

MINUTES of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the **COUNCIL** of the **DISTRICT OF MISSION** held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, 8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, British Columbia, on April 6, 2010 commencing at 6:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor James Atebe
Councillor Terry Gidda
Councillor Paul Horn
Councillor Danny Plecas
Councillor Mike Scudder
Councillor Jenny Stevens
Councillor Heather Stewart

Staff Members Present: Glen Robertson, chief administrative officer
Dennis Clark, director of corporate administration
Jennifer Russell, legislative assistant
Christine Brough, administrative clerk

1. PROCLAMATIONS

RC10/156
APR. 06/10

April 11 to 17, 2010 as "Welcome Wagon Week" Welcome Wagon Ltd.

Moved by Councillor Stevens, seconded by Councillor Plecas, and

RESOLVED: That April 11 to 17, 2010 be proclaimed as "Welcome Wagon Week" within the District of Mission; the District to assume no costs related thereto.

CARRIED

RC10/157
APR. 06/10

LATE ITEM – May 1, 2010 as "Ukrainian Festival Day" B.C. Ukrainian Cultural Festival Society

Moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Scudder, and

RESOLVED: That May 1, 2010 be proclaimed as "Ukrainian Festival Day" within the District of Mission; the District to assume no costs related thereto.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

RC10/158
APR. 06/10

Moved by Councillor Scudder, seconded by Councillor Plecas, and

RESOLVED: That the following items be received as information:

- (a) report from the director of forest management dated March 26, 2010 – New Allowable Annual Cut Determination for Mission Tree Farm Licence 26;
- (b) report from the deputy director of engineering dated March 29, 2010 – Riverside College Signs on Dewdney Trunk Road – Update;

- (c) report from the deputy treasurer/collector dated March 30, 2010 – Council Remuneration and Expense Report; and
- (d) Minutes of the Abbotsford/Mission Water & Sewer Commission meeting held on February 11, 2010.

CARRIED

Councillor Horn requested that the Restorative Resolutions Program marketing plan listed as item 2(d) on the agenda be deferred pending receipt of additional information from staff.

3. RESOLUTION TO RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RC10/159
APR. 06/10

Moved by Councillor Gidda, seconded by Councillor Horn, and

RESOLVED: That council now resolve itself into committee of the whole.

CARRIED

4. PLANNING

Councillor Stewart assumed the Chair.

RC10/160
APR. 06/10

Downtown Pawnshop as a Permitted Use

Moved by Councillor Scudder, and

RECOMMENDED: That the report from the planner dated March 29, 2010 be received as information, and that a copy of the report be sent to Mr. Shandalla.

CARRIED

RC10/161
APR. 06/10

Boardwalk Gaming Mission Inc. – 7178 Horne Street – Liquor-Primary License Application

Moved by Councillor Horn, and

RECOMMENDED: That in accordance with the District of Mission's licensing and permits policy LIC.15, Boardwalk Gaming Mission Inc. be directed to conduct a public information meeting regarding its application for a liquor-primary license.

CARRIED

RC10/162
APR. 06/10

Extension for Rezoning Application R08-019 (Alary) – 7900 Oyama Street

Moved by Mayor Atebe, and

RECOMMENDED: That a 12 month extension be granted to rezoning application R08-019 (Alary) for the property located at 7900 Oyama Street to enable the applicant to complete the outstanding rezoning requirements.

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CARRIED

RC10/163
APR. 06/10

**Development Variance Application DV10-005 (Koch) –
8435 Draper Street**

Moved by Councillor Scudder, and

RECOMMENDED: That development variance permit application DV10-005, in the name of Koch, to vary Section 501.1 (2) - Height of Buildings of District of Mission zoning bylaw 5050-2009 by increasing the maximum height of accessory building from 6.0 meters (19.7 feet) to 6.858 meters (22.5 feet), for a proposed accessory building located at 8435 Draper Street, be forward to council for public input on April 26, 2010.

CARRIED

RC10/164
APR. 06/10

Rezoning Application R10-004 (Steele) – 8463 Fennell Street

Moved by Mayor Atebe, and

RECOMMENDED:

1. That in accordance with rezoning application R10-004 (Steele), the director of corporate administration prepare a bylaw to amend District of Mission zoning bylaw 5050-2009 by rezoning the property located at 8463 Fennell Street and legally described as:

Parcel Identifier: 025-936-646, Lot 8, Section 29, Township 17, New Westminster District, Plan BCP11086

from Urban Residential zone R558 to Urban Residential Secondary Dwelling zone R558s;
2. That the bylaw be considered for first and second reading at the regular council meeting on April 6, 2010; and
3. That following such readings, the bylaw be forwarded to a public hearing on April 26, 2010.

