

**Village of Valemount
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**

Date: February 24, 2009
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Council Chambers

Those Present: Mayor Smith
Councillor Capstick
Councillor Piper
Councillor Roe
Councillor Tchir

Others: D.B. Fleming, Chief Administrative Officer
Sandy Salt, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
Silvio Gislimberti, Economic Development Officer

Media (2)
General Public (6)

1. **Call to Order** Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

2. **Adoption of Minutes**
 - a) **Regular Council Meeting, February 10, 2009**

Res # 085/09
MOVED BY Councillor Piper
SECONDED BY Councillor Roe
THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 10, 2009 be adopted as printed and circulated.
CARRIED.

3. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - a) **Ratification of Committee of the Whole Motion February 06, 2009**

Res # 086/09
MOVED BY Councillor Piper
SECONDED BY Councillor Tchir
THAT the motion, THAT a letter of support be written from the Village of Valemount for the Saas Fee Land Developments Inc. Valemount Village Resort & Spa, be ratified.
CARRIED.

Councillor Tchir referenced Valemount Shuttle Service and inquired if they wanted a letter from Council. The Deputy Director of Corporate Services responded that she contacted Valemount Shuttle Service and that a letter of support from Council would be appreciated and sent.

4. **Petitions & Delegations**

a) **Valemount**

Additional Hotel

Room Tax

Committee Re: New

Logo, Tagline &

Committee Name

Mayor Smith welcomed Ms. Kenkel and invited her forward.

Ms. Kenkel distributed samples of letterhead and business cards to Council, and proceeded to explain how the new logo and tagline could be incorporated onto the existing Village of Valemount letterhead until stock is used up and new letterhead is ordered.

Councillor Piper commended the Committee on all of the hard work they have been doing and that it is a great logo, but suggests the Village of Valemount logo remain separate from the tourism logo.

Res # 087/09

MOVED BY Councillor Roe

SECONDED BY Councillor Capstick

THAT the verbal and written presentation from Ms. Riette Kenkel, Marketing Coordinator of the Valemount Additional Hotel Room Tax Committee regarding Council adopting the new logo and tagline as the official Village of Valemount logo and tagline, be received; AND THAT it be deferred to the next regular Council meeting.

CARRIED.

Res # 088/09

MOVED BY Councillor Roe

SECONDED BY Councillor Piper

THAT the verbal and written presentation from Ms. Riette Kenkel, Marketing Coordinator of the Valemount Additional Hotel Room Tax Committee regarding re-naming the Committee, be received; AND THAT the Valemount Additional Hotel Room Committee be re-named Tourism Valemount.

CARRIED.

b) **Canoe Mountain**

Rodeo Re: 2009

Rodeo Changes

Mayor Smith invited Mr. Griffin forward and welcomed him.

Mr. Griffin reported that the dates for the 2009 Canoe Mountain Rodeo have been changed to July 11 & 12, 2009 in hopes of better weather and less conflict with the Robson Valley Music Festival. The Bull-A-Rama will be held Friday night, July 10, 2009.

Councillor Piper inquired if the Canoe Mountain Rodeo will be having a security company on site this year. Mr. Griffin responded that it would be up to the RCMP if it will be required or not.

Res # 089/09

MOVED BY Councillor Capstick

SECONDED BY Councillor Roe

THAT the verbal and written presentation from Mr. Bob Griffin, President of the Canoe Mountain Rodeo regarding 2009 Rodeo Changes be received for information purposes.

CARRIED.

**c) Best Western
Valemount Inn &
Suites Re: Charity
Event**

Mayor Smith welcomed Mr. Finlayson forward.

Mr. Finlayson informed Council he requires permission from Council to land a helicopter on the Best Western Valemount Inn & Suites property within the