

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2011 AT 7:35 P.M.**

Mayor D. Pernarowski presided. Councillors present were B. Bidgood, L. Christiansen, B. Downie, C. Leclerc, B. Martindale and B. Pollard. Also in attendance were H. Nunn, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, R. Bowles, Director of Finance, M. Kwiatkowski, Director of Development Services, RCMP Inspector D. Hart and A. Thompson, Interim Clerk.

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

***Meeting Called to Order at
7:00 p.m. – Move to In-
Camera Special Council***

(No. 331)

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

REGULAR MEETING:

Mayor Pernarowski 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.

***Minute of Silence in
Remembrance of Jack
Layton***

Mayor Pernarowski noted the passing of Jack Layton, Federal Leader of the Official Opposition. On behalf of the community and Council Mayor Pernarowski expressed condolences to Mr. Layton's family.

A minute of silence was held in remembrance of Mr. Layton.

DELEGATIONS & GUESTS:

***Inspector Dana Hart, O.I.C.
Terrace RCMP –
Introduction***

Inspector Hart introduced himself and thanked Council for the opportunity to meet. Inspector Hart is looking forward to working in Terrace and continuing to make this a safe and wonderful place to live.

Mayor Pernarowski welcomed Inspector Hart to Terrace and presented him with a City of Terrace pin.

Marina Ellinson and Dr. Geoff Appleton, Northern Health – Fraser Institute’s Hospital Report Card: 2011 BC

Ms. Marina Ellinson, Chief Operating Officer, Northern Health and Dr. Geoff Appleton thanked Council for the opportunity to present in response to the Fraser Institute’s recent report card on BC hospitals. They welcomed the opportunity to work together with Council on this issue.

Northern Health has spent quite a bit of time examining this report. Dr. Geoff Appleton felt that most of the confusion revolved around a single figure in the report – one which indicated that Mills Memorial Hospital has a 100% mortality rate for cardiac arrests. This figure was obviously incorrect and it is an issue of statistics. Dr. Appleton explained the process by which these statistics are collected and that health outcomes do not always translate to statistics well. A small sample size can skew the results, they do not take into account our true population, and since Mills Memorial Hospital accepts riskier patients from smaller hospitals nearby this can also influence the results. Dr. Appleton’s opinion is that the mortality rate for cardiac patients at Mills Memorial Hospital is very good.

Northern Health does not wish to pursue this issue further. It is their position that there were obviously some significant errors in the report and their advice was to disregard the report. Ms. Ellinson feels that Mills Memorial Hospital does have a good reputation that will not be tarnished by a number in a report. She offered to give a quarterly update to Council to ensure Council is well informed of the Northern Health issues and services.

Mayor Pernarowski thanked Ms. Ellinson and Dr. Appleton 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. 336).

PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS:

There were no petitions or questions.

MINUTES:

**Regular Council Minutes,
August 8, 2011**

(No. 335)

MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Minutes of August 8, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

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

There was no Old Business.

CORRESPONDENCE:

**Marina Ellinson and Dr.
Geoff Appleton, Northern
Health – Fraser Institute’s
Hospital Report Card: 2011
BC**

(No. 336)

MOVED/SECONDED that the presentation from Northern Health be received for information and that Council accept Northern Health’s offer of quarterly reports to Council by inviting a Northern Health representative to a future Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

**Carman Hendry, Northwest
Regional Airport –
Revitalization Tax
Exemption Bylaw**

(No. 337)

MOVED/SECONDED that the request from the Northwest Regional Airport for a Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw at the Airport be referred to Administration; and that the Northwest Regional Airport Society be invited to present further information regarding their proposal to Council.

Carried Unanimously.

**Margo Schiller, Terrace
Public Library – Request for
Letter of Support**

(No. 338)

MOVED/SECONDED that the City provide a letter of support to the Terrace Public Library for their application to the Enabling Accessibility Fund.

