

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013 AT 7:35 P.M.**

Deputy Mayor B. Bidgood presided. Councillors present were J. Cordeiro, M. Davies, B. Downie, and S. Tyers. Mayor D. Pernarowski was away on City business and Councillor L. Christiansen was absent due to illness. Also in attendance were H. Avison, Chief Administrative Officer, D. Block, Director of Development Services, A. Thompson, Clerk, and B. Pellegrino, Executive Assistant.

**MOVE TO IN-CAMERA
SPECIAL COUNCIL:**

***Meeting Called to Order at
7:15 p.m. – Move to In-
Camera Special Council***

(No. 058)

MOVED/SECONDED to move In-Camera and close the meeting to the public pursuant to Division 3, Sections 90 (1)(e) & (j) of the Community Charter to discuss matters relating to personnel and property.

REGULAR MEETING:

Deputy Mayor Bidgood advised that the City's Talkback Line is available for any comments or concerns viewers of this meeting may wish to bring to the attention of Council. He further advised that Council agendas and minutes are available for viewing on the City's home page at www.terrace.ca.

ADDENDUM:

There was no Addendum.

DELEGATIONS & GUESTS:

***Gordon Stamp-Vincent,
Terrace & District Chamber
of Commerce – Property
Tax Taskforce***

Gordon Stamp-Vincent, Vice President of the Terrace & District Chamber of Commerce, introduced himself and passed out 3 documents to Mayor and Council that contained information pertaining to his report.

Gordon Stamp-Vincent, Vice-President of the Terrace & District Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) distributed a number of documents to Council, including a comparison of 2012 Tax Rates in selected communities in Northern BC and a comparison of tax class proportions and assessments in various communities. At the City's January 21, 2013 public meeting to discuss the 2013-2017 provisional budget, the City asked if business taxes should be lowered, and residential

taxes increased. The Chamber is concerned that the tax multiple for the business tax class is too high and this results in less economic prosperity for the community. Mr. Stamp-Vincent argued that due to the greater tax burden new businesses will not locate in Terrace and the community will not be competitive.

Mr. Stamp-Vincent introduced Maatje Stamp-Vincent as another guest to speak to the presentation. Ms. Stamp-Vincent asked Council who should bear the burden of providing revenues to local governments. She pointed out that property assessments for residents have been increasing in value but commercial property assessments have remained relatively unchanged. When there is a property tax increase, there is a greater impact on businesses as they pay a higher tax rate than residents.

Mr. Stamp-Vincent concluded the presentation and recommended that the City of Terrace Mayor and Council strike a taskforce of six to eight residential and non-residential taxpaying representatives to examine this issue in depth and report back at a Regular Council meeting by the Fall of 2013 to provide information for the 2014 budget discussion.

Deputy Mayor Bidgood thanked Mr. & Ms. Stamp-Vincent for their presentation, and advised that this matter would be further dealt with under the "Correspondence" portion of this meeting's Agenda (see Resolution No. 062).

***Randy Norman, Terrace
Toastmasters –
Toastmasters International
Month***

This item was struck from the Agenda.

**PETITIONS AND
QUESTIONS:**

There were no Petitions or Questions.

MINUTES:

***Regular Council Minutes,
January 28, 2013***

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Minutes of January 28, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

(No. 061)

Carried Unanimously.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES (OLD
BUSINESS):**

There was no Old Business.

CORRESPONDENCE:

***Gordon Stamp-Vincent,
Terrace & District Chamber
of Commerce – Property
Tax Taskforce***

MOVED/SECONDED that the presentation from the Terrace & District Chamber of Commerce be received for information and referred to the 2013 – 2017 budget process.

Carried Unanimously.

(No. 062)

**CONVENE INTO
COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE:**

MOVED/SECONDED that the February 12, 2013 Regular Council Meeting convene into Committee of the Whole.

Carried Unanimously.

