

DISTRICT OF CHETWYND

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Date: March 16, 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
W. Caldwell, Director of Financial Administration
P. Gordon, Director of Engineering & Public Works
R. Rusjan, Director of Parks & Recreation
D. Ennis, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration
(recording secretary)

Absent: Nil

Press: Cole Papalazarou, Peace FM
Matthew Nicholson, Peace FM
Callie Warren, CHET TV
Anand Chandy, CHET TV
Naomi Larsen, Chetwynd Echo

Public: Matt White, Glencore [Item D-1]
Dayton Ostrosser, Glencore [Item D-1]
Sheree Smith, Chetwynd Chamber of Commerce
Charlie Lasser, Chetwynd Chamber of Commerce
Leo Sabulsky

- 1. Call to Order** Mayor Nichols recognized that this would be the last meeting that Anand Chandy and Callie Warren would be in attendance as Anand has accepted a job in Quesnel, BC and Callie has accepted a job in Kingston, ON.

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. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for March 16, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Minutes

M-1
Minutes of the
Regular Council
Meeting

MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber
THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 2, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

M-2
Minutes of the
Finance Strategy
Meeting

MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith
THAT the minutes of the Finance Strategy Meeting held on March 2, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

M-3
Minutes of the
Special Regular
Council Meeting

MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee
THAT the minutes of the Special Regular Council Meeting held on February 23, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Delegations and/or Presentations

D-1
Matt White and
Dayton
Ostrosser,
Glencore re:
Sukunka Project
Update
6850.40.01

Matt White and Dayton Ostrosser, Glencore, provided Council with a brief presentation re: Sukunka Project Update as outlined below:

- Glencore purchased Xstrata in May 2013
- Employs approximately 8,000 in Canada
- 115,000 ha under license in the Peace River Coal Basin in NE BC
- Located 55 km south of Chetwynd and about 40 km west of Tumbler Ridge
- Combined open pit and underground mining
- Premium hard coking or steel making coal
- Expected 20+ years mine life
- 4 coal haul options are available, to either Chetwynd or Tumbler Ridge
- Engineering schedule for mine construction and operation activities is currently being developed
- Permitting schedule will be finalized when the mine engineering information is available
- Submit MAPA package in Q3 2015

Council thanked Mr. White and Mr. Ostrosser for the presentation.

5. Bylaws

B-1
***Bylaw No.
1021, 2015

MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner

THAT Bylaw No. 1021, 2015 cited as the “District of Chetwynd Replacement of the Municipal Office Building Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1021, 2015” be ADOPTED.

CARRIED***

B-2
***Bylaw No.
1022, 2015

MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Bassendowski

THAT Bylaw No. 1022, 2015 cited as the “District of Chetwynd 2015 Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 1022, 2015” be ADOPTED.

CARRIED***

6. Council Committee and Liaison Reports

CR-1
Regional District
Report

Mayor Nichols submitted the following written Peace River Regional District (PRRD) report dated March 12, 2015:

“Motion to appoint the PRRD to coordinate the Fair Share negotiations passed.

Brian Derfler appeared in delegation as he did to Chetwynd Council to promote air monitoring in the Peace Region. Cost of monitor: \$6500. Cost of monthly monitoring report: \$120.

Lidstone has been invited to present a Fair Share education session in FSJ on March 17. Council is invited to attend.

Recommend that Dan Rose be invited to attend Health Services.

Emergency Management workshop for elected officials March 17.”

MOVED by Mayor Nichols, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber

THAT Mayor Nichols’ written Peace River Regional District Report dated March 12, 2015, be received.

CARRIED

CR-6
Water & Sewer
Task Group
Report

Coun. Weisgerber reported that Ecologix Environmental Systems from Calgary are set up at our sewer treatment plant on a trial basis at no cost to the District. They are conducting a pilot project which involves taking effluent from the sewer lagoons and treating it to become fracking water. The District's engineers have been consulted, and they are in support of the project.

MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT Coun. Weisgerber'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 March 16, 2015:

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

- March 3: Met with South Peace Mayors re Fair Share.
- March 4: Met with Alan Bone, Auditor, re 2014 audit.
- March 5: Health Services Committee.
- March 12: PRRD DC. See PRRD report.
- March 16: Telephone interview with Angela De Smit and Becky Temple re Medical Services.
- March 16: Parcel Tax Review Committee.
- March 16: Committee of the Whole."

