



DISTRICT OF STEWART

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

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

ABSENT: Councillor Clark

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the Council Meeting of March 22, 2010 to order at 7:03pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Durant that the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED 064.10

3. MINUTES

a) March 8, 2010 Minutes

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Lister that the Minutes of March 8, 2010 be adopted with the correction of:

“MOVED by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Johns that we appoint Douglas Jay as Chief Election Officer and to hold the by-election by May 1st.”

Amendment:

MOVED by Councillor Deacon-Rogers, seconded by Councillor Johns to appoint Douglas Jay as the Chief elections officer as of March 23.”

CARRIED 065.10

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

5. PUBLIC INPUT, DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS

- a) Laurie Gallant , Zero Waste Planner, RDKS- Presentation
- b) Pat Grue, Border Town Recycling – Presentation

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

a) Report from the CAO– Landfill Diversion Credit Program

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Deacon-Rogers that the topic be discussed.

CARRIED 066.10

MOVED by Councillor Durant, seconded by Councillor Johns that Option 2 -\$2500.00 towards the Landfill Diversion Credit Program, be approved.

CARRIED 067.10

b) Report from the EDO – Engineering Proposals – CAF Project

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Lister that the topic be discussed.

CARRIED 068.10

MOVED by Councillor Deacon-Rogers, seconded by Councillor Lister that the CAF project application be referred to a future meeting.

CARRIED 069.10

c) Report from the EDO – CAF & Uplands Nursery

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Deacon-Rogers that the proposed purchase of trees and shrubs from Uplands Nursery in the amount of \$18,756.09 be approved.

CARRIED 070.10

d) Report from the CAO – Policy Amendment (Purchasing Policy)

Moved by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Durant that the report be discussed.

CARRIED 071.10

Moved by Councillor Deacon-Rogers, seconded by Councillor Johns that the District of Stewart Purchasing Policy of July 2005 be amended by adding the following clause:

2.5 Notwithstanding Section 2.3 and 2.4, the Staff may waive the requirement for a competitive bid process or a Request for Proposal requirement for purchases of goods and services in an amount greater than \$5000, in the event that goods and services are being provided pursuant to an insurance claim.

In these events, the Staff may rely on either a formal quotation from a minimum of two vendors and that such quotations can be obtained either by the District staff or by a third-party on behalf of the District or on behalf of an insurance adjuster. In all cases, the District is not required to complete the purchase and may procure services or goods in another method. For certainty, section 4.0 – 4.2 (inclusive) may apply to this provision.

And furthermore, that 2.5 expires December 31, 2010.

CARRIED 072.10

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Ministry of Community And Rural Development – Climate Action Charter

MOVED by Councillor Deacon-Rogers, seconded by Councillor Lister that the Climate Action Charter be tabled until investigation of cost associated with signing onto the charter is obtained.

CARRIED 073.10

b) BC Hydro – Earth Hour Participation

MOVED by Councillor Deacon-Rogers, seconded by Councillor Johns that the correspondence from BC Hydro – Earth Hour Participation be received for information.

CARRIED 074.10

8. INFORMATION ITEMS - None

9. COMMITTEES - None

10. BYLAWS - None

11. LATE ITEMS

The mayor requested that the topic of the upcoming By-Election be added as a “Late Item”. The CAO advised that the topic was already included in the Closed Meeting Agenda.

12. REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- a) Mayor’s Report:** March 12th - attended the Northern Development Initiative Trust meeting in Terrace. We approved 3 grant applications for funding to be taken from the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine nominal account. An update on the Northwest Transmission Line was given – The Environmental Assessment hearings should start in early May, Right of Way clearing could start this fall, in the provincial budget the completion time was listed as the winter of 2012. Unfortunately the Gitanyow have filed a court action claiming improper consultation. BCTC is still moving ahead with the project and are looking to set up an office in the northwest.

March 18th – attended the Regional Power Open house at the arena. The information was very interesting and I think most people learned quite a bit about this project and their other projects already in operation.

March 26th – I will be in Terrace at the Northwest Hospital District and the Regional District meetings.

b) Councillor Reports

Councillor Johns: Reported that he had attended the Regional Power Open House and job fair on March 16 & 17th. It was well attended both nights. Most were in favor of the project with a couple of notable exceptions. Councillor Durant helped him raise the Paralympics flag. He reported that he had attended his last informal council meeting this morning.

Moved by Councillor Deacon-Rogers, seconded by Councillor Durant that we allow Councillor Johns to participate in the Minerals North Conference in Prince George with all costs charged to Councillor Johns stipend.

CARRIED 075.10

Councillor Lister: Reported that he attended the Long Lake Power Open House.

Councillor Deacon-Rogers: nothing to report

Councillor Durant: Reported that she was in attendance of the following:

- March 17- Long Lake Power Open House
- March 18 – Border Town Recycling Meeting
- March 19 – Tourism Meeting (which nobody else attended)

13. MANAGER'S UPDATE REPORT

The Manager reported on the following topics:

- Ministry of Environment Visit – a representative from the Ministry in Smithers visited Stewart last week. The technician visited the landfill and the sewage lagoons, collecting samples for testing and meeting with our Public Works employees. The District received positive feedback regarding our landfill.
- Public Works Update - Staff have been busy with various seasonal work such as:
 - Cleaning & Washing streets
 - Reinstalling the landfill fencing
 - Preparing the storm drain next to the Gov't Building for the repair this week
 - Coordinating the clean-up of the log handling facilityThey have also been preparing and servicing the heavy equipment for the Spring.
- Public Open Houses – Long Lake Hydro Project- Attended the two Open Houses on March 16 & 17th. An informal attendance count was 40 for the 16th and approximately 20-25 on the 17th.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Durant that we adopt the Manager's report as presented.

CARRIED 076.10

14. REPORT OF BUSINESS FROM CLOSED MEETING

Council reported that they are in negotiations with the Chamber of Commerce to re-new the Visitor Information Lease for a term of 5 years and that they are in negotiation with the Chamber of Commerce to renew the Campground Operating Contract for a term of 5 years.

15. QUESTION PERIOD

Moira Hyslop- Commented that the street sweeper is making some awful noises. Streets were cleaned with hose in the past and they did a much better job than the sweeper can do.

Mary-Jane McKay- Inquired if Budget meetings are open to the public and when will they start.

Debbie Kremzar- Commented that the Climate Action Charter should be looked at as it is a concern. Council should send a response to the Ministry. She also commented that the extension to Memorial Park was started and paid for by a grant originally and Council has approved other grants since. She stated that this project should be completed and not left as is.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Durant, seconded by Councillor Johns that the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 9:25 pm.

CARRIED 077.10

Certified as the true and correct minutes:

Douglas Jay
Corporate Officer

Angela Brand Danuser
Mayor