; and
THAT Mayor Nichols be appointed as Director and Councillors Brownlee and Deck be appointed as alternate Directors to the Peace River Regional Board for 2016.

CARRIED***

11. Reports – Information

Nil

12. New Business

Nil

13. Question/Answer Period

Terry Halliday inquired why the District of Chetwynd uses the Chartered Accounting firm of Sander Rose Bone Grindle LLP, which is not located locally, as its auditor.

The Director of Financial Administration responded that Sander Rose Bone Grindle LLP has been providing the auditing services for several years for the District and that they have unique qualifications to do so.


Lou Surerus congratulated Mayor and Council on the beautiful new building and suggested that Mayor and Council consider putting the sound system that was taken out of the original Council Chambers plans back in to improve sound quality during council meetings.

14. Adjournment MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

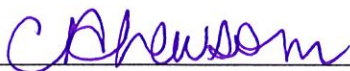


Carol Newsom
Director of Corporate Administration



Merlin Nichols
Mayor

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Special Regular Council Meeting held on December 17, 2015 in the Council Chambers.



Carol Newsom
Director of Corporate Administration