

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, THOMPSON, MANITOBA ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010

"The City of Thompson is committed to providing a superior quality of life and unlimited opportunities. We are dedicated to supporting healthy growth and our northern lifestyle while providing our residents with good governance and high quality municipal services."

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnston at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Johnston
Deputy Mayor Smith
Councillor Kolada
Councillor Lafreniere
Councillor Locker
Councillor Sawh
Councillor Stewart (via phone)
Councillor Wilson
Randy Patrick, City Manager
Gary Ceppetelli, Director of Planning/Community Development
Carol Taylor, Chief Financial Officer
Bruce Krentz, Director of Recreation Parks and Culture
Wayne Koversky, Director of Public Works
Ian Thompson, Director of Fire/Public Safety

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda as circulated was moved by Councillor Sawh, seconded by Councillor Lafreniere. Carried (8/8)

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of the Public Hearing for By-law 1811-2009, December 14, 2009
Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Kolada

#01/2010 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing for By-law 1811-2009, held in Council Chambers, City Hall, Thompson, Manitoba on Monday, December 14, 2009 be adopted as circulated. Carried (8/8)

- b) Minutes of the Public Hearing for By-law 1813-2009, December 14, 2009
Moved by Councillor Lafreniere, seconded by Councillor Kolada

#02/2010 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing for By-law 1813-2009, held in Council Chambers, City Hall, Thompson, Manitoba on Monday, December 14, 2009 be adopted as circulated. Carried (8/8)

- c) Minutes of the Public Hearing for By-law 1819-2009, December 14, 2009
Moved by Councillor Lafreniere, seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

#03/2010 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing for By-law 1819-2009, held in Council Chambers, City Hall, Thompson, Manitoba on Monday, December 14, 2009 be adopted as circulated. Carried (8/8)

- d) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, December 14, 2009
Moved by Councillor Kolada, seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

#04/2010 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in Council Chambers, City Hall, Thompson, Manitoba on Monday, December 14, 2009 be adopted as circulate. Carried (8/8)

VARIATION ORDER

- a) Variation Order No. 913 – Minute Muffler

Mayor Johnston informed Council the purpose of this Variation was to hear an application to increase the height of a fence from the required .8 meters (2 feet 7 inches) to 2 meters (6 feet 7 inches).

Mayor Johnston read the memo received from the Director of Planning/Community Development. Administration recommends that the variation order is denied as it is contrary to the intent of the “C2” Central Commercial Zone which is the primary commercial area in the City.

Mayor Johnston called three times if there were any members in the audience against or in favor of Variation #913.

Steve Rose and Brad Evenson spoke on behalf of Variation Order #913.

A resolution for Council's consideration will be brought forth at the next Regular Meeting of Council on January 18, 2010.

REPORTS

- a) Department Reports

- i. RCMP Report

Inspector Poulsen provided the Police Report for the month of October and November. Inspector Poulsen will provide monthly stats at the Public Safety Committee and ¼ reports to Council.

The report was received as information.

- b) Committee Reports

- i. Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Deputy Mayor Smith, Chair of the Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee provided the quarterly report.

The report was received as information.

- ii. UCN/TRCC Update

Gary Ceppetelli, Director of Planning and Community Development provided a UCN and TRCC update.

It was requested by Mayor Johnston that the City of Thompson Website is updated to incorporate UCN and TRCC updates.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Community Youth Recreation Program

A letter was received from Minister Kerri Irvin-Ross in regards to the Community Youth Recreation Program as a Neighbourhoods Alive initiative to increase youth recreation in communities designated for Neighbourhoods Alive support.

The letter was received as information.

b) Minister Blaikie

A letter was received from Minister Blaikie in response to our letter of congratulations on his recent appointment as Manitoba's Minister of Conservation.

The letter was received as information.

c) Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team – City Flag

A letter from C.J. Turenne, Commanding Officer of the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team in regards to the City flag that was entrusted with Tammy Watson is flying at the entrance of the camp.

The letter was received as information.

d) Premier Selinger – request to meet

A letter was received from Premier Selinger in regards to the Olympic Torch Run Ceremony and request to meet to discuss items mentioned in a recent letter.

The letter was received as information.

e) Communities Responding to Human Needs

A letter was received from Don Head, Correctional Service Canada in regards to the proclamation of Restorative Justice Week 2009.

