

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT SMITH
REGULAR MEETING 03-09
THE FIRST MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR
THE MONTH OF MARCH AND THE
THIRD FOR THE YEAR 2009**

PRESENT: Mayor P. Martselos D/M P. Burke
 Cr. M. Berls Cr. F. Daniels
 Cr. B. Johnson Cr. B. Linaker

ABSENT: Cr. T. McDonald

STAFF: R. Scott, Senior Administrative Officer
 A. Sebert, Executive Secretary

GALLERY: Samantha Stokell

Meeting 03-09
March 24, 2009

7 PM
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Martselos called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

27-09 Moved by: D/M Burke
 Seconded by: Cr. Berls

“THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.”

MOTION CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

28-09 Moved by: D/M Burke
 Seconded by: Cr. Berls

“THAT the minutes of Regular Meeting 02-09 of February 26, 2009 be adopted as presented.”

MOTION CARRIED

29-09 Moved by: D/M Burke
 Seconded by: Cr. Berls

“THAT the minutes of Special Meeting SP-01-09 of March 12, 2009 be adopted as presented.”

MOTION CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Cr. Johnson asked about the status of the Northern Stores rezoning application and whether they could come to the table again. Administration understood that they could apply in six months time and it would be up to the Council of the day whether the application was considered. Administration would confirm legislation on this and report back to Council.

7. **COMMITTEES**

Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 10, 2009

New Home Occupation Business License Applications

Cr. Berls asked whether D & V Suites met the zoning requirements. She also asked about the nature of T.O.T.A.L. Training and Services. Administration confirmed that D & V Suites conformed to the zoning bylaw as it was located in a R2 zone. T.O.T.A.L. Training and Services had simply not renewed their license last year but had a license in prior years.

30-09 Moved by: D/M Burke
Seconded by: Cr. Berls

“THAT the following new home occupation business license applications be approved provided they comply with the provisions of the Zoning Bylaw 794:

<u>License No.</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
HO-09-86	D & V Suites (NEW)
HO-09-92	T.O.T.A.L. Training and Services (NEW)
HO-09-93	Arctic Wolf Janitorial (NEW)
HO-09-94	Larcon Construction & Contracting (NEW)”

MOTION CARRIED

2009 Board of Revision

31-09 Moved by: D/M Burke
Seconded by: Cr. Johnson

“THAT the Board of Revision be held on April 8, 2009, and

FURTHER THAT the following people be appointed to the 2009 Board of Revision:

Sydney O’Sullivan Leon Peterson Denise Yuhas”

MOTION CARRIED

Loader Tender

The Mayor advised that he had taken a telephone poll to obtain Council’s approval to proceed with the sale. Cr. Johnson stated that she had not been contacted. The Mayor advised that he had tried to contact her but she had not been available. He noted that he received the majority’s approval to accept the tender results.

32-09 Moved by: D/M Burke
Seconded by: Cr. Berls

“THAT the tender for the sale of the loader submitted by TDC Contracting Ltd. be accepted for their tender submission of \$60,100.00”

MOTION CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Council was provided with a list of correspondence.

9. BYLAWS

There were no bylaws brought forward

10. NEW BUSINESS

Condolences to the Trevor Nadary Family The Mayor extended condolences to the family on behalf of Council and the community on the recent passing of young Trevor Nadary. The Mayor attended the funeral noting that the church was full. Cr. Berls commended the young people who attended the feast at Uncle Gabe's Friendship Center afterwards noting that it was heartwarming; they did the community proud. D/M Burke suggested that parents go home and hug their children. Cr. Daniels stressed the importance of the family unit without it children often get into trouble. He felt that in the past grandparents often provided the foundation for future generations and that this foundation was no longer there everywhere across Canada. The Mayor suggested that problems existed because respect and values issues. Cr. Daniels felt that there was too much money readily available for the kids today, whereas long ago there was no money. Cr. Berls stated that no one was held accountable anymore.

Recreation Center Games The Mayor advised that it was an extremely busy week with many activities taking place. He stated that hand games were taking place at the Recreation Center and the Akaitcho Chief's were meeting. He noted that Cr. Daniels was involved with the meetings. Cr. Daniels stated that the games were taking place at the Recreation Center this evening at 7 pm and tomorrow too. The Mayor advised that Indian Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl was also coming to Fort Smith for the signing of the Treaty Land Entitlements. He noted a community feast was planned for Sunday at 5 pm at the Recreation Center.

Mark Carney Governor of the Bank of Canada The Mayor advised that Mr. Carney was expected to arrive in Fort Smith on Monday. He stated that a dinner was planned to honor Mr. Carney at the Roaring Rapids Hall.

NWT Chamber of Commerce The Mayor advised that the NWT Chamber of Commerce was holding their AGM in Fort Smith. He advised that Premier Roland and various other dignitaries would be attending. He noted that all the accommodations were full.

Snowmobile Races Cr. Berls reminded everyone that the snowmobile races were taking place this coming weekend. Cr. Daniels suggested meeting with the Snowmobile Club in early May to identify a new track location. Administration noted that the college was assisting with preparation of a new site.

Electric Rate Review The Mayor advised that the electric rate review public meeting had taken place yesterday. He noted positive discussions with the Premier and the MLA and advised that the public hearings would continue. Cr. Berls asked Council to remain a few minutes after the meeting to complete a survey on community electric issues.

Fort Smith Fishing Derby Cr. Berls advised that the Fishing Derby was taking place this weekend as well.

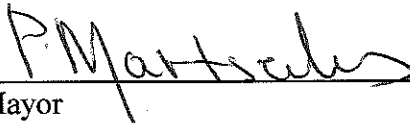
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

33-09 Moved By: D/M Burke
Seconded By: Cr. Berls

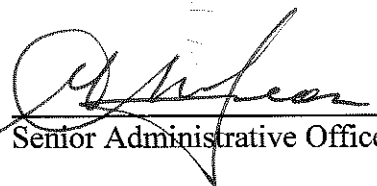
“BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn: Time: 7:20 P.M.”

MOTION CARRIED

Minutes adopted this 21 day of April, 2009.



Mayor



Senior Administrative Officer