MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014 AT 10:00 A.M.

Deputy Mayor S. Tyers presided. Councillors present were B. Bidgood, L. Christiansen (entered at 10:05 a.m.), B. Downie and J. Cordeiro. Mayor D. Pernarowski and Councillor M. Davies were absent. Also in attendance were Н. Avison. Chief Administrative Officer, A. Thompson, Clerk, and B. Pellegrino, Executive Assistant.

## SPECIAL REPORTS:

Memo – CAO, NCLGA
Resolutions:
Asia-Pacific Northern
Transportation Infrastructure
Strategy
Affordable Housing
Work Camp Development &
Monitoring

(No. 111)

MOVED/SECONDED that the City of Terrace bring forward the following resolution to be considered at the North Central Local Government Association's 2014 Annual General Meeting for consideration:

WHEREAS economic development growth in the Northwest is resulting in a steady increase to road and rail traffic along the Highway 16 corridor which is creating safety concerns and negatively impacting communities;

AND WHEREAS Highway 16 is the northern link to the Asia-Pacific Gateway, and upgrading key road transportation corridors to support trade is a priority in the Province of BC's Pacific Gateway Transportation Strategy 2012 - 2020:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NCLGA and UBCM advocate for the Provincial Government to initiate an Asia-Pacific Northern Infrastructure Strategy to address barriers to trade and transportation and impacts to northern communities along Highway 16, and that such as strategy include participation by northern stakeholder communities and industry.

Carried Unanimously.

(No. 112)

MOVED/SECONDED that the City of Terrace bring forward the following resolution to be considered at the North Central Local Government Association's 2014 Annual General Meeting for consideration:

WHEREAS the lack of affordable and/or cooperative housing in northern communities is having a deleterious effect on local economies and the quality of life for many British Columbians;

AND WHEREAS affordable housing is essential to support vibrant and healthy communities, and will continue to be required;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NCLGA and UBCM advocate the Provincial Government to increase the number of new affordable housing units constructed in Northern British Columbia as soon as possible.

Carried Unanimously.

MOVED/SECONDED that the City of Terrace bring forward the following resolution to be considered at the North Central Local Government Association's 2014 Annual General Meeting for consideration:

WHEREAS industrial work camps create demand for local services such as health care, waste management and emergency response;

AND WHEREAS issuing of land tenure for work camps, monitoring of camps to meet environmental and health standards and oversight on camp decommissioning may be made by various provincial government agencies, often operating individually and without Local Government input;

(No. 113)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM advocate that the Provincial Government establish a referral process that allows Local Governments and other government agencies to comment on the location of industrial work camps and establish an overarching authority to coordinate work camp development and monitor work camp operations

Carried Unanimously.

## <u>QUESTIONS/COMMENTS</u> FROM THE MEDIA:

ADJOURNMENT:

(No. 114)

There were no questions from the Media.

MOVED/SECONDED that March 5, 2014 Special Meeting of Council be now adjourned.

Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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| Deputy Mayor       |  |
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| Clerk              |  |