(No. 063)

***Committee of the Whole
➤ Development Services
Component,
February 12, 2013***

The following items were discussed at the February 12, 2013 Development Services Component of the Committee of the Whole:

- 1. DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 03-2013 – RUDON HYDRAULICS LTD. (5035 KEITH AVENUE)**
- 2. DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 04-2013 – LINDSAY ENTERPRISES INC. (5131 KEITH AVENUE)**

It was recommended that the Committee now rise and report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

***Committee of the Whole
➤ Development Services
Component,
February 12, 2013***

MOVED/SECONDED that the February 12, 2013 Development Services Component of the Committee of the Whole verbal report be adopted with the following recommendations:

(No. 064)

- 1. DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 03-2013 – RUDON HYDRAULICS LTD. (5035 KEITH AVENUE)**

It was recommended that Development Permit No. 03-2013 be issued to Rudon Hydraulics Ltd. for the property legally described as Lot A, District Lot 611, Range 5, Coast District, Plan EPP19651 (5035 Keith

Avenue) to permit the development of a light industrial building and completion site works including access, parking and landscaping, including the following variance:

- *Vary Schedule C of Signage Bylaw No. 1500-1996 to reduce the required setback from a parcel line for a freestanding sign in the M1 - Light Industrial zone from 3.0 metres to 1.0 metre.*

2. DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 04-2013 – LINDSAY ENTERPRISES INC. (5131 KEITH AVENUE)

It was recommended that Development Permit No. 04-2013 be issued to Lindsay Enterprises Inc. for the property legally described as Lot 19, District Lot 611, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 1992 (5131 Keith Avenue) to permit the development of a new light industrial building with two bays for a truck wash and auto detailing facility.

Carried Unanimously.

Committee of the Whole

- ***February 4, 2013***

(No. 065)

MOVED/SECONDED that the February 4, 2013 Committee of the Whole report be adopted with the following recommendation:

1. KITIMAT-TERRACE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY – COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL IMPACTS OF MAJOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

There were no recommendations.

Carried Unanimously.

Committee of the Whole

- ***February 5, 2013***

(No. 066)

MOVED/SECONDED that the February 5, 2013 Committee of the Whole report be adopted with the following recommendation:

1. MINISTER BILL BENNETT, MINISTER OF COMMUNITY, SPORT AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT – OPPORTUNITIES ASSOCIATED WITH LNG DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTHWEST REGION

There were no recommendations.

Carried Unanimously.

Committee of the Whole
➤ **February 6, 2013**

(No. 067)

MOVED/SECONDED that the February 6, 2013 Committee of the Whole report be adopted with the following recommendation:

1. NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT – NORTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT – A COMBINED INVESTMENT APPROACH

It was recommended that the City of Terrace support adopting a combined investment management approach for the Northwest Regional Development Account of the Northern Development Initiative Trust.

Carried Unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
(FOR INFORMATION
ONLY):

Committee of the Whole
➤ **Development Services Component,**
February 12, 2013

(No. 068)

MOVED/SECONDED that the February 12, 2013 Development Services Component of the Committee of the Whole report be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

Memo – Corporate Administrator, City of Terrace Per Diem Rates

(No. 069)

MOVED/SECONDED that City of Terrace Policy No. 13 - Travel Allowance be amended to change the per diem rates from \$65/day (\$13 for breakfast, \$19.50 for lunch, and \$32.50 for dinner) to \$75/day (\$15.50 for breakfast, \$22 for lunch, and \$37.50 for dinner) effective February 13, 2013.

Carried Unanimously.

Memo - Youth Advisory Committee Minutes, January 30, 2013

(No. 070)

MOVED/SECONDED that the January 30, 2013 Youth Advisory Committee Minutes be received.

Carried Unanimously.

BYLAWS:

There were no Bylaws.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillors M. Davies & B. Downie – Mineral Exploration Roundup 2013 Report

(No. 071)

MOVED/SECONDED that the February 12, 2013 report on the Mineral Exploration Roundup 2013 Conference be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Memo – Councillor B. Downie, BC North West Community Advisory Board Communications Bulletin

(No. 072)

MOVED/SECONDED that the February 12, 2013 BC North West Community Advisory Board Communications Bulletin be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Deputy Mayor B. Bidgood

Deputy Mayor Bidgood reported on Council and senior staff's tour of the Terrace R.C.M.P. Detachment and the Kinsmen's Annual Sweetheart Dinner and Dance.

Social Media Policy Notice of Motion

Deputy Mayor Bidgood announced that he would be making a motion at the February 25, 2013 Regular Council meeting requesting that a Social Media Policy be developed for the City of Terrace.

REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA:

There were no items released from In-Camera Status.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE MEDIA:

There were no questions from the Media.

ADJOURNMENT:

(No. 073)

MOVED/SECONDED that the February 12, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council be now adjourned.

Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Deputy Mayor

Alisa Thompson

Clerk