

DISTRICT OF CHETWYND

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Date: May 2, 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 and Recreation
L. Kearns, Manager of Financial Services
D. Ennis, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration
(Recording Secretary)

Absent: Nil

Press: Amber Khran, Peace FM
Mike Crosby, Peace FM
Marlon Gomez, CHET TV
Leo Sabulsky, CHET TV
Matthew Kirk, Coffee Talk Express

Public: Terry Halliday (Item D-1)
April Whyte, Success By 6/Children First (Item D-2)
Kim Slack, Success By 6/Children First (Item D-2)
Tonia Richter, Chamber of Commerce
Sheree Smith

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. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee
THAT the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for May 2, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Minutes

M-1
Minutes of the
Regular
Council
Meeting

MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 18, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

M-2
Minutes of the
Committee of
the Whole
Meeting

MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Deck

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on April 18, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Delegations and/or Presentations

D-1
Terry Halliday
re: Carbon Tax
0530.20.01

Terry Halliday provided Council with a brief presentation regarding Carbon Tax as outlined below:

- Although Alberta is in the process of implementing a carbon tax, BC is currently the only North American jurisdiction that has a carbon tax in place
- Until such time as other provinces put a carbon tax of their own into place, the BC Government should not consider increasing BC's Carbon Tax, in order to not put our region at an economic disadvantage
- Requested that Council send a letter to the provincial government arguing against an increase in the carbon tax

Council thanked Mr. Halliday for the presentation.

D-2
April Whyte &
Kim Slack re:
Success By
6/Children
First
0230.50.01

April Whyte and Kim Slack, Success By 6/Children First, provided Council with a brief presentation as outlined below:

- Success By 6 is dedicated to ensuring children receive the right nurturing and care, and are ready to learn and succeed as they enter school by the age of six
- The organization endeavours to build the capacity of parents and communities throughout BC so that children from newborns to age six can be healthy, safe and secure, successful learners, socially engaged and responsible
- Provides community direct program funding and free or low-cost, quality, childhood development resources to families with young children across the province, including Aboriginal specific resources
- With the right start children are less likely to drop out of school, abuse drugs, have health problems or become involved in crime in later years

Council thanked Ms. Whyte and Ms. Slack for the presentation.

5. Bylaws

B-1
***Bylaw No.
1038, 2016

MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT Bylaw No. 1038, 2016 cited as the “District of Chetwynd Financial Plan 2016 – 2020 Bylaw No. 1038, 2016” be RECONSIDERED and ADOPTED.

Opposed: Coun. Bassendowski, Coun. Deck, Coun. Pfanner

CARRIED***

B-2
***Bylaw No.
1039, 2016

MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT Bylaw No. 1039, 2016 cited as the “District of Chetwynd 2016 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1039, 2016” be RECONSIDERED and ADOPTED.

Opposed: Coun. Bassendowski, Coun. Deck, Coun. Pfanner

CARRIED***

6. Council Committee and Liaison Reports

CR-1
Regional
District Report
0400.70.02

Coun. Brownlee reported the following:

- Received updates from RCMP in all communities; focus will be on traffic and drug related offences for next year

MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner

THAT Coun. Brownlee's verbal Peace River Regional District Report dated, be received.

CARRIED

CR-2
Community
Improvements
Committee
Report

Councillor Galbraith reported the following:

- Still in the process of getting quotes for ornamental lighting for the pathway from the carwash to Rodeo Grounds entrance
- An application has been submitted to the BCAA Play Here initiative for playground equipment for Spirit Park
- Wabi playground is scheduled for upgrades this year
- By the end of May interpretative signage will be in place at the Community Forest as well as trail signage for the Baldy Tower Road
- Beaver removal program is underway
- There are a few trees that did not survive the transplanting to the berm beside the medical clinic; they will be replaced at no cost
- Will be revising the District maintenance program for businesses that own chainsaw carvings within the municipality
- Entries must be received for the Beautiful Gardens Contest by June 20th; judging will take place between June 21st and 26th; the Beautiful Gardens Gala Affair will take place July 10th at the Museum
- Healthy Communities Report:
 - 150 "Welcome to Chetwynd Packages" are being compiled and will be available at the Visitor Centre, Library, Recreation Centre, Northern Lights College, Service BC, Chamber of Commerce and rental agencies;
 - Lunch N Learn, which is a program for seniors funded by a provincial age-friendly grant, is held the 2nd Friday of each month at the Chetwynd Public Library from 11:00am – 1:00pm;
 - The Healthy Communities Coordinator will be presenting to all local elementary schools on the topic of food security and promoting the community gardens; students will be given lettuce seeds to grow;

- There are approximately 16 plots at the community gardens now but more plots can be cultivated if there is interest

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:

- A new hoist was installed at the Public Works Shop
- An auction will be held in June to dispose of all surplus District items
- The planting of the Manchurian Ash and Brandon Elm trees in the boulevard will be commencing this week
- Half of the summer students started today and the rest will start May 9th

MOVED by Coun. Deck, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

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

CARRIED

CR-7
Mayor's
Report

Mayor Nichols submitted the following written Mayor's Report dated May 2, 2016:

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

- April 19: South Peace Health Services, Dawson Creek.
- April 19: Steve Dowling and Maria Butts re: Highway Access to Peace.
- April 22: Regional Community Liaison Committee re: Site C Relations to Communities.
- April 26: Civic Properties Commission.
- April 27: Community Improvements Committee."

MOVED by Mayor Nichols, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT Mayor Nichols' written Mayor's Report dated May 2, 2016, be received.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence – Discussion

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

Convocation THAT the email from University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) dated
2016 April 13, 2016 re: UNBC Convocation 2016 Invitation to Attend, be received;
0400.90.03 and

THAT Council authorize the Mayor or alternate to attend the UNBC
Convocation in Prince George, BC on May 27, 2016.

CARRIED***

8. Correspondence – Information

CI-1 MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber
BCGEU – Sale

of Wine in THAT the letter from B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union
Grocery Stores (BCGEU) dated April 14, 2016 re: Sale of Wine in Grocery Stores, be received
0230.30.01 for information; and

CI- THAT the letter from Meikle Wind Energy Project dated April 21, 2016 re:
Meikle Wind Meikle Wind Energy Project – Commencement of 2016 Construction
Energy Project Activities, be received for information; and
– 2016
Construction
Activities
6850.70.01

CI-3 THAT the Compass dated April 20, 2016, be received for information.
UBCM – The
Compass CARRIED
0230.30.02

9. Correspondence – Information Items

Information MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee
Item

I-1 - I-5 THAT Information Item I-1 – I-5 be received for information.
0550.02

CARRIED

10. Reports – Discussion

RD-1
*** Opportunity for Public Input:

Development Variance Permit Application No. 01-206 – Van Carrier
Mayor Nichols invited those who wished to express his/her views regarding the proposed Development Variance Permit Application No. 01-206 - Van Carrier to address Council.

There being no submissions and no correspondence received, the opportunity for public input was closed for this application.

MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner

THAT the report dated April 22, 2016 re: Development Variance Permit Application No. 01-206 – Van Carrier prepared by Administration, be received; and

THAT Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to issue Development Variance Permit No. 01-206 to Van Carrier to permit a 6.0 m (20 ft) wide modular home to be located at 5648 Westgate Road (Lot 1, Plan PGP 14286, DL1817).

CARRIED***

RD-2
***Peace
Rally 2016
Event
0230.40.01
MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT the report dated April 22, 2016 re: Peace Rally 2016 Event prepared by Administration, be received; and

THAT Council authorize that a letter be sent to Chase Laursen and Tri Nyguen in support of their Peace Rally 2016 Event to be held July 15 – 17, 2016 and authorize that the Chetwynd Airport be used for final awards and a show and shine, subject to proof of adequate liability insurance.

CARRIED***

RD-3
***BCAA
Play Area
Revitalization
Contest
0540.20.20 /
6130.20.05
MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Deck

THAT the report dated April 29, 2016 re: BCAA Play Area Revitalization Contest prepared by the Community Improvements Committee, be received; and

THAT Council approve the application to BCAA Play Area Revitalization Contest for Cedar Park (Spirit Park).

CARRIED***

11. Reports – Information

RI-1 MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Weisgerber
Chetwynd &
Area THAT the Chetwynd & Area Economic Development 2015-2016 Programs and
Economic Successes Report, be received for information.
Development
Report CARRIED
6750.04

12. New Business

Nil

13. Question/Answer Period

Terry Halliday inquired, with respect to the General Fund Surplus and Reserve Policy target of \$1 million, if Council knew what the District presently has in reserves.

The Chief Administrative Officer responded that the information will be brought forward to the next Regular Council Meeting.

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 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 May 2, 2016 in the Council Chambers.



Carol Newsom
Director of Corporate Administration