

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C09-08 of the Council of the City of Dawson called for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 in the Town of the City of Dawson Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor John Steins
Councillor Diana Andrew
Councillor Ashley Doiron
Councillor Ed Kormendy
Councillor Rick Riemer

ALSO PRESENT CAO Eldo Enns
Secretary Karen Fischer

ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Steins called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

AGENDA

C09-08-01 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that the agenda for Council Meeting # C09-07 be adopted as amended re-numbering to C07-08, ADDING under delegations b) Greg Hakonson & Paul Derhak re: Residential Housing Proposal and c) Derek Hastings re: Vendor Stalls and ADDING under Unfinished Business – KIAG Terms of Reference Correspondence d) letter from Ed Farr.

CARRIED 5-0

C09-08-02 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council move into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of hearing Delegations.

CARRIED 5-0

DELEGATIONS

- a) Lynn Bower was present to address concerns over the lack of vet services in the community, noting that the mobile vet has not returned since the January visit due to a lack of space to hold the clinic at what the vet considers a reasonable cost. Council inquired on the number of visits the mobile vet makes and if Callison locations ie: old clinic or Humane Society would be available. Council was advised that neither location is available. Ms. Bower advised that she is requesting Council to assist the vet in finding a suitable location.
- b) Greg Hakonson & Paul Derhak made a brief power point presentation showing historic photos focusing on sizes and setbacks of residences during Dawson's history. Mr. Hakonson noted that lots were much smaller, set backs were varied and homes were much smaller 6&700 square feet on two floors. Mr. Hakonson and Mr. Derhak are proposing the City to consider such developments with homes being more affordable. They are requesting Council to consider smaller lot sizes (historically shown at 1250 square feet), and smaller set back requirements. Drawings were shown with 2 regular lots subdivided into 6 lots, each approx 33x50 less the laneway, each with a residence. Council inquired if there is a proposal on the table at this time. The presenters advised that none is on the table at this time, but they would like to begin soon working within the present parameters.
- c) Derek Hastings was present to address Council regarding the recent increase in vendor stall rates. Mr. Hastings stated that he is present and supporting the letter of Karen Digby. He stated that he and other argi-vendors have a large investment before

any income is received and they provide a valuable product for the community. Mr. Hastings continued noting that local agriculture should be encouraged, as it is the sustainable option and should be more accessible. Cost increases should be gradual if any. With respect to the vendor stalls Mr. Hastings requests that the agri community be consulted in planning. Councillor advised that the Chamber of Commerce was consulted and further in response to notation in correspondence included in packages that agri-vendors should be exempt from stall fees, all vendors should be required to pay the same price for the space.

Mayor Steins advised that the concerns of the users of the vendor stalls have been heard loud and clear.

- C09-08-03** Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Committee of the Whole reverts to Council and proceed with the Agenda.

CARRIED 5-0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

Vet Services CAO advised that there has been a lot of time and effort invested by staff to resolve the issue. At this time we have been unable to find a location to meet the mobile vet's requirements. CAO suggests the Minto Concession Building for the next few months, working around the requirements of DCMF and Rec Dept. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding whether the City should subsidize this service and what the implications of doing so may be. It was noted that in some communities the mobile vet's clinic location is provided. Question was raised as to why the mobile vet does not pass the additional charge for space on to the clients as the majority seem to be agreeable to this since it is more economical than driving to Whitehorse.

The City will do its best to coordinate and provide space at a reasonable cost.

Residential Housing Council inquired if this type of housing is included in the HMP and new proposed Zoning Bylaw.

- C09-08-04** Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Council ask Admin to provide a briefing note re: changing minimum lot sizes and setbacks and height restrictions in RS zoning.

CARRIED 5-0

Vendor Stalls Council immediately commented that it was not the intent of the increase to "hit" agri-businesses. This is a high visibility area with a high demand. This is simply a cost of doing business. The clause in the bylaw (09-08 section 7.05) exists offering assistance. With reference to the Dowdell/Digby letter...how can we support Farmer's Mkt? Agriculture is an important part of the "big picture". Would they be eligible for community grant? Lengthy discussion ensued regarding numerous facets of the whole issue; the vendor stalls and agri-sales, how they fit in the picture and how they can be assisted and encouraged. Council expressed to the gallery they are not insensitive to the issue. CAO to follow up.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) Council Meeting C09-06

- C09-08-05** Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that the minutes of Council Meeting C09-06 of March 17, 2009 are approved as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

b) Recreation Board Meeting R09-02

C09-08-06 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that the minutes of Recreation Board Meeting R09-02 of February 2, 2009 are accepted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

c) Recreation Board Meeting R09-03

C09-08-07 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that the minutes of Recreation Board Meeting R09-03 of March 2, 2009 are accepted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

d) Recreation Board Meeting R08-12

C09-08-08 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that the minutes of Recreation Board Meeting R08-12 of December 15, 2008 are accepted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

R09-03 re: Orientation Manuel- are they working on guidelines. Councillor Kormendy noted as the Council rep to Rec Board, that there is a fair amount of latitude used in decisions on grants and how they are awarded. The board is looking to find ground rules for awarding grants. Council noted past direction to Rec Board to develop these guidelines.

