



DISTRICT OF STEWART

Minutes for the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council held Monday, February 22, 2010 7:00pm at the Council Chambers 705 Brightwell St, Stewart, BC

PRESENT: Mayor Angela Brand Danuser
Councillor Clark
Councillor Deacon-Rogers
Councillor Durant
Councillor Lister
Councillor Johns

STAFF: Douglas Jay, CAO & Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the Council Meeting of February 22, 2010 to order at 7:00pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Lister that the agenda be adopted, with the addition of the NCLGA Call for Nominations — Agenda Item #11(a).

CARRIED 030.10

3. MINUTES

a) February 8, 2010 Minutes

MOVED by Councillor Deacon-Rogers, seconded by Councillor Johns that the Minutes of February 8, 2010 be adopted.

CARRIED 031.10

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

5. PUBLIC INPUT DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS – NONE

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

a) Report from the CAO – Funding Application & Celebrate Canada Program

MOVED by Councillor Durant, seconded by Councillor Lister that the District of Stewart supports the funding application for the Celebrate Canada Program for 2010 and that the Mayor be authorized to complete the application.

CARRIED 032.10

MOVED by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Lister that it be recorded in the minutes that any funds received under the Celebrate Canada Program funding will only sponsor the Canada Day celebrations.

CARRIED 033.10

b) Report from the CAO – Use of the Gazebo & Celebrate Canada Program

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Durant that the Stewart Youth Community Development Society request to use the Gazebo or Pavilion at the Memorial Park for July 1st, 2010 be approved for the purpose of sponsoring its “ethnic dinner”

celebration as part of Canada Day and that the CAO be authorized to sign the Event Liability Waiver as required by Canadian Heritage.

CARRIED 034.10

MOVED by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Lister that it be recorded that any funds received under the Celebrate Canada Program funding will only sponsor the Canada Day celebrations.

CARRIED 035.10

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts – dated February 2, 2010

MOVED by Councillor Deacon-Rogers, seconded by Councillor Johns that the correspondence be received and a copy forwarded to the Economic Development Officer.

CARRIED 036.10

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Cheque Distribution List – January 2010

MOVED by Councillor Deacon-Rogers, seconded by Councillor Clark that the Cheque Distribution List be received.

CARRIED 037.10

9. COMMITTEES - NONE

10. BYLAWS

a) Election and Advance Voting Bylaw No. 841, 2010

MOVED by Councillor Deacon-Rogers, seconded by Councillor Clark that the Election and Advance Voting Bylaw No. 841, 2010 be Adopted.

CARRIED 038.10

b) Long Lake Hydro Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 842, 2010

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Deacon-Rogers that the Long Lake Hydro Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 842, 2010 be Read a FIRST Time.

CARRIED 039.10

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Durant that the Long Lake Hydro Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 842, 2010 be Read a SECOND Time.

CARRIED 040.10

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Lister that the Long Lake Hydro Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 842, 2010 be Read a THIRD Time.

CARRIED 041.10

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Lister that the THIRD Reading of the Long Lake Hydro Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 842, 2010 be RESCINDED.

CARRIED 042.10

11. LATE ITEMS

a) NCLGA & Call for Nominations (2010-2011)

MOVED by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Lister that Councillor Dave Johns be nominated by the District of Stewart for the position of Director at Large with NCLGA.

CARRIED 043.10

12. REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

a) Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported on the following meetings attended:

- Open House at the Health Centre to meet new staff & wish the outgoing staff well
- Tourism Brochure meeting with other members of Council and staff and the Manager of the Chamber of Commerce to develop a new tourism brochure;
- Regional District Board Meeting in Terrace. Items of business included the Draft Requisition for the 2010 budget including the proposed requisition for the District of Stewart, and information on the Heritage Advisory Commission.

The Mayor also announced upcoming conferences and events:

- Minerals North in Prince George, April 21-23rd;

MOVED by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Johns that Mayor Brand Danuser, Councillor Lister and Councillor Deacon-Rogers attend the Minerals North Conference on April 21-23rd in Prince George on behalf of the District along with the EDO.

The Mayor noted that (2) registrations came with the trade show booth.

CARRIED 044.10

- NCLGA annual event in Smithers on May 5th – 7th,

MOVED by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Deacon-Rogers that Councillor Johns and Councillor Durant, along with the CAO attend the NCLGA conference.

CARRIED 045.10

The Mayor also reported that the District of Vanderhoof requested support from the District of Stewart in support of their application to host the 2012 Minerals North Conference.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Clark that the District of Stewart supports the application of the District of Vanderhoof to host the 2012 Minerals North Conference.

CARRIED 046.10

b) Councillor Reports

Councillor Johns: Reported that he had attended the farewell session held at the Health Centre for Christy Heuston, the former site administrator. He also reported that he was introduced to the lab/X-ray technician, the nurse and the new administrator. Councillor Johns then reported that he attended the Opening Ceremonies of the Olympic Games at the District's "Olympic Live Site" (arena). He also reported that he attended the Tourism Brochure meeting on Fridays February 12th and 19th and that he was working to secure fishing photos for potential use in the tourism brochure. He also reported that he was returning his 2009 Council remuneration to the District.

Councillor Lister: Reported that he attended the Tourism Brochure meeting on Friday February 19th, 2010.

Councillor Deacon-Rogers: Reported that he had participated in the Tourism Brochure meetings with Council and the Chamber to discuss options for developing a new tourism brochure. He has been working to secure photos on winter sport activities in Stewart area along with historical information for the brochure.

He reported on attending the Stewart library AGM and the election of officers:

Claudia Knight (Chair)
Billie Belcher (Treasurer)

Ian Hamilton (Vice Chair)
Pat Grue – Director
Pat Lynn – Director
Judith Hecimovic – Director

He then reported on some of the Public Works improvements with the Arrow Dock site and that the District needs to still attend to the ore pile discarded by the Dock. He also inquired about the possibility of an additional “clean up” day for the District, and lastly, about the removal of the Christmas lights at the boardwalk entrance and along the main street.

Councillor Durant: Reported on attending the following committee meetings:

Tourism Brochure committee on both February 12th and 19th and the work of the group to assemble a new tourism brochure for the area. She then reported that the next meeting is set for February 23, 2010 at 7 pm.

Councillor Clark: Nothing to report.

13. MANAGER’S UPDATE REPORT

The Manager reported on the following topics:

- **Audit Update** - Auditors spent the last week in the District Office reviewing accounts. We are anticipating that the Financial Statements will be ready for May and adoption at the May 10th Meeting.
- **Property Tax Deferral Program** - In the Speech from the Throne, the Provincial Government referenced a new property tax deferral program families with children under the age of 18. Details of the program are being worked out and District staff will be monitoring the situation in the event that it may impact the District.
- **Public Works Update** – The PW employees have been working on the following:
 - Grading various roads and streets in town, such as the Arrow Dock access road;
 - Taking inventory of water & sewer pipe, hydrant parts;
 - Performing annual building maintenance such as painting #1 lift stations, arena boiler room floor, and more;
 - Will be visually inspecting the Northland Dock;
 - Will also be removing the Christmas lights from 5th Avenue
- **Policy Manual & Records Management** - Management has been reviewing the policy manual and started the basic work for a comprehensive policy manual overhaul and the records management system.

MOVED by Councillor Deacon-Rogers, seconded by Councillor Johns that the Manager’s Report be received.

CARRIED 047.10

14. QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were received from the audience.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Johns that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 7:52 pm.

CARRIED 048.10

Certified as the true and correct minutes:

Douglas Jay
Corporate Officer

Angela Brand Danuser
Mayor