MOVED by Mayor Nichols, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner

THAT Mayor Nichols' written Mayor's Report dated March 16, 2015, be received.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence – Discussion

CD-1
***North
Central Local
Government
Association
2016 AGM
0390.20.02

MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT the email from Coun. Shaely Wilbur, City of Dawson Creek dated March 4, 2015 re: North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) 2016 AGM, be received; and

THAT Council direct a letter be provided supporting the City of Dawson Creek's bid to host the 2016 NCLGA AGM, and authorize the District of Chetwynd to co-host the 2016 NCLGA AGM.

CARRIED***

CD-2
***Peace River
Local
Government
Association
Meeting
0390.20.04

MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber

THAT the letter from Mayor Dale Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek dated March 2, 2015 re: Peace River Local Government Association Meeting – April 30, 2015, be received; and

THAT Council authorize all Council members to attend the Peace River Local Government Association meeting in Dawson Creek on April 30, 2015.

CARRIED***

CD-3
***2015
Emergency
Management BC
Senior and
Elected Officials
Workshop
7130.02

MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT the letter from Assistant Deputy Minister Patrick Quealey, Emergency Management BC dated March 9, 2015 re: 2015 Emergency Management BC Senior and Elected Officials Workshop, be received; and

THAT Council authorize all Council members to attend the 2015 Emergency Management BC Senior and Elected Officials Workshop in Dawson Creek on April 30, 2015.

CARRIED***

CD-4
***TELUS
Telecommunica-
tions Facility –
Notification
Package
0510.20.04

MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber

THAT the letter from TELUS dated March 3, 2015 re: Proposed TELUS Telecommunications Facility – Notification Package, be received; and

THAT Council provide any concerns or comments it may have regarding the proposed TELUS telecommunications facility at 92-4888 North Access Road to Administration prior to April 10, 2015 for submission to TELUS.

CARRIED***

CD-5
***Local
Government
Leadership
Academy Chief
Elected Official
Forum
0390.20.01

MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT the email from UBCM dated March 6, 2015 re: Local Government Leadership Academy Chief Elected Official Forum, be received; and

THAT Council authorize the Mayor or alternate to attend the Local Government Leadership Academy Chief Elected Official Forum June 24-25, 2015 in Vancouver, BC.

CARRIED***

CD-6
***City of Port
Moody --
Declaration of
Right
0400.60.01

MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT the email from City of Port Moody dated February 23, 2015 re: City of Port Moody – Declaration of Right to a Healthy Environment, be received; and

THAT Council favourably support the City of Port Moody’s “Declaration of the Right to a Healthy Environment” initiative when it comes forward for discussion at UBCM or FCM.

CARRIED***

8. Correspondence – Information

CI-1
CN
EcoConnexions
- *From the
Ground Up
Program*
0510.20.05

MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT the news release from CN EcoConnexions dated February 26, 2015 re: Fourth Edition of CN EcoConnexions – *From the Ground Up Program*, advising that the District of Chetwynd was awarded a \$25,000 grant, be received for information.

CARRIED

CI-2
B.C. on the
Move
0400.20.23

MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Bassendowski

THAT the letter from Minister Todd Stone, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure dated February 23, 2015 re: Submission to B.C. on the Move, be received for information; and

CI-3
Coastal
GasLink --
Letter of
Thanks
6850.50.01

THAT the email from Bruce Wells, Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project Ltd. dated March 5, 2015 re: Coastal GasLink Letter of Thanks – Chetwynd, be received for information; and

CI-4
Dawson Creek /
Chetwynd Area
Transmission
Project Update
0510.20.01

THAT the email from Lesley Wood, BC Hydro dated March 11, 2015 re: Dawson Creek/Chetwynd Area Transmission Project Update, be received for information; and

CI-6
UBCM – The
Compass
0230.30.02

THAT the Compass dated March 4, 2015, be received for information; and

CI-7
FCM – 2015
Membership
Survey
0230.20.02

THAT the letter from Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) dated February 25, 2015 re: 2015 Membership Survey, be received for information; and

CI-8
FCM – Webinar
0230.20.02

THAT the email from Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) dated March 10, 2015 re: March 26 Webinar – Reduce GHG Emissions and Save Money, be received for information; and

CI-9
Vancouver Sun
News Article
0530.20.01

THAT the Vancouver Sun News Article dated March 4, 2015 re: Vaughn Palmer: Opposition ‘Audit’ of Local Government Watchdog Scores Points, be received for information; and

CI-10
MLA Selina
Robinson –
Questions for
the BC Minister
Responsible for
Local
Government
0400.20.04

THAT the email from MLA Selina Robinson, Opposition Spokesperson for Local Government and Sport dated March 10, 2015 re: Difficult Questions for the BC Minister Responsible for Local Government, be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Correspondence – Information Items

Information
Items I-1 – I-21
0550.02

MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT Information Items I-1 I-21 be received for information.