R08-12 re: drawings for 2nd floor. Confirmation that these were rec board funds, not City budget. Should rec board be making the decisions on what the space will be used for and contracting to prepare such drawings? We need to ensure there is consultation with user groups with respect to this space. CAO noted that this will be one of the first tasks of the Project Manager.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Final Cheque registers for AP Batch 474

The following items were questioned:

Grenon	Snow removal
National Process	Pumps

C09-08-09 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Accounts Payable Final Cheque Register dated April 3, 2009 in the amount of **\$198,255.99** covering AP Batch #474 is approved for payment.

CARRIED 5-0

FINANCIAL

- a) Revenue /Expense report for January & February
- b) Cash Flow Worksheet

C09-08-10 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Council acknowledge as received memo dated April 2, 2009, Revenue Expense Reports for January and February 2009 and Cash Flow Worksheet provided by SFO for informational purposes.

CARRIED 5-0

REPORTS

a) CAO/Council Resolution Status Report

Upon request CAO noted Project Manager Contract for the Recreation Centre is in progress and hopefully will begin work at the end of the month. He further noted that the user groups will be consulted on prospective projects. CAO confirmed that the City received approval for CDF application for dock project. With respect to lot development CAO advised that CDPO has been ill and further noted that CAO is trying to set up a meeting with YG regarding this while he is in Whitehorse.

- C09-08-11** Moved by Councillor Kormendy Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Council acknowledge as received Council Resolution Status Report dated April 2, 2009 provided by CAO for informational purposes.

CARRIED 5-0

b) Bylaw Officer Report

Council noted the number of dogs picked up is higher. Council suggested Bylaw enforcement be coordinated with City spring cleanup. CAO provided clarification of the possibility of dog training classes being available from the RCMP Cpl.

- C09-08-12** Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledge as received the Bylaw Services Activity Report-Feb 25 to Apr 2, 2009 and Bylaw Constable Report dated April 2, 2009 for informational purposes.

CARRIED 5-0

c) Superintendent of Public Works Report

Council inquired if complaints have been received about excess snow in residential areas. CAO advised no complaints have been received. CAO advised Council that although the application to ICSP for funding the GUDI project had been submitted early it was overlooked by the evaluators.

- C09-08-13** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledge as received Superintendent of Works Report dated April 2, 2009 for informational purposes.

CARRIED 5-0

BYLAWS

a) Bylaw 09-09 being the 2009 Operating Budget and 3-Year Capital Expenditure Bylaw – Second Reading

- C09-08-14** Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Bylaw 09-09 being the 2009 Operating Budget and 3-Year Capital Expenditure Bylaw be given **Second Reading**

CARRIED 5-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Communities in Bloom

CAO noted that information is being prepared for the CiB website. It was further noted that Dawson is the most northern participant in the program.

C09-08-15 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Council acknowledges verbal report re: Communities in Bloom
CARRIED 5-0

b) KIAG Terms of Reference

C09-08-16 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council hereby approves the Terms of Reference for the Klondike Improvement Action Group (KIAG) Task Force. These TOR will be subject to annual review prior to April 15 of each year.

CARRIED 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

a) Klondike Development Corp

It was noted that Klondike Development Corp is a separate entity from the City. Funding for the corp. will be from outside sources, not City funds.

C09-08-17 Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Council acknowledge as received memo dated April 1, 2009 RE: Klondike Development Corporation and proposal document included. Council hereby ratifies the proposal to proceed with the development and establishment of Klondike Development Corporation. Council hereby appoints Councillor Diana Andrew & CAO Eldo Enns as City of Dawson representatives for the Klondike Development Corporation Board.

CARRIED 5-0

b) Mayor's Travel – Whitehorse and Watson Lake

C09-08-18 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council provides their approval of Mayor Stein's travel to Whitehorse April 8 & 9 to attend meetings and court. Furthermore Council approves Mayor Steins travel April 20-22 to Whitehorse to attend ICSP meetings and YG meetings. Mayor Steins may submit to AYC for costs related to attending AYC meetings in Watson Lake April 23-26.

