



DISTRICT OF STEWART

Minutes for the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council held Monday, January 25, 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 Johns

ABSENT: Councillor Lister

STAFF: Douglas Jay, CAO & Corporate Officer
Leigh Kasum, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the Council Meeting of January 25, 2010 to order at 7:00pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Durant that we adopt the agenda.

CARRIED 014.10

3. MINUTES

a) January 11, 2010 Minutes

MOVED by Councillor Durant, seconded by Councillor Clark that we adopt the Minutes of January 11, 2010.

CARRIED 015.10

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC INPUT DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS

a) **Bradley Lane- BC Assessment Authority-** Presentation of BC Assessment and an explanation of how properties are assessed.

Questions from the Audience;

Richard Lemieux – Inquired about Timber Baron not bringing logs into Stewart. He stated that companies such as his employ many people in Stewart. Stewart has no economy and jobs are needed or more people will be leaving Stewart to find work.

Carolyn Smith- Commented on the college for enrollment into the carpentry course. She was unsuccessful at obtaining a position with the District of Stewart and is now struggling to find employment and funding to carry on this educational opportunity.

John Goulet- commented that he too works out of town and something needs to happen in Stewart so that residents can work where they live.

Terry Brand- inquired about the mess of bark down at the log dump?

Echo Shrum- commented that her house is one of the oldest in town. It has the original wiring, roof, structure and foundation etc. She inquired about why her house assessment would increase by 120% given these conditions?

Jim Jensen- Market fluctuations vary across the Province. Houses sold in the Kelowna area for \$20,000 less than assessed value.

Dave Miller- commented that his assessment went up also. He stated that his property has no water, no sewer and that it is inhabitable. He can't understand why his assessment went up so much.

Moria Hyslop- inquired about whether occupied houses were assessed higher than unoccupied houses. She stated that she has seen some errors in that rational as some houses that are vacant but have window coverings and they seem to be assessed the same as a house that is occupied.

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Consolidated Revenue/Expense for December 31, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Deacon-Rogers that we adopt the Consolidated Revenue/Expense list for December 31, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED 016.10

9. COMMITTEES

10. BYLAWS

11. LATE ITEMS

12. REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

a) Mayor's Report- written

MOVED by Councillor Deacon-Rogers, seconded by Councillor Johns that a committee of council be formed to start planning for Minerals North 2011.

CARRIED 017.10

b) Councillor Reports

Councillor Johns: He had a request from a business owner for the Olympic flags. He explained why they were not available and stressed the need for Olympic Spirit. He was t spoke to the Terrace Torch Committee about getting some Olympic Paraphernalia. Terrace declined and stated that they only get the Olympic flag and that the Torch relay flag is unavailable. He received some insight as to why the torch is not coming to Stewart.

Councillor Deacon-Rogers: nothing to report

Councillor Durant: She attended the Cassiar Tourism Committee Meeting on January 20. She asked that we send some Salmon Glacier Self guided Auto Brochures to them. She attended an informal meeting with Kim Morrison, Tourism Coordinator for Nisga'a Communities.

Councillor Clark: He attended the Roundup and stated that this was a great opportunity for Stewart to advertise. He hopes that we continue to participate in this event.

13. MANAGER'S UPDATE REPORT

- Year End Preparations – Staff will be preparing for the Auditor's visit at the end of the month. This will lead into our budget and our Five Year Financial Planning process.
- Property Assessments –An information backgrounder on Assessments was sent out to all residents along with a notice regarding the presentation from BC assessment Authority. Deadline for appeals is February 1, 2010.
- AME Roundup – He stated that he attended the AME Roundup in Vancouver with the Mayor, Councillor Clark and the EDO.
- Arena Insurance – A claim for reimbursement of expenses was submitted to the Insurance Adjuster. WW Contracting has been paid \$14, 950.00 that was approved by council for expenses rendered for work required to demolish the old changing rooms and reconstruct the temporary dressing rooms. Another invoice for \$1,296 was submitted and we are awaiting approval from the Insurance company.

MOVED by Councillor Deacon-Rogers, seconded by Councillor Clark that the Manager's Report be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 018.10

14. QUESTION PERIOD

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Durant, seconded by Councillor Johns that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 9:03pm.

CARRIED 019.10

Certified as the true and correct minutes:

Douglas Jay
Corporate Officer

Angela Brand Danuser
Mayor