

DISTRICT OF CHETWYND

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Date: July 18, 2016
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
P. Gordon, Director of Engineering & Public Works
R. Rusjan, Director of Parks & Recreation
L. Kearns, Manager of Financial Services
D. Ennis, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration
(Recording Secretary)

Absent: Nil

Press: Marlon Gomez, CHET TV
Mike Crosby, Peace FM
Kelsey Roberts, Coffee Talk Express

Public: Ryan Shelly, Summit Avalanche Consulting (Item D-1)
Trapper Gilowski, Summit Avalanche Consulting (Item D-1)
Sheldon Belcher, Pine Valley Trail Blazers
Connie Campen
Terry Halliday
Murina Rowsell
Kim Beattie

1. **Call to Order** Mayor Nichols called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and an opening statement was read.
2. **Adoption of Agenda** MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner
THAT the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for July 18, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Minutes

M-1
Minutes of the
Regular
Council
Meeting

MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 20, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Delegations and/or Presentations

D-1
Ryan Shelly,
Summit
Avalanche
Consulting re:
Northeast
Northern
Rockies
Avalanche
Pilot Project

Ryan Shelly, Summit Avalanche Consulting provided Council with a brief presentation as outlined below:

- Summit Avalanche Consulting provides a centralized resource to allow recreation users to access local avalanche stability reports
- Conducted 43 individual Mountain Information Network (MIN) reports on local avalanche stability in Northeast British Columbia (NEBC)
- 44,000 MIN web hits
- Over 250 face to face out-reach encounters
- Created new employment
- Expanded and secured an Avalanche Professional network in Northern BC (2 CAA Level 2 Avalanche Technicians and 6 CAA Level 1 Avalanche Technicians)
- Held Freeride Clinic; freeride clinic in February provided \$1,500 in new memberships to the Tumbler Ridge Snowmobile Club; subsidized course cost to increase membership for Mackenzie Snowmobile Club
- Supported local non-profit snowmobile clubs in NEBC communities
- There have been nine avalanche fatalities in the Northern Rockies, and one in the NEBC
- Requested that the District of Chetwynd contribute \$2,500.00 to help pay for avalanche technicians to provide avalanche reports for the winter of 2016-2017

Council thanked Mr. Shelly for the presentation.

5. Bylaws

Nil

6. Council Committee and Liaison Reports

CR-1
Regional
District Report
0400.70.02

Mayor Nichols submitted the following written Peace River Regional District (PRRD) report dated June 23, 2016:

“I was able to attend only the Committee of the Whole portion of the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) meeting in Taylor due to my attendance being required at the Little Prairie Community Forest AGM in the afternoon. However, that portion of the meeting was extremely important to me and to the residents of the PRRD.

Our focus was almost exclusively on flood recovery measures and the actions the PRRD would have to take to get appropriate responses from the various Ministries responsible. For example:

- There is a belief that Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) should examine its engineering practices and make appropriate changes to cope with future flood events.
- There is a belief that Ministry of Environment (MOE) should temporarily relax its restrictions on doing work in streambeds to allow for adjustments that could prevent future floods.
- There is even the belief that MOE and or Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MFLNR) should, at its own cost, provide the engineering and permitting to accomplish this work.

Immediate response on the part of the PRRD may include the following actions:

- Send delegations to meet with Ministers and Staff of responsible Ministries as soon as we can obtain appointments to lay our concerns and ideas for improvements before them.
- Meet with the Ministers again at Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention.
- Meet with the residents as soon as possible (This actually happened on June 27 when Minister Bernier was present).

The PRRD also recognizes that rural residents will have to take some responsibility for their own protection. The PRRD can create service areas for specific projects that the residents approve by referendum, the cost to be covered by taxation.

Please note that I am reporting on a brainstorming discussion in an open meeting and **not** on official action of the PRRD Board which I was unable to attend. Official action may turn out to be quite different.

Whatever the outcome, it is important to avoid blaming and name calling, and spend our energies focused on positive action. Some of us may cringe at the actions we have to take and at the cost of these actions, but that's life

on this decaying world. In the end, we are largely responsible for protecting our own properties and lives while looking out for the welfare of our neighbours.

Once again I want to tell you how thankful I am that I live here among such caring neighbours.”

MOVED by Mayor Nichols, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner

THAT Mayor Nichols’ written Peace River Regional District Report dated June 23, 2016, be received.

CARRIED

Mayor Nichols submitted the following written Peace River Regional District (PRRD) report dated July 14, 2016:

“The major item of interest was the vote on the Encana application for rezoning of property near Block Line Road just off Highway 2 about 10 k SE of Pouce Coupe. (On the evening of July 13 the Board had listened to proponent and residents at a public hearing.) The third-reading vote of 5-7 supported Encana’s application. Encana will have to register a covenant to provide air monitoring with Commission Air Monitoring Environmental Laboratory (CAMEL) equipment for one year prior to the vote to adopt being held – possibly as early as July 28.”

MOVED by Mayor Nichols, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber

THAT Mayor Nichols’ written Peace River Regional District Report dated July 14, 2016, be received.

