



**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT SMITH
MEETING 13-11
THE SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR
THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AND THE
THIRTEENTH FOR THE YEAR 2011**

PRESENT: Mayor J. Hobart D/M B. Johnson
Cr. R Holtorf Cr. K. Smith
Cr. C. Westwell Cr. C. James
Cr. B. Marta

ABSENT: Cr. S. Sauteur-Chadwick, Cr. B. Minute

STAFF: B. Black, SAO; A. Sebert, Executive Assistant; W. Harvey Harris,
Director of Finance

GALLERY: Paul Bickford, Don Jaque

Meeting 13-11 7 PM
December 19, 2011 Council Chambers

A. **CALL TO ORDER & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Mayor Hobart called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and confirmed a quorum of Council was present.

B. **OPENING PRAYER**

Mayor Hobart led the opening prayer.

C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

296-11 Moved by: Cr. James
Seconded by: Cr. Holtorf

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. **PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

There were no proclamations or presentations.

E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

297-11 Moved by: Cr. Westwell
Seconded by: Cr. James

“That the minutes of Regular Meeting 12-11 of December 13, 2011, be adopted as presented.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.



G. DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of financial interest.

H. COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Introduction and Consideration of Committee Reports

i. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Committee of the Whole minutes were approved at the December 13, 2011, Council meeting.

ii. OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no reports from other Committees.

b. Enactment of Bylaws

Council Honourarium Bylaw 865

298-11 Moved By: Cr. Marta
Seconded By: Cr. James

“That the Council Honourarium Bylaw 865 be given third and final reading by title only.”

IN FAVOUR – D/M JOHNSON, CR. HOLTORF, & CR. JAMES
OPPOSED – CR. WESTWELL, CR. MARTA, & CR. SMITH
MAYOR HOBART VOTED IN FAVOUR AS A RESULT OF THE TIE VOTE
MOTION CARRIED

2012 Budget Bylaw 866

The SAO is directed to ensure appropriate allocations to the water interruption insurance reserve.

299-11 Moved By: D/M Johnson
Seconded By: Cr. Westwell

“That the 2012 Budget Bylaw 866 be given third and final reading by title only.”

ABSTAINED – CR. SMITH
MOTION CARRIED

c. Appointments

There were no appointments.

d. Mayor and Council

300-11 Moved By: D/M Johnson
Seconded By: Cr. Westwell

“That Motion 273-11 of December 13, 2011, be amended to read as follows:
That the retroactive heating costs from 2007 to June 2010, be paid to the South Slave Divisional Education Council as follows: \$62,000 in 2012, \$50,000 in 2013 and \$19,000 in 2014.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



- i. Premier's Visit – The Mayor advised the Premier will be arriving in Fort Smith on December 21 to meet with the leadership groups. The Mayor advised items for discussion include funding for general operations, green initiatives, asset management, ambulance, Taltson Dam, and a study for the riverbank. D/M Johnson requested an email reminder be sent on the day of the meeting. Cr. Holtorf requested the addition of the Fire Centre, Territorial Women's Correctional Centre and completion of the paving of Highway 5. Cr. Holtorf identified the need for land and housing. Cr. Smith requested that the Premier be made aware that Fort Smith wants some of the 175 jobs created by devolution. The Mayor also pointed out that Fort Smith has an abundance of the natural resource of water and suggested maximizing this opportunity to grow Fort Smith. The Mayor asked Councillors to send questions for the Premier.
- ii. Cr. Marta was pleased with the tax auction results and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- iii. D/M Johnson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe and Happy New Year.
- iv. Cr. Smith wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- v. Cr. James wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- vi. Cr. Westwell asked for an update on the business licensing bylaw. The SAO will provide the amended draft bylaw in January.
- vii. Cr. Westwell requested that a discipline policy for excluded positions be developed. The SAO will develop a policy or handbook. Cr. Westwell wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- viii. The Mayor wished everyone a prosperous and happy New Year and reminded everyone to come out and enjoy the fireworks.
- ix. Cr. Westwell asked about the Traffic Plan. The SAO advised it will be brought to the January Committee of the Whole meeting. The SAO advised that the speed limit on Pine Crescent was approved by motion of Council and can be changed, and that when the Traffic Plan is approved, it will replace the motion. The Mayor believes there is a procedural process and the bylaw procedure has not been followed.
- x. Cr. Holtorf asked if Westgrove lots are available for purchase. The SAO is waiting for MACA approval of the debenture bylaw and signage has been requested from Mercury Sign & Art. The SAO will direct Public Works to ensure the area is accessible for viewing.
- xi. The Mayor thanked the Volunteer Fire Department for carrying out a very successful toy and food drive and animal shelter collections.
- xii. The Mayor thanked all Protective Services personnel for helping and participating in the Santa Claus Parade on December 17.
- xiii. Mayor Hobart advised that the Tourism and Trade Advisory Board met today to choose pictures to mount in the airport lobby. Cr. Marta suggested incorporating the pictures at the 60th Parallel Visitor Centre.

e. Administration

- i. Establish Date for Council Procedures Working Session- Council will hold a working session to establish Council Procedures on January 10 2012, at 7 pm.
- ii. The SAO advised the new Recreation Programmer started today and the Aquatic Lead will start December 30, 2011.
- iii. The SAO and Director of Finance wished everyone a merry Christmas.



I. **ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

301-11 Moved By: Cr. James
Seconded By: Cr. Marta

“THAT Cr. Sauteur-Chadwick is excused from the Regular Meeting of Council for December 19, 2011.”

IN FAVOUR – CR. JAMES, D/M JOHNSON, & CR. MARTA
OPPOSED – CR. SMITH, CR. WESTWELL, & CR. HOLTORF
MAYOR HOBART VOTED IN OPPOSITION OF THE MOTION AS A
RESULT OF THE TIE VOTE
MOTION DEFEATED

J. **DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Council Working Session to Establish Council Procedures – January 10, 2012, at 7 pm.
Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 17, 2012, at 7 pm.
Council Meeting – January 24, 2012, at 7 pm.

The Mayor called for a 5 minute break at 8:25 pm. The meeting reconvened at 8:30 pm.

K. **IN CAMERA SESSION**

302-11 Moved By: Cr. Westwell
Seconded By: Cr. James

“That the meeting move in camera at 8:32 p.m. to deal with a personnel issue in accordance with Section 23.3.c. of the Cities, Towns and Villages Act.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OUT OF CAMERA

303-11 Moved By: D/M Johnson
Seconded By: Cr. Holtorf

“That the meeting move out of camera at 9:54 pm.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

303-11 Moved By: Cr. Smith

“THAT this meeting is adjourned at 9:54 P.M.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Minutes adopted this 24th day of January, 2012.

Mayor Janie Hobart

Certified Correct by the
Senior Administrative Officer Brenda Black

M. **QUESTION PERIOD**

A Question period was offered in accordance with policy.

An Email vote was taken and same to be confirmed at next Council meeting.

That the Town Hall Office shall close at noon for Christmas on December 23, 2011, and

That other permanent Town Staff, dependent on operational needs, be given a half day off on December 23, 2011. Should operational requirements necessitate employment on these noted dates, the employee will be given equivalent time off in lieu at a mutually agreed time.