The letter was received as information.

f) 2nd Annual Young Women's Conference

A letter was received from Maria Pacella, Executive Director of Skills Canada Manitoba in regards to the City of Thompson support and participation at the 2nd Annual Young Women's Conference on November 18, 2009 at the R.D. Parker Collegiate.

The letter was received as information.

g) Advisory Committee – UCN's Lighting the Path Empowering the Future

A letter was received from Denise Henning, President & Vice-Chancellor of UCN inviting the City of Thompson to be a member of the Advisory Committee for UCN's Lighting the Path, Empowering the Future Campaign.

Mayor Johnston requested that a letter from the Mayor's Office is sent to UCN stating the Mayor's excitement to be a member of the Advisory Committee for the Lighting the Path, Empowering the Future Campaign.

RESOLUTIONS

- a) Extension of Option to Purchase for Extended Stay
Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Wilson

#05 /2010 WHEREAS AI Can Global Development Inc. has requested an additional 60 day extension to the Application to Option Lot 7, Block 1, Plan No. 43392 PLTO to complete contract negotiations and financing for a proposed three storey 69 room hotel;

AND WHEREAS the Development Review Committee has reviewed the request for extension to the Application to Option and recommends the extension is granted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council grants the extension of the Application to Option Lot 7, Block 1, Plan No. 43392 PLTO from December 19, 2009 to February 17, 2010. Carried. (8/8)

- b) OHK (Our Home Kikinaw) Subdivision
Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

#06/2010 WHEREAS Council has been advised of an application for a proposed subdivision to split Part Block 20, Plan No. 743 PLTO (N. Div) into two lots to accommodate the development of a single family home on the most southerly lot;

AND WHEREAS the Development Review Committee has reviewed the application and has no concerns;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Council approves the proposed subdivision. Carried. (8/8)

- c) Designation as a Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner
Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

#07/2010 WHEREAS the Office of the Fire Commissioner is updating its Local Assistant ID cards under The Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Act and requires Councils through resolution to recommend local Assistants to the Fire Commissioner;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request the designation of Chief Ian Thompson, Deputy Chief John Maskerine and Deputy Chief Kane Doran as Local Assistants to the Fire Commissioner. Carried. (8/8)

- d) Appointments to External Organizations
Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

#08/2010 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the members of Council be appointed as Council's representative to the following:-

Councillor Kolada to the Community Futures North Central Development Board of Directors

Councillor Kolada to the Thompson Library Board
Councillor Stewart to the Thompson Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation Board
Deputy Mayor Smith and Councillor Stewart to the Thompson Recycling Centre
Councillor Sawh to the Thompson Zoological Society
Councillor Lafreniere to the Thompson Unlimited Board
Councillor Locker to the Burntwood Regional Health Authority Liaison
Councillor Lafreniere to the Thompson Urban Aboriginal Strategy
Councillor Sawh to the Northern Detox Programs Inc.
Councillor Lafreniere to the UCN Capital Campaign Committee
Councillor Kolada to the Thompson Downtown Revitalization Committee
Councillor Kolada to the Spirit Way Inc. Committee
Councillor Lafreniere to the Aboriginal Arts Centre Board
Mayor Johnston to the UCN Advisory Committee
Mayor Johnston and Councillor Stewart to the Thompson Housing Authority Carried (8/8)

- e) Amend the Fees and Fines Schedule for an increase to Property Dig Costs
Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

WHEREAS the City of Thompson wishes to, where reasonable, move towards cost recovery for programs and services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Thompson amend the Fees and Fines Schedule to increase the property dig rates effective immediately to two thousand dollars;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that for clarification purposes the 'Property Dig' rate name be changed to the 'Property Dig Rate for Repairing Water and Sewer Lines'.

A motion to amend the resolution to add effective February 1, 2019 was moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Lafreniere. Carried. Councillor Locker requested a recorded vote of the amendment to the resolution

In Favor – Mayor Johnston, Deputy Mayor Smith, Councillor Lafreniere, Councillor Sawh, Councillor Stewart

Opposed – Councillor Locker, Councillor Kolada and Councillor Wilson

The amended resolution reads as follows

#09/2010 WHEREAS the City of Thompson wishes to, where reasonable, move towards cost recovery for programs and services;

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Thompson amend the Fees and Fines Schedule to increase the property dig rates effective **February 1, 2010** to two thousand dollars;*

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that for clarification purposes the 'Property Dig' rate name be changed to the 'Property Dig Rate for Repairing Water and Sewer Lines'. Carried.

Councillor Locker requested a recorded vote:

In Favor: Mayor Johnston, Deputy Mayor Smith, Councillor Lafreniere, Councillor Sawh, Councillor Stewart,

Opposed:

Councillor Locker, Councillor Kolada, Councillor Wilson

f) Ratify the decision of the Board of Revision

Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Kolada

#10/2010 WHEREAS the City of Thompson held a Board of Revision on November 25 to deal with 2009 supplemental appeals and a second Board of Revision on December 3, 2009 dealing with the 2010 assessment.

AND WHEREAS subsection 55(1) of the Municipal Assessment Act states "Upon entry of revisions authorized by a board, if any, the assessment rolls are in force and, subject to the results of an appeal under section 56, are binding on all parties"

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ratify the decisions of the Board of Revision. Carried. (8/8)

g) Taxes Added

Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Kolada

#11/2010 WHEREAS Section 326 (1) of the Municipal Act, provides authority for a Municipality to correct its tax roll in respect of a property and impose supplementary taxes if, after the tax roll has been completed, the Assessor reports to the Municipality that:

- a) The property is liable to taxation but was not assessed;
- b) The property is liable to taxation due to a change in ownership or use.
- c) The assessment of an improvement on the property requires an increase due to a change in the physical condition of the improvement.
- d) A change has been made in the classification of the property under the Municipal assessment Act or a regulation under that Act; or
- e) The land has been improved or subdivided.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to make additions to the 2009 Real Property Tax Roll as certified by the assessor on the additions to the Tax Roll attached hereto as AR 4-09, AR 5-09 AB3-09 and AB4-09. Carried. (8/8)

h) Taxes Cancelled

Moved by Councillor Sawh, seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

#12/2010 BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the authority provided in Section 300(6.1) of the Municipal Act, Council hereby authorizes the cancellation of taxes attached hereto as Appendix “A”, Appendix “B” and Appendix “C”. Carried. (8/8)

i) Variation Order No. 914

A motion to lift the resolution from the table was moved by Lafreniere, seconded by Councillor Locker. Carried.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Kolada

#13/2010 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve Variation Order No. 914 (16 and 20 Cambridge – Mihkan Holdings) to increase the height for a side yard fence from the allowed height of 2 meters (2 feet 7 inches) to 2.286 meters (7 feet 6 inches) provided that the fence does not extend into the required front yard. Defeated.

Councillor Locker requested a recorded vote.

In Favor – Councillor Locker

Opposed – Mayor Johnston, Deputy Mayor Smith, Councillor Kolada, Councillor Lafreniere, Councillor Sawh, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Wilson.

j) Advertising Policy on City Infrastructure/Sign Agreement

A motion to table to the resolution was moved by Councillor Locker, seconded by Councillor Wilson. Carried. (8/8)

k) Entering into agreement with Speedpro Signs

Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Sawh

#14/2010 WHEREAS the City of Thompson wishes to increase advertising revenue for signage located on its properties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Thompson enter into an agreement with the C & S Auger Corporation, operating as Speedpro Signs, to manage signage sales in designated locations for a period of 18 months with an extension, if mutually agreed, for a further 18 months. Carried. (8/8)

l) Early purchase of a Recycling Truck

Moved by Councillor Kolada, seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

#15/2010 WHEREAS the City of Thompson requires a new recycling removal truck in order to ensure that recycling material is picked up as efficiently as possible;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the early purchase of a new Labrie truck from Joe Johnson at a cost not to exceed \$256,802.00 plus taxes. Carried (8/8)

m) 1st reading of By-law 1822-2010 amendment of 1772-2008

Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Sawh

#16/2010 BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 1822-2010, being a by-law of the City of Thompson to amend the City of Thompson By-law No. 1772-2008, being the City of Thompson Accommodation Tax By-law be introduced and read a first time. Carried (8/8).

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Johnston provided the Mayor's Report for December 15, 2009 – January 4, 2010. The report was received as information.

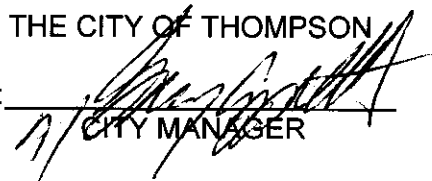
ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. was moved by Councillor Lafreniere seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith.

Carried (8/8)

THE CITY OF THOMPSON
PER: 
MAYOR

APPROVED AND ADOPTED IN COUNCIL THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY, 2010

THE CITY OF THOMPSON
PER: 
CITY MANAGER