CARRIED

CR-2
Community
Improvements
Committee
Report

Councillor Galbraith reported the following:

- Planning improvements to the Museum sign at the bottom of Westgate Road in 2017; the Welcome to BC Sign will be incorporated into the project
- The Beautiful Gardens Gala event was held Sunday July 10th at the museum; there were 36 entries, but unfortunately 8 had to withdraw due to flood damage; thank you to Leo and Peace FM for covering the event for the last 15 years
- Staff is working on plans to complete the work on Carvers Row; part of the landscape design will include a community bulletin board, a picnic table and possibly a gazebo

- Staff is finalizing the placement of the community bulletin board by the Post Office
- Staff is obtaining estimates to add an outdoor hockey rink at Spirit Park this winter; costs will include adding boards around the ice and a small outbuilding; cost estimates will be brought to the next Community Improvements Committee Meeting in August
- The playground equipment for Wabi Crescent playground is going to be installed in 2016; have applied for a grant to offset the costs; thank you to Mocassin Flats Metis Society/Tansi Friendship Center for their donation of \$1,500.00 to go towards the upgrades
- A local contractor has been contacted to install the boulevard lighting from the carwash to the Rodeo Grounds entrance; have applied for a BCBike grant to offset the costs
- The Committee has discussed sidewalks in town and the risks of not having them in high traffic areas; Administration has been asked to prioritize high risk areas and implement a 5 year plan for construction of sidewalks and present it to Council; this item will be forwarded for consideration during 2017 Budget Planning
- Healthy Communities Update: Lunch N Learn program is on the 2nd Friday of the month at the Chetwynd Public Library and is funded through a UBCM Age Friendly grant and includes presentations on issues including “Prescription Pill Abuse,” “Fraud Awareness,” etc.; Let Us Grow Lettuce school presentations on food security and the Community Garden were provided for students Kindergarten to Grade 7 and packages were also given out at the Chetwynd Health Blitz; on June 15th World Elder Abuse Awareness day was launched and the Healthy Communities Coordinator had a tent at the Chetwynd Chainsaw Carving event to help bring awareness to elder abuse; The Community Garden Coordinator has been asked to come to Council as a delegation to give an update on his projects in the community to help make people aware of the work that goes on in the Healing Gardens and Community Gardens
- Update on Carving Placement: the Parks crew have done some amazing work on the corner by the Riverhouse and A&W; they had originally requested three carvings for the area but ran out of room; “Sailing the Rip Tide” was left over; Pine Valley Seniors had made a request for a carving placement at the Seniors Hall which was slated for 2017, but because there is an extra carving it will go there this year

MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT Coun. Galbraith's verbal Community Improvements Committee Report, be received.

CARRIED

CR-5
Public Works
Committee
Report

Councillor Deck reported the following:

- Paving this summer is going well
- Flood recovery plans are in place
- The installation of culverts went well
- There is an accumulation of 10,000 cubic metres of gravel at the Post Office that was removed from under the bridge

MOVED by Coun. Deck, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner

THAT Coun. Deck's verbal Public Works Committee Report, be received.

CARRIED

CR-6
Water &
Sewer Task
Group Report

Councillor Brownlee reported the following:

- Construction of the upgrades to the sewage treatment plant is going well; expect to be complete in September; the same contractors have submitted a bid to upgrade the other end of the sewer lagoon and information on that will be coming forward next report; there will be a tour of the area under construction for Council some time next week

MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber

THAT Coun. Brownlee's verbal Water & Sewer Task Group Report, be received.

CARRIED

CR-7
Mayor's
Report

Mayor Nichols submitted the following written Mayor's Report dated July 18, 2016:

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

- Jun 21: Attended and facilitated Resiliency Centre meeting for public regarding flood recovery.
- Jun 22: Community Improvements Committee.
- Jun 22: Finance Committee.

- Jun 23: Peace River Regional District (PRRD) Board in Taylor.
- Jun 23: Little Prairie Community Forest AGM in Saulteau.
- Jun 28: Water Stewardship Committee (PRRD) FSJ.
- Jun 28: Civic Properties Commission.
- Jun 29: Regional Community Liaison Committee (Site C) held at Site C.
- Jul 1: Canada Day Festivities.
- Jul 5: Met with area reps and Minister Lake re Dawson Creek Regional Hospital.
- Jul 6: Beautiful Gardens judging.
- Jul 8: Attended unveiling of dinosaur trackway at Carbon River.
- Jul 13: PRRD Committee of the Whole, Strategic Planning Dawson Creek.
- Jul 13: Public Hearing (7-9:30 pm) re South Central Liquids Hub.
- Jul 14: PRRD Board Dawson Creek.
- Jul 18: Business Walk planning session.”