CARRIED

Staff were directed to provide a report regarding the community amenity contribution as it relates to secondary suites.

RC10/165
APR. 06/10

**Excerpt from the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on January 26, 2009
and Staff Report dated December 22, 2008 – Background for consideration
of adoption of bylaw 5006-2008 (R07-020 - Cowhig)**

An excerpt from the minutes of the public hearing held on January 26, 2009 and the staff report dated December 22, 2008 were provided for the committee's information as background information for consideration of adoption of zoning amending bylaw

5006-2008.

RC10/166
APR. 06/10

**Development Variance Permit Application DV09-007 (Shamei/ Maleky) –
9574 Brenda Street**

Moved by Councillor Horn, and

RECOMMENDED: That development variance permit application DV09-008, in the name of Irja Maleky, to vary Section 304 D Setbacks of District of Mission zoning bylaw 5050-2009 by reducing the minimum required setback to the front lot line from 7.5 metres (24.6 feet) to 6.22 metres (20.4 feet) to allow for an existing detached garage in a proposed rural residential development located at 9574 Brenda Street, be approved.

CARRIED

5. ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

Councillor Gidda assumed the Chair.

RC10/167
APR. 06/10

Strategy for Completing Long Term Paving Program

Moved by Councillor Scudder, and

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the 2010 pavement management budget is increased by \$450,000.00;
2. That funding of \$250,000.00 come from the roads capital reserve fund and \$200,000.00 to be borrowed from the gaming reserve fund and repaid over time through soil removal fees;
3. That the financial plan be amended according; and
4. That the longer term picture in terms of additional funding required for roads be considered in conjunction with the overall capital review that is due to occur over the next few months.

OPPOSED: Councillor Plecas

CARRIED

The director of finance noted that the repayment of the gaming reserve will be contingent on sufficient soil removal fees being generated.

RC10/168
APR. 06/10

Moved by Mayor Atebe, and

RECOMMENDED: That staff provide a report with recommendations and options for a policy for the use of gaming funds.

CARRIED

RC10/169
APR. 06/10

Cedar Street Widening Left Turn to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Moved by Councillor Plecas, and

RECOMMENDED: That a left turn lane to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church be accommodated within the median of the existing Cedar Street design on the understanding that the church will volunteer the additional frontage of approximately 3 feet to accommodate their access request.

CARRIED

RC10/170
APR. 06/10

Amending the Official Community Plan to Include Targets, Actions and Policies to Reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions

Moved by Councillor Stewart, and

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the director of corporate administration prepare a bylaw to amend official community plan bylaw 4052-2008 Part II: Policies by adding the following section:

1.8 Climate Change and Reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions

Climate change is a global issue, caused by daily activities of billions of humans - primarily through the consumption of fossil fuel energy. The 2007 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change concluded that observed climate change trends to date are more likely than not human-caused and the expectation is that human-caused impact in the future is "virtually certain".

As part of its Climate Action Plan, the provincial government enacted the Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendment Act (also known as Bill 27), in 2008, which amended some key acts including the Local Government Act and Community Charter. One of the main components of this new legislation is the requirement for local governments to include specific and measurable targets for reducing GHG emissions in their Official Community Plans (OCP) by May 31, 2010 along with supporting policies and actions to meet these targets.

The District of Mission signed the BC Climate Action Charter in 2008 which voluntarily commits the District to becoming carbon neutral in terms of its corporate GHG emissions (energy used to operate buildings, vehicle fleet, water and sewer services). Although not required by Bill 27, the District is including corporate reduction targets in the OCP to demonstrate leadership within the community.

The following actions, policies and targets fulfill the requirements of Bill 27.

OBJECTIVE

Reduce the District's corporate GHG emissions by 10% over 2008 levels by December 31, 2015.

Reduce the District's community wide GHG emissions by 20% below 2007 levels by December 31, 2020 and by 80% below 2007 levels by December 31, 2050.

POLICIES

Actions to Achieve Targets

Policy 1.8.1.The District of Mission will complete the implementation of the Corporate Energy Action Plan and proceed with completing the milestones of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Partners in Climate Protection Program.

Policy 1.8.2.The District of Mission will complete a Community Energy and Emissions Plan and proceed with completing the milestones of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Partners in Climate Protection Program.

2. That in accordance with Section 882 of the *Local Government Act*, council has considered District of Mission official community plan amending bylaws in conjunction with the District of Mission's financial plan (includes capital expenditure plan and operating expenditure plan) and waste management plan;
3. That the bylaw be given first reading at the regular council meeting on April 6, 2010 and forwarded to a public hearing on April 26, 2010; and
4. That, upon due consideration of Sections 879 and 881 of the *Local Government Act*, consultation referrals be completed as per the referral process outlined in LAN. 47 Official Community Plan Referral.

CARRIED

6. PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

Councillor Scudder assumed the Chair.

RC10/171
APR. 06/10

Bike to Work Week – Fraser Valley

Moved by Councillor Stevens, and

RECOMMENDED: That staff be directed to respond to organizers of Bike to Work Week Fraser Valley and indicate that the District will provide support through promoting the event and associated pre-events internally to staff, waiving the fee to hang a banner on Murray Street, and attending the April 14th kick-off, subject to council's schedule and availability.

CARRIED

RC10/172
APR. 06/10

North Arena Hand Rails

Moved by Mayor Atebe, and

RECOMMENDED: That funding of \$20,000.00 from the general capital reserve fund to install hand railings in the grandstand of the North Arena be approved.

CARRIED

RC10/173
APR. 06/10

Mission Heritage Association Annual Work Plan

Moved by Councillor Gidda, and

RECOMMENDED: That the 2010 work plan for Fraser River Heritage Park and the 2009 financial statements as submitted by the Mission Heritage Association be received as information, with approval of the work plan subject to receipt of a further report from the Mission Heritage Association that contains estimated annual maintenance costs related to the planned improvements.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH

Councillor Horn assumed the Chair.

RC10/174
APR. 06/10

Mutual Aid Agreement - Abbotsford

Moved by Councillor Stewart, and

RECOMMENDED: That the updated mutual aid agreement with the City of Abbotsford to provide fire fighting services during major emergencies be approved.

CARRIED

8. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Councillor Plecas assumed the Chair as the alternate for Councillor Stevens.

RC10/175
APR. 06/10

Secondary Suites

Moved by Councillor Horn, and

RECOMMENDED: That staff provide a report with a cost benefit analysis for an additional bylaw enforcement officer position that would be responsible for the investigation and enforcement of unauthorized secondary suites, unlicensed dogs, unlicensed businesses and other related issues.

CARRIED

RC10/176
APR. 06/10

Unoccupied Secondary Suite – Utility Billing Exemption – LAN.38

Moved by Councillor Horn, and

RECOMMENDED: That section 5 of policy LAN.38 – Unoccupied Secondary Suites-Utility Billing Exemption be amended to read "The owner pays, at the time of the first application, an application and inspection fee."

CARRIED

RC10/177
APR. 06/10

Social Development Quarterly Report

Moved by Councillor Horn, and

RECOMMENDED: That the social development quarterly report dated March 18, 2010 be received as information.

CARRIED

RC10/178
APR. 06/10

Amendments to the Operation and Maintenance Agreement

Moved by Councillor Scudder, and

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the Water Supply and Distribution and Sewage Treatment Systems - Operation and Maintenance Agreement between the District of Mission and the City of Abbotsford be extended for one year, with the new term ending December 31, 2010; and
2. That the mayor and director of corporate administration be authorized to execute the revised Water Supply and Distribution and Sewage Treatment Systems - Operation and Maintenance Agreement.

CARRIED

RC10/179
APR. 06/10

Amending False Alarm Bylaw 2929-1995

Moved by Mayor Atebe, and

RECOMMENDED: That District of Mission false alarm bylaw 2929-1995 be amended by deleting the words "in the calendar year" from section 3.

CARRIED

RC10/180
APR. 06/10

**Administration and Finance Committee Meeting Recommendations –
March 16, 2010**

Moved by Councillor Horn, and

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the recommendations AF10/23 through AF10/227 as contained within the minutes of the administrative and finance (community amenity contribution) committee meeting held on March 16, 2010, be formally adopted; and
2. That the community amenity project spreadsheet be amended by listing each "civic centre" component separately, including separate cost estimates, along with a separate line that identifies cost savings from conjoined facilities.

CARRIED

AF 10/23 Moved by Councillor Horn, and
MAR 16/10

RECOMMENDED:

1. That staff remove community storage, pedestrian overpass and growth for technology from the draft community amenity project list; and
2. That staff include for consideration the community storage and pedestrian overpass projects in the long-term capital financial plan.

CARRIED

AF 10/24 Moved by Councillor Horn, and
MAR 16/10

RECOMMENDED:

1. That a cricket pitch be incorporated into the field design and planning field needs; and
2. That staff arrange for an artificial turf field needs analysis.

CARRIED

AF 10/25 Moved by Councillor Scudder, and
MAR 16/10

RECOMMENDED:

1. That staff break the civic center out into individual components; and
2. That staff look at the growth factor and needs for each component separately.

CARRIED

AF 10/26 Moved by Councillor Scudder, and
MAR 16/10

RECOMMENDED:

That staff remove master plans from the draft community amenity project list as it should be a capital budget item.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Councillor Horn
Councillor Stewart

AF 10/27 Community Amenities Project Communication Strategy Revision
MAR 16/10

Due to time constraints, this topic was not discussed.

RC10/181
APR. 06/10

Permissive Tax Exemptions Policy FIN.31

Moved by Councillor Gidda, and

RECOMMENDED: That council policy FIN.31 Permissive Tax Exemptions be amended as follows:

- (a) by deleting the words "Administration and Finance Committee" from the second paragraph of the **Criteria** section and replacing them with "Council";
- (b) by deleting the words "one year only" from the third paragraph of the **Criteria** section and replacing them with "up to three years, except in the case of a leased property, then term of the exemption shall be for one year."; and
- (c) adding the following paragraph to the end of the **Criteria** section:

"If the organization leases the property for which an exemption is requested, that organization must provide full details of the space leased, including the size, purpose and use of the leased space. The organization must also contact the British Columbia Assessment Authority to ensure that all requirements of the Authority have been met."

CARRIED

RC10/182
APR. 06/10

Increase in Funding for Victims of Crime Program

Moved by Councillor Horn, and

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the District provide additional funding of \$2,000 in 2010 to support the Victims of Crime Program, to be funded from the gaming reserve fund; and
2. That the 3 year financial plan be amended to include an increase of \$3,500 to support the Victims of Crime Program, commencing in 2011.

CARRIED

RC10/183
APR. 06/10

**Correspondence from Mission District Historical Society
Re: Loss of Funding from Provincial Gaming Revenue**

Moved by Councillor Horn, and

RECOMMENDED: That the District send a letter to Randy Hawes, MLA, and Marc Dalton, MLA, asking them to reinstate the provincial funding to the Mission District Historical Society.

CARRIED

RC10/184
APR. 06/10

LATE ITEM – Election Act Amendment Committee

Moved by Mayor Atebe, and

RECOMMENDED: That the following comments be forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' Elections Task Force Committee:

Campaign Financing Disclosure Overview

1. **Filing Requirement** – The committee agreed that the time period for filing should be shortened from 120 days to 90 days.
2. **Late filing** – If a candidate does not file their disclosure statement within the 120 day period, they are permitted to file within a 30 day period but only if they pay a \$500.00 late filing fee. The committee agreed that this system seem to work well and no changes are recommended.

Public Inspection – Local governments are required to retain all disclosure statements for seven years after general voting day and make them available to any member of the public who wishes to inspect them. The committee agreed that:

3. There should be a consistency in the manner in which the financial disclosure forms are made available to the public. The District of Mission currently allows for the nomination papers and the financial disclosure statements to be viewed on line. This reporting requirement should be consistent for all municipalities.
4. For ease of access for the public there could be a central repository for all disclosure statements such as CivicInfo or Civicnet; and
5. Financial disclosure statements should not vary from candidate to candidate based upon what a candidate spent in an election. There should be a standardized form used across the province.

Campaign Financing Disclosure

The committee agreed that:

6. There needs to be better written materials provided or an informational video developed to show the candidates how to complete the financial disclosure forms properly. While the candidates guide is quite helpful, the written guides do not work for everyone. Other training methods could include interactive web based sessions or web sites offering additional training. It would also be helpful to have an information telephone line set up for the candidates to call with their questions. Municipal election staff does not offer advice or help candidates complete the financial disclosure form and candidates do have questions. Perhaps the ministry could have staff available with a thorough knowledge of the campaigning financing requirements.
7. As for the necessity to open a separate bank account, during the 2008 election, changes were made to the LGA which allowed a candidate the discretion as to whether they needed to open an account or not. The two councillors stated that since there is no one to verify the bank account why require it? As well some financial institutions do not want to open such an account and require a candidate to get a letter from the municipality stating that they filed nomination documents. Furthermore, there is an additional charge to the candidate to open a new account.

Public Financing

Currently there is no public financing for local government election in British Columbia (BC). However, in relation to provincial elections, public financing is available in the form of income tax credits for eligible political contribution.

8. The committee felt that UBCM should lobby for a provincial tax credit for municipal campaigns similar to the ones for provincial and federal campaigns.

Campaign Contribution Limits and Campaign Expense Limits

There are currently no campaign contribution limits or campaign expense limits in local government elections in BC.

9. The committee agreed that there should not be any limits set.

Corporate Vote

The corporate vote refers to the ability of businesses to vote in local government elections.

10. The committee agreed that there should only be one vote per person per municipality. It was agreed that there should be a vote for non resident property owners which own property in a business or corporation name and that there should be regulations set up to allow for it. Currently there are provisions set up to allow for non resident corporate property owners to vote, but the property has to be in their personal name.

Candidate Eligibility

11. The committee agreed that the ineligibility rules currently in place for local government employees and volunteer firefighters should remain in place for the reasons given in the report.

Role of chief election officer

12. The committee agreed that the role and responsibility of the chief election officer should be clearly defined that should not allow for variances between municipalities. It was also agreed that consistent training should be offered for those individuals holding this position.

Local Elections Enforcement

13. The committee agreed that there is no need to change the method of enforcement of administrative rules as there is not a problem that needs to be fixed. However, chief election officers should not be expected to enforce any rules related to campaigns. The committee agreed that Elections BC could play a role as an advisory or investigative service for issues which arise from the running of a campaign.

Elections BC Role

14. The committee agreed that the conduct of local government elections should remain with local government.

With regard to the following issues the committee was not able to reach consensus and is looking to council for their input.

Campaign Financing Disclosure

15. The committee discussed the issue of requiring the Campaign Financing Disclosures to be audited. While the committee felt there could be some merit in having these reports audited, the question arose who will audit them? The Chief Election officer (CEO) should not be the person who audits the report as most do not have an accounting designation and there is an added expense which could be onerous for most candidates. As well, it could stop some people from running for office. One way to address this is to have candidates with contributions or expenses totalling over \$10,000 being audited. Alberta and Ontario have such a provision and Quebec requires an audit after \$5,000. The committee thought that Manitoba had the best approach by allowing for audits but leaving it up to a council's discretion.

CARRIED

RC10/185
APR. 06/10

Moved by Councillor Gidda, and

RECOMMENDED: That the District of Mission supports a 4-year municipal election cycle, provided it does not run concurrently with the provincial election, and that the local school boards should be included in the consultation process.

OPPOSED: Councillor Horn
Councillor Stewart
Councillor Stevens

CARRIED

9. RESOLUTION TO RISE AND REPORT

Mayor Atebe resumed the Chair.

RC10/186
APR. 06/10

Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Scudder, and

RESOLVED: That the committee of the whole now rise and report.

CARRIED

10. ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

RC10/187
APR. 06/10

Moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Gidda, and

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the committee of the whole, as contained in items RC10/159 to RC10/186, except items RC10/167 (paving funds) and RC10/185 (election term), be adopted.

CARRIED

RC10/188
APR. 06/10

Moved by Councillor Scudder, seconded by Councillor Horn, and

RESOLVED: That the recommendation of the committee of the whole, as contained in item RC10/167 (paving funds), be adopted.

CARRIED

RC10/189
APR. 06/10

Moved by Councillor Gidda, seconded by Councillor Scudder, and

RESOLVED: That the recommendation of the committee of the whole, as contained in item RC10/185 (election term), be adopted.

OPPOSED: Councillor Horn
Councillor Stewart
Councillor Stevens

CARRIED

11. BYLAWS

RC10/190
APR. 06/10

Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Stevens, and

RESOLVED: That the readings of all bylaws included in the Bylaws section of the April 6, 2010 regular council agenda be approved as listed:

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| (a) | District of Mission Zoning Amending Bylaw 5006-2008 (R07-020-Cowhig) - a bylaw to rezone the properties located at 33079 Cameron Avenue from RU-1 Rural One zone to RS-2A One Unit Rural Residential zone | Adoption |
| (b) | District of Mission Business Licence Amending Bylaw 5118-2010-3964(4) – a bylaw to make housekeeping adjustments for clarity and consistency | Adoption |
| (c) | District of Mission Zoning Amending Bylaw 5130-2010-5050(8) (R10-004 – Steele) – a bylaw to rezone property at 8463 Fennell Street from R558 (Urban Residential Zone) to R558s (Urban Residential Secondary Dwelling Zone) | First and Second Readings |
| (d) | District of Mission Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw 5132-2010-4052(8) – a bylaw to include targets, actions and policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions | First Reading |
| (e) | In accordance with Section 882 of the Local Government Act, council has considered District of Mission official community plan amending bylaw 5132-2010-4052(8) in conjunction with the District of Mission's financial plan and waste management plan | -- |
| (f) | District of Mission False Alarm Amending Bylaw 5133-2010-2929(4) – a bylaw to remove the words "in the calendar year" from Section 3 | First, Second and Third Readings |

CARRIED

12. MINUTES

RC10/191
APR. 06/10

Moved by Councillor Horn, seconded by Councillor Gidda, and

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on March 1, 2010 and March 15, 2010 be adopted.

CARRIED

13. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

14. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The chief administrative officer did not report.

15. MAYOR'S REPORT

The mayor reported on various activities, meetings and events attended since the last regular council meeting.

16. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS ON COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND ACTIVITIES

Councillors Stewart, Scudder and Stevens reported on various activities, meetings and events attended since the last regular council meeting.

17. QUESTION PERIOD

Council and staff responded to questions and comments from the following people:

Lila Rauh, Mission:

1. Has the gravel crushing proposal on Caswell Avenue been approved?

The mayor responded that it had not been approved.

2. Has anyone put a price on all the amenities you have proposed for the civic centre?

The mayor responded that at this point in time council is simply brainstorming ideas for a proposed civic or community centre, and will be asking the public for ideas as well.

Councillor Horn added that council was still considering if they wanted to bring a proposal to the public at the present time.

3. Does council take seriously the protection of trees in our community?

The mayor responded that it does.

4. Why did the committee on elections make a recommendation that there be no campaign contribution limits?

Councillor Horn responded that the committee found it was exceptionally difficult to determine a set amount for campaign contributions.

5. Doesn't it provide an unlevel playing field if some candidates have more money at their disposal than others?

Councillor Stevens responded that there is no relationship, at municipal level, between the amount contributed to a campaign and the likelihood of getting elected.

6. Is it up to you council to decide whether the term of an election is 3 or 4 years?

Councillor Horn responded that all municipal councils were asked by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to provide input to the province.

Jeanette Smith, Mission:

1. Why do the minutes from the March 1st council meeting say that the temporary industrial use permit application is for "consideration of adoption by council"?

The chief administrative officer responded that the application was brought forward to council on March 1st, and because it is an application for a temporary use permit, the process is to hold a public input meeting, not a public hearing. Part of the process of holding a public input meeting includes the consideration of approval by council, if they deem it appropriate. In this case council has not yet voted on this application. It is likely that the application will be listed on the next regular council agenda, and council may ask for a further report for clarification, or they may vote on the matter.

2. Why is the election review happening so fast? What is the rush?

Councillor Horn responded that the process has not been rushed, as it has been underway for the past several months. The reason council discussed the recommendations this evening is because there is a deadline to provide comments to the UBCM Task Force.

The director of corporate administration added that the province asks for this review process after every municipal election.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Horn, seconded by Councillor Scudder, and

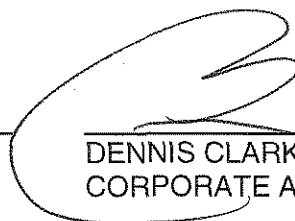
RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.



JAMES ATEBE, MAYOR



DENNIS CLARK, DIRECTOR OF
CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION