

DISTRICT OF CHETWYND

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Date: September 18, 2017
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers

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

Absent: Nil

- 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. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for September 18, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- 3. Minutes**
M-1
Minutes of the
Regular
Council
Meeting
MOVED by Coun. Pfanner, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 5, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Delegations & Presentations

D-1
Jesse Rashke
and Ken Wolfe,
West Fraser
Mills Ltd.

Jesse Rashke and Ken Wolfe, West Fraser Mills Ltd. presented Council with the following presentation:

- West Fraser purchased Northern Wood Preservatives in 1978 and Chetwynd Forest Industries in 1979
- In 1980 the two mills were replaced with a larger facility at the current site
- Recent upgrades to mill and construction of Bioenergy plant
- In 2015 we completed a major rebuild of the mill, which included a new large canter line, and a rebuild of the back end of the mill
- We also completed construction of a 12 megawatt Bioenergy plant which is under a 20 year contract to produce green energy for BC Hydro. The bioenergy plant utilizes sawmill residue, and has allowed us to de-commission the beehive burner
- This year we completed the Continuous Dry Kiln
- Capital investment since 2013 exceeds \$130 million
- 250 Direct employees; hundreds of indirect employees; Logging contractors; Log haulers; Consultants; Planning, Engineering services, Environmental management; Reforestation contractors
- Mill consumption is 1,250,000 m³ of timber/year; Approximately 22,000 logging truck loads per year.
- Forest License has an Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) of 371,567m³/year in the Dawson Creek Timber Supply Area (TSA)
- Chetwynd Forest Industries currently holds no licenses in the Fort St. John Timber Supply Area (TSA)
- Approximately 875,000m³/year of unsecured volume
- Currently undergoing a TSR for the Fort St. John Timber Supply Area (TSA); Timber Supply Review process happens on a regular basis, and was last completed in 2003 in the Fort St John Timber Supply Area (TSA)
- What Role can the District of Chetwynd Play?
 - The Mayor and Council can advocate for the forest industry and its importance to the community of Chetwynd, and the region
 - Ensure that the Minister of Forests understands that the forest resource in the Fort St. John Timber Supply Area (TSA), both green timber and dead beetle killed pine is underutilized
 - Access to the resource is critical to the long term economic health of the local forest industry
 - Advocate for the Minister to 'Apportion' any 'Uplift' volume (or volume made available above existing license needs) that may be made available by the Chief Forester's Determination' to new competitive license opportunities

Council thanked Mr. Rashke and Mr. Wolfe for the presentation.

D-2
Mayor
McPherson and
CAO Jordan
Wall, District of
Tumbler Ridge
re: 2017
Strategic Plan of
the Northeast
BC Resource
Municipalities
Coalition and
Request that
Chetwynd
Consider Re-
joining the
Coalition

Mayor McPherson and Jordan Wall, Chief Administrative Officer, District of Tumbler Ridge presented Council with the following presentation:

- Requested Chetwynd re-join the Northeast BC Resource Municipalities Coalition
- Explained that Chetwynd would benefit since the coalition would advocate for Chetwynd with discussions with provincial and federal governments
- A group of municipalities has a better chance of being heard, than a single municipality
- The fee for Chetwynd to re-join has been reduced from \$40,000 to \$27,700 and is calculated based on population
- Fort St, John, Taylor, Tumbler Ridge and Fort Nelson are present members
- Regional Directors can now join as well; the fee is \$10,000 each

Council thanked Mayor McPherson and Mr. Wall for the presentation.

5. Bylaws

Nil

6. Council Committee and Liaison Reports

CR-3
Mayor's
Report

Mayor Nichols submitted the following written Mayor's Report dated September 18, 2017:

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

September 6: Regional Community Liaison Committee BC Hydro in Fort St. John.

September 6: Unveiling of Chain Saw Sculpture in Pouce Coupe.

September 7: Coal and Energy Conference in Tumbler Ridge.

September 8: Coal and Energy Conference in Tumbler Ridge.

September 13: Met with Mayor and CAO of Tumbler Ridge in Chetwynd.

September 13: Unveiling of Chain Saw Sculpture at Dawson Creek Airport.

September 18: Business Walk.

September 18: Gazebo Opening."

MOVED by Mayor Nichols, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith

THAT Mayor Nichols' written Mayor's Report dated September 18, 2017 be received.

CARRIED

7. Discussion Items

DI-1 MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner
***Northern
Health – THAT the email from Northern Health dated September 13, 2017 re:
Community Community Health Plan for Chetwynd Steering Committee, be received; and
Health Plan for
Chetwynd THAT Council authorize all members of Council to be on the Community
Steering Health Plan for Chetwynd Steering Committee.
Committee

CARRIED***

8. Correspondence

C-1 MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Deck
UBCM – The
Compass THAT the Compass dated August 30, 2017, be received for information; and
0230.30.02

C-2 THAT the Compass dated September 6, 2017, be received for information; and
UBCM – The
Compass
0230.30.02

C-3 THAT the email from Federation of Canadian Municipalities dated August 31,
FCM – GMF 2017 re: GMF Annual Report Highlights Progress on Sustainability, be
Annual Report received for information.

CARRIED

C-4 MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Galbraith
PRRD
Temporary THAT the Peace River Regional District Temporary Use Permit Referral, be
Use Permit received for information.
Referral

CARRIED

C-5 MOVED by Coun. Brownlee, SECONDED by Coun. Deck
Northern BC
Tourism THAT the letter from Travel Northern British Columbia dated September 1,
Summit 2017 re: Northern BC Tourism Summit, October 16 – 17, 2017 in Prince
George, be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Information Items

II-1 MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Deck
Information
Item THAT Information Item I-1 be received for information.
I-1
0550.02 CARRIED

10. Reports for Action

RA-1 Councillor Deck declared a perceived conflict of interest with regard to his
***Temporary employment and left Council Chambers at 5:20 p.m.

Use Permit

No. 04-2017 – MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Brownlee

Dave and Ron

Milner &

Lorne Waldie

THAT the report dated September 13, 2017 re: Temporary Use Permit No. 04-2017 – Dave and Ron Milner and Lorne Waldie prepared by Administration, be received; and

THAT Council authorize Notice of Intent to issue Temporary Use Permit No. 04-2017 to Dave and Ron Milner and Lorne Waldie for the purpose of allowing temporarily location of a 150-person work camp on property located at 4400-44th Avenue NE, Chetwynd, BC (Parcel 1, BCP39720, DL1916 & 2412, PID 027-825-787) for a period of up to one year, subject to Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure approval.

Opposed: Coun. Pfanner

CARRIED***

Councillor Deck returned to the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

RA-2

***Avalanche

and Snowpack

Data

Collection

Program

MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Bassendowski

THAT the report dated September 13, 2017 re: Avalanche and Snowpack Data Collection Program prepared by the Finance Department, be received; and

THAT Council authorize Administration to enter into an agreement with Summit Avalanche Consulting Ltd. to provide data collection and avalanche safety initiatives for the winter of 2017-18 in the snowmobile areas around Chetwynd, for the contracted amount of \$3,000.

CARRIED***

RA-3 MOVED by Coun. Galbraith, SECONDED by Coun. Bassendowski
***Chetwynd
Social THAT the report dated September 13, 2017 re: Chetwynd Social Planning
Planning Society – 100 People Initiative prepared by the Finance Department, be
Society – 100 received; and
People
Initiative THAT the District of Chetwynd accept donations from individuals or
 companies towards the 100 people initiative; and

 THAT the Chetwynd Social Planning Society be requested to advertise the
 program and provide a recommendation as to how the funds should be
 disbursed.

 CARRIED***

11. Reports for Information

RI-1 MOVED by Coun. Weisgerber, SECONDED by Coun. Pfanner
Building
Permit Values THAT the report dated September 1, 2017 re: Building Permit Values prepared
 by the Engineering & Public Works Department, be received for information.

 CARRIED

12. New Business

Nil

13. Public Question Period

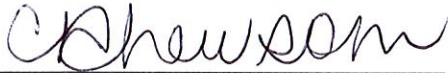
Nil

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.




Carol Newsom
Corporate Officer



Merlin Nichols
Mayor

Certified a true and correct copy of the
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held on September 18, 2017 in the Council
Chambers.



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