MOVED by Mayor Nichols, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT Mayor Nichols' written Mayor's Report dated July 18, 2016, be received.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence – Discussion

CD-1
***44th MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

Annual
World's THAT the letter from Taylor Gold Panning Event Coordinator dated May 12, 2016 re: Invite to the 44th Annual World's Invitational Class "A" Gold Panning
Invitational
Championship, be received; and

Class "A"
Gold Panning THAT Council authorize a member of Council to attend the World Invitational
Championship, Gold Panning Championships in Taylor, BC on July 29-31, 2016.
Taylor, BC

CARRIED***

CD-2
***Northeast
Regional
Management
Team Meeting,
FIXX
Conference
Room
(Stonebridge
Hotel)

MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT the email from Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations dated July 13, 2016 re: Northeast Regional Management Team Meeting – July 20th - FIXX Conference Room (Stonebridge Hotel) 8:30 – 12:00 noon, be received; and

THAT Council authorize the Mayor or alternate to attend the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations sharing meeting on July 20, 2016 in Dawson Creek, BC.

CARRIED***

8. Correspondence – Information

CI-1
UBCM – The
Compass
0230.30.02

MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Bassendowski

THAT the Compass dated June 15, 2016, be received for information; and

CI-2
UBCM – The
Compass
0230.30.02

THAT the Compass dated June 22, 2016, be received for information; and

CI-3
UBCM – The
Compass
0230.30.02

THAT the Compass dated June 29, 2016, be received for information; and

CI-4
UBCM – The
Compass
0230.30.02

THAT the Compass dated July 6, 2016, be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Correspondence – Information Items

Information
Item

MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

I-1

THAT Information Item I-1 be received for information.

0550.02

CARRIED

10. Reports – Discussion

- RD-1 MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee
***Union of
BC THAT the report dated June 24, 2016 re: Union of BC Municipalities
Municipalities Convention Registration prepared by Administration, be received; and
Convention
Registration THAT all members of Council be authorized to attend the Union of BC
Municipalities Convention in Victoria, BC on September 26 – 30, 2016.
- CARRIED***
- RD-2 MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

Ratification of THAT the report dated June 27, 2016 re: Ratification of Recommendation from
Recommend - Finance Strategy Committee prepared by the Finance Department, be received;
ation from and
Finance
Strategy THAT Council ratify the following motion adopted by the Finance Strategy
Committee Committee Meeting held June 22, 2016:
- THAT Council approve the consolidated Financial Statements for the year
ended December 31, 2015 as presented at the June 22, 2016 Finance Strategy
Committee Meeting.
- CARRIED***
- RD-3 MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner
***Industrial
Lands THAT the report dated July 11, 2016 re: Industrial Lands prepared by
Administration, be received; and
- THAT Council authorize a letter of support be sent to Rat Race Contracting for
its proposed Wabi Heights Industrial Area Development.
- CARRIED***
- RD-4 MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee
***Chetwynd
and District THAT the report dated July 13, 2016 re: Chetwynd and District Rod and Gun
Rod and Gun Club – Sublease Renewal prepared by Administration, be received; and
Club –
Sublease THAT Council authorize Administration to renew the sublease with the
Renewal Chetwynd and District Rod and Gun Club for the property described as Part of
District Lot 1975 shown on Ministry of Lands Lease #803320 for the period of
August 1, 2016 to March 28, 2018, with the same conditions as set forth in the
current sublease.
- CARRIED***

RD-5
***Petition
from Residents
on 53rd Avenue
SE

Main Motion:

MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT the report dated July 14, 2016 re: Petition from Residents on 53rd Avenue SE prepared by the Engineering & Public Works Department, be received; and

THAT Council direct Administration to lower the posted speed limit on 53rd Avenue SE from 50 km/hr to 30 km/hr, and advise the RCMP and others who will be affected of the change.

Amendment:

MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Bassendowski

THAT two school bus stop signs be placed on 53rd Avenue SE in the appropriate locations after consultation with School District No. 59.

Question on the Main Motion:

CARRIED***

11. Reports – Information

RI-1
Accounts
Payable
Cheque List
1630.01

MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Deck

THAT the report dated July 7, 2016 re: June Accounts Payable Cheque List prepared by the Finance Department, be received; and

THAT the cheque register for the month of June 2016 totaling \$2,199,785.85 be received.

CARRIED

12. New Business

Nil

13. Question/Answer Period

Terry Halliday requested clarification of Item CII.

Mayor Nichols responded that Northern Health is requesting feedback on what is working well to support children and youth to grow up healthy, what the challenges are in each community, and requesting ideas to improve the health of children in the North.

Terry Halliday inquired about the section under the Independent Auditor's Report of the Financial Statements that referred to the Liability for

Contaminated Sites and what it pertains to.

The Chief Administrative Officer replied that is a reference to brownfield parcels, some of which are still in use by the community.

Terry Halliday further inquired with respect to the proposed Wabi Heights Industrial Area Development, and asked if Council had looked at the current available industrial lots vs the types of lots that would be available in the proposed development area.

The Mayor responded that it was part of their discussions.

14. Adjournment MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.



Carol Newsom
Director of Corporate Administration



Merlin Nichols
Mayor

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 18, 2016 in the Council Chambers.



Carol Newsom
Director of Corporate Administration