Carried Unanimously.

**CONVENE INTO
COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE:**

(No. 339)

MOVED/SECONDED that the August 22, 2011 Regular Council Meeting convene into Committee of the Whole.

Carried Unanimously.

**Committee of the Whole
➤ Development Services
Component,
August 22, 2011**

The following item was discussed at the August 22, 2011 Development Services Component of the Committee of the Whole:

1. DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT – KSAN HOUSE SOCIETY (2812 HALL STREET)

It was recommended that the Committee now rise and report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole
➤ **Development Services Component, August 22, 2011**

(No. 340)

MOVED/SECONDED that the August 22, 2011 Development Services Component of the Committee of the Whole verbal report be adopted with the following recommendation:

1. DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT – KSAN HOUSE SOCIETY (2812 HALL STREET)

It was recommended that the City issue Development Variance Permit No. 05-2011 for the property located at 2812 Hall Street [Parcel A (Being the Consolidation of Lots 1 and 2 see BB670737), District Lot 360, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 4115], including the following variances:

- *To Vary Sentence 4.19.5.3.4 of Zoning Bylaw 1431-1995 and amendments thereto to remove the requirement for curbing in parking and loading areas on a P1 – Public and Institutional parcel.*
- *To Vary Sentence 4.19.5.3.5 of Zoning Bylaw 1431-1995 and amendments thereto to remove the requirement for asphalt, concrete, brick or similar pavement installation on parking and loading areas on a P1 – Public and Institutional Parcel.*

Carried Unanimously.

Committee of the Whole
➤ **August 18, 2011**

(No. 341)

MOVED/SECONDED that the August 18, 2011 Committee of the Whole report be adopted with the following recommendation:

1. B.C. HYDRO SMART METERING PROGRAM UPDATE

There were no recommendations.

Carried Unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
(FOR INFORMATION
ONLY):

Committee of the Whole
➤ ***Development Services***
Component,
August 8, 2011

MOVED/SECONDED that the August 8, 2011 Development Services Component of the Committee of the Whole report be received for information.

(No. 342)

Carried Unanimously.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

Memo – Interim Clerk, Task
Force to Review the Need
for a Full-time, Fully-
Compensated Mayor

MOVED/SECONDED that Council appoint a Task Force to review the Mayor's remuneration, and make recommendations regarding the remuneration for the Mayor of the City of Terrace;

(No. 343)

Sept 12, 2011 - Resolution
No. 362 amended Resolution
No. 343 by changing
"labour representative" to
"Kitimat-Terrace & District
Labour Council
representative"

that the Task Force consist of the President of the Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce, the Chair of the Terrace Economic Development Authority Board, a previous Mayor or Councillor, a labour representative and a social services representative with a City Staff member appointed to provide background and information; and

that the Task Force provide an update to Council at the September 12, 2011 Regular Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

Memo – Interim CAO,
Letters of Support for
CANPASS/Customs Office

(No. 344)

MOVED/SECONDED that the City send letters to the District of Kitimat and the District of Stewart requesting that they also forward letters to the Honourable Vic Toews, Minister of Public Safety, in support of providing CANPASS capability at the Northwest Regional Airport and a Terrace/Kitimat based customs office; and that the issue be raised with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure at UBCM.

Carried Unanimously.

Memo – Economic Development Officer, Appointment of City Liaison to Minerals North 2013 Committee

MOVED/SECONDED that Councillor Downie be appointed as the City liaison to the Minerals North 2013 Committee.

Carried Unanimously.

(No. 345)

Memo – Director of Finance, Municipal Insurance Association: 2011 Voting Delegates

MOVED/SECONDED that Councillor Martindale be appointed a voting delegate to the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 and that Mayor Pernarowski and Councillor Downie be appointed as alternate voting delegates.

Carried Unanimously.