CARRIED

10. Reports – Discussion

RD-1
***Council
Meeting
Schedule
0550.02

MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT the report dated March 9, 2015 re: Council Meeting Schedule, be received; and

THAT the Regular Council meeting schedule for the month of April, 2015 be revised to reflect that the April 7, 2015 Regular Council meeting has been cancelled.

CARRIED ***

RD-2
***Recreational
Softball League
– Northern
Development
Initiative Trust
Application
0360.20.11

MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner

THAT the report dated March 11, 2015 re: Recreational Softball League – Northern Development Initiative Trust Application, be received; and

THAT Council support the Chetwynd Recreational Softball League’s application to Northern Development Initiative Trust’s Community Halls and Recreation Program for a grant in the amount of \$30,000 as part of the Northeast Regional Development Account in 2015.

CARRIED***

RD-3
*** Municipal
Hall Carving
Placement
Contest
6750.20.13

MOVED by Coun. Bassendowski, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT the report dated March 12, 2015 re: Municipal Hall Carving Placement Contest, be received; and

THAT Council authorize Administration to conduct a Municipal Hall Carving Placement Contest during the Chetwynd Trade Show March 27 – 29, 2015 in order to relocate the five most-chosen carvings to the grounds of the new municipal hall.

CARRIED***

RD-4
***Fair Share
Part 4
0530.20.07

MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT the report dated March 13, 2015 re: Fair Share Part 4, be received; and

THAT Council recognizes the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) is the appropriate organization to coordinate negotiation with the Province of BC on the extension of the Fair Share M.O.U. and, further, that the PRRD engage the services of Blair Lekstrom, Lidstone and Company, and CAO Chris Cvik as lead negotiators working directly with regional CAOs and their respective Municipal Councils; and, further, that the Province of BC be notified that the PRRD is represented by this team and are prepared to commence negotiations as early as March 18, 2015; and, further, that member municipalities in support of this motion separately inform the Province of BC that they are represented by this team, that negotiations on their behalf will be coordinated by the PRRD and that they are prepared to commence negotiations as early as March 18, 2015; and

That Council support the Peace River Regional District Board to authorize the CAO to enter into a contract with Mr. Lekstrom at a rate of \$1500 per day, to a maximum of five days per month, plus expenses, for the purpose of renegotiation of the Fair Share M.O.U. and to engage Lidstone and Company at its hourly rate, to a maximum of \$7500 per month, plus expenses, subject to the member municipalities in support of this motion separately confirming to the Peace River Regional District that they agree to have Fair Share negotiations coordinated by the Peace River Regional District and commit to contributing to the costs of the activity in proportion to the Fair Share proceeds to be received in 2015 and, further, that the Peace River Regional District agrees to pay a proportional share of the costs based on Fair Share proceeds received by the electoral area directors in 2015.

CARRIED***

RD-5
***Meeting with
Peace River
Regional District
– April 24, 2015
0400.70.02

MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT the report dated March 13, 2015 re: Meeting with Peace River Regional District – April 24, 2015, be received; and

THAT Council authorize all members of Council to attend a meeting with the Peace River Regional District on April 24, 2015.

CARRIED***

11. Reports – Information

RI-1
Accounts
Payable Cheque
list
1630.01

MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT the report dated March 2, 2015 re: February Accounts Payable Cheque List, be received; and

THAT the cheque register for the month of February 2015 totaling \$640,482.36 be received.

CARRIED

12. New Business

Nil

13. Question/Answer Period

Cole Papalazarou, Peace FM asked when the next Council Meeting would be; the Chief Administrative Officer responded that the next Regular Council Meeting would be April 20th unless there is a call for a Special Meeting.

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

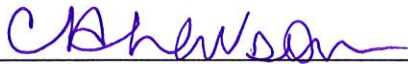


Carol Newsom
Director of Corporate Administration



Merlin Nichols
Mayor

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Chambers.



Carol Newsom
Director of Corporate Administration