CARRIED 5-0

c) Benefits Package

Upon request CAO noted that SFO and Fire Chief have researched extensively to find a more satisfactory benefits package for staff. SFO has scrutinized the numbers and the proposed package will cost less than the current package.

C09-08-19 Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council move to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussion re: health insurance.

CARRIED 5-0

Upon request of Council SFO clarified the new plan covers more, disability will go up each year as it is based on gender and age, but the rates quoted will be locked in to June 2010.

C09-08-20 Moved by Councillor Andrew, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Committee of the Whole reverts to Council and proceed with the agenda.

CARRIED 5-0

C09-08-21 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Kormendy that Council acknowledges receipt of memo dated April 2, 2009 re: Group Insurance and hereby approves the recommendation to switch group insurance from Pacific Blue Cross to Strata effective May 1, 2009
CARRIED 5-0

d) Rec Board Appointment

C09-08-22 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council acknowledges receipt of memo dated April 2, 2009 re: Recreation Board Appointment and hereby appoints Sara Stephens to the Recreation Board for a term expiring October 31, 2010.
CARRIED 5-0

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter dated March 12, 2009 from Tony & Minnie Beets re Land Application 2007-1623
- b) Letter dated March 31, 2009 from Grant Dowdell & Karen Digby re Vendor Stalls
- c) Letter dated March 5, 2009 from Humane Society Dawson re: SNIP Program
- d) Letter dated Apr 1, 2009 from Ed Farr.

C09-05-23 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Council acknowledge receipt of the following correspondence for informational purposes:

- Letter dated March 12, 2009 from Tony & Minnie Beets re Land Application 2007-1623
- Letter dated March 31, 2009 from Grant Dowdell & Karen Digby re Vendor Stalls
- Letter dated March 5, 2009 from Humane Society Dawson re: SNIP Program
- Letter dated Apr 1, 2009 from Ed Farr.

CARRIED 5-0

Council requests follow-up and HSD and that a letter be drafted to Mr. Beets re: jurisdiction on the land issue.

INFORMATION

NONE

QUESTION PERIOD

C09-08-24 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council move to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of Question Period.
CARRIED 5-0

John Lenart advised there no longer is a formal agriculture society in the Klondike. Any residual funds have been used up. Council recommended approaching the Chamber of Commerce.

Katie questioned the "prime location" stating they have to deal with weather and dust

Dan Davidson inquired if stall rentals had increased from \$10 to \$20 and further inquired if there is more detailed information on Front Street paving. He recommends the users of the vendor stalls be advised of plans when available.

Mark Wickham inquired on the shift on Dome residential lots and why. He was advised as to the new location being researched and the reasons for the shift ie: mining, environmental and geological concerns. Mr. Wickham also queried the notation in previous minutes re: Yukon River Bridge and inquired where the direction on that was coming from. He was advised that it was a Councillor suggestion to investigate the community's thoughts on this project in light of federal funding recently becoming available.

C09-08-25 Moved by Councillor Riemer, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Committee of the Whole revert to Council and proceed with the agenda.

CARRIED 5-0

Council broke for a short recess

Mayor Steins called the meeting back to order at 9:12 PM

In Camera Session: re Solid Waste Collection RFP

C09-08-26 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Council move to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussion re: Solid Waste Collection RFP. Furthermore Council directs that Committee of the Whole move in Camera to accommodate this discussion as per Municipal Act (RSY 2002) section 213 (3) (b) (i) for a period not to exceed 30 Minutes.

Time In Camera Session Commences: 9:13 pm

Time In Camera Session Concludes: 9:30 pm

CARRIED 5-0

C09-08-27 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Riemer that Committee of the Whole revert to Council and proceed with the agenda.

CARRIED 5-0

Councillor Riemer left Chambers

C09-08-28 Moved by Councillor Doiron, Seconded by Councillor Andrew that Council directs Administration to negotiate a contract with Grunt Action for the Collection and Disposal of Domestic, Commercial and Government Solid Waste within the Boundaries of the City of Dawson based on Grunt Action's Proposal # 2 submission for the price included therein.

CARRIED 4-0

1-ABSTAINED

Councillor Riemer returned to Chambers

ADJOURNMENT

C09-08-19 Moved by Councillor Kormendy, Seconded by Councillor Doiron that Council Meeting C09-08 be adjourned at 9:36 PM with the next scheduled meeting Tuesday April 21, 2009 at 7PM in Council Chambers.

CARRIED 5-0

**THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING #C09-08 WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION #C09-10-05 AT COUNCIL MEETING #C09-10 ON April 21, 2009.**

Originals Signed By

John Steins
MAYOR

Eldo Enns
CAO