

District of Taylor
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
February 15, 2011

<u>PRESENT</u>	Mayor	F. Jarvis
	Councillor	G. Barber
	Councillor	D. Bigcharles (arrived at 4:07 p.m.)
	Councillor	B. Filmer
	Councillor	B. Ponto

<u>ALSO PRESENT</u>	C. McLeod	Administrator
	M. de Weerd	Director of Finance
	G. Davies	Public Works Superintendent
	T. Gould	Parks & Facilities Manager
	M. Ryder	Fire Chief/Building Inspector
	B. Bird	Community Services Director
	G. Cross	Green's Superintendent
	T. Johnston	CAO Adviser

<u>ABSENT</u>	D. Callum	Golf Course General Manager
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1. Call to Order

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

The agenda was varied to allow Mr. Simard to attend at 4:14 p.m.

2. Guests & Delegates

- a) Regional Sustainability Partnership
- Bruce Simard, Peace River Regional District

Mr. Simard attended to present the proposal of a Regional sustainability Partnership and was advised that a decision would be made at the Special Council Meeting following the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

3. Correspondence

- a) **Fundraising Campaign**
- Fort St. John Women's Resource Society

Received for information.

- b) **Agreement Extension Request**
- Slainte Society of Irish Dance

Recommendation

"THAT, the District of Taylor enter into an agreement with the Slainte Society of Irish Dance for a period of five years on the condition that:

- 1) The District provide the Taylor Community Hall free of charge (subject to applicable deposits) for the annual St. Patrick's Day Ceili, and*
- 2) The Society provide entertainment by the Pomeroy Academy of Irish Dance free of charge at the request of Taylor Council on an as-needed basis."*

- c) Day of the Honey Bee Proclamation May 29, 2011
- Clinton Shane Ekdahl, Founder of "Day of the Honey Bee"**

Recommendation

"That, May 29, 2011 be proclaimed as the "Day of the Honey Bee".

- d) Community Social Services Awareness Month
- British Columbia's Community Social Services Workers**

Recommendation

"That, the month of March, 2011 be proclaimed Community Social Services Awareness Month in the District of Taylor."

Direction to staff to post an ad in the Taylor Times advising of the programs Community Social Services offers along with contact information.

- e) Silent Auction Request – NCLGA AGM & Convention
- North Central Local Government Association**

Recommendation

"That, a signed Taylor Volunteer Fire Department calendar and a District of Taylor golf shirt (along with any other items staff deems appropriate) be sent to the NCLGA host community of Prince Rupert for the silent auction during the 2011 NCLGA AGM & Convention."

- f) Resolution Submission Deadline March 11, 2011
- North Central Local Government Association**

Direction to staff to prepare a draft resolution requesting that a soil removal fee be imposed on gravel operations outside municipal boundaries and that the draft resolution to be brought forward to the March 1, 2011 Council Meeting.

**g) 2011 Measuring Up the North Initiative Award of Excellence
- North Central Local Government Association**

Received for information.

4. Reports

**a) Peace Island Park Firewood Supply
- Troy Gould, Parks & Facilities Supply**

Recommendation

- "i) *That, the Park Contractor provide wood for park users to purchase at a cost of no more than \$7.00 per 3 cubic foot bundle; and*
ii) *that, campers be allowed to use their own firewood, providing they adhere to the following restrictions:*

The wood cannot:

- *Be scavenged from the park in order to protect the natural environment;*
- *Be treated, painted, stained or creosoted wood in order to prevent site contamination;*
- *Be contaminated with metal or other foreign substances for the safety of the next campers;*
- *Be brought into the park if obtained outside a 100km radius of the park in order to prevent the spread of invasive plant or animal species;*
- *Be longer than 18 inches to reduce the potential for an uncontained or wild fire.*

**b) 2010 Parks & Facilities Operational Report
- Troy Gould, Parks & Facilities Director**

The report was received with appreciation.

**c) 2010 Year End Report
- Melany A. de Weerd, Director of Finance**

The report was received with appreciation.

**d) Clearwell Sealing
- Gordon Davies, Public Works Superintendent**

Recommendation

"That, staff obtain a firm quote for the installation of 5 In-Weg bands in the clearwell to eliminate/minimize leakage."

Direction to staff to do reference checks on the In-Weg product and success rates in areas of installation.

- e) Services Contract with Scotiabank
- Melany A. de Weerd, Director of Finance**

Recommendation

"That, the agreement with Scotiabank be renewed for a two year term commencing in March 2011."

- f) 2010 Public Works Year End Report
- Gordon Davies, Bylaw Enforcement Officer/Public Works Superintendent**

Received for information with appreciation.

5. Any Other Business

- a) Letter of Request
- Big Bam Ski Club**

Staff provided Council a copy of the letter from Big Bam Ski Club requesting Taylor support their volunteers with Taylor Employees. The letter states that the club executive would ensure that Taylor employees are trained and that they would ensure scheduling requirements would satisfy both parties.

Direction to staff to clarify details on what they are requesting and to provide a written response advising that the District is not in a position to provide employees to the ski club.

- b) Report Card on BC Elementary Schools 2011
- Fraser Institute Report**

Councillor Ponto, as the School District 60 liaison, provided comments on the Report Card on BC Elementary Schools 2011. She noted that:

- Baldonnel and Hudson's Hope were not listed in the report,
- Questions why Taylor ranks 576 out of 874 whereas CM Finch ranks 49 and Bert Ambrose ranks 53.

Recommendation

"That, staff write a letter to the Fraser Institute and the Ministry requesting theories as to why they believe there is such a gap between local schools and as to why Baldonnel and Hudson's Hope were not included."

6. Gallery or Media

Nil

7. In-Camera

Nil

8. Termination

The Committee of the Whole meeting terminated at 5:34 p.m.

CHAIR