(No. 346)

Memo – Interim Clerk, Cancellation of the September 26 Council Meeting

MOVED/SECONDED that the September 26, 2011 Regular Council meeting be cancelled, with notice posted pursuant to Section 5.4 of the City of Terrace Council Proceedings Bylaw; and

(No. 347)

further that if a meeting is required between September 12 and October 11, the meeting date be set at the call of the Chair.

Carried Unanimously.

Memo – Executive Assistant, Approval for Travel – Galore Creek Project Tour September 1 & 2

MOVED/SECONDED that Mayor Pernarowski be authorized to attend the Galore Creek Project Tour with an estimated cost of \$710 to come from Council's unallocated travel budget.

Carried Unanimously.

(No. 348)

Memo – Senior Building Inspector, July 2011 Building Synopsis

MOVED/SECONDED that the July 2011 Building Synopsis be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

(No. 349)

BYLAWS:

There were no Bylaws.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Councillor B. Martindale –
Contribution to My
Mountain Co-op**

MOVED/SECONDED that the \$90,600 remaining from the Towns for Tomorrow Grant be allocated towards the My Mountain Co-op with the following conditions:

that the contribution be designated as a grant of assistance;

to protect taxpayers' money, enter into a partnering agreement and establish a security position on the ski hill assets;

to limit liability, consider establishing a corporation with the other regional Local Governments, and have that corporation grant the funds and hold the security position; and

approve the funding in principle, to be paid upon an appropriate trigger such as the acquisition of Shames Mountain Ski Hill, raising the necessary funds to purchase and operate the ski hill.

Mayor Pernarowski asked Councillor Martindale if he felt he might be in a conflict of interest due to comments he recently made in the media regarding his business benefitting from the continued operation of Shames Mountain Ski Hill. A discussion was held about the suggestion of a conflict of interest. Councillor Martindale did not believe he had a direct conflict of interest but acknowledged a possible perceived conflict of interest and left the meeting.

The motion fell to the floor.

RECESS & RECONVENE

A short recess was called at 9:00 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

**Councillor B. Downie –
Contribution to My
Mountain Co-op**

(No. 350-D)

MOVED/SECONDED that the \$90,600 remaining from the Towns for Tomorrow Grant be allocated towards the My Mountain Co-op with the following conditions:

*that the contribution be designated as a grant of assistance;
to protect taxpayers' money, enter into a partnering agreement and establish a security position on the ski hill assets;
to limit liability, consider establishing a corporation with the other regional Local Governments, and have that corporation grant the funds and hold the security position; and
approve the funding in principle, to be paid upon an appropriate trigger such as the acquisition of Shames Mountain Ski Hill, raising the necessary funds to purchase and operate the ski hill.*

Defeated.

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MOVED/SECONDED that Administration report back to Council with recommendations for a possible referendum question regarding financial support for My Mountain Co-op for the general local election scheduled for November 19, 2011.

Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Martindale returned to the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Councillor B. Pollard

Councillor Pollard reported on the Terrace Economic Development Authority activities. He also provided a brief report on the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine board meeting held last week.

Councillor C. Leclerc

Councillor Leclerc provided additional information on the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine board meeting. She also reported on the Northwest Regional Hospital District board meeting held on August 19, 2011.

REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA:

In-Camera Committee of the Whole Report, May 24, 2011

Ksan House Society – Housing First Proposal

There was one item released from In-Camera Status.

RESOLUTION NO. 242

It was recommended that the City send a letter to Ksan House Society indicating that Council cannot lend their support to the Housing First initiative at the proposed location of 5013 Halliwell Avenue; and that Ksan House Society be informed that this item will be released from In-Camera status at the August 8, 2011 Regular Council Meeting.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE MEDIA:

There was 1 question from the Media and 5 comments from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT:

(No. 352)

MOVED/SECONDED that the August 22, 2011 Regular Meeting of Council be now adjourned.

Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor

Alisa Thompson

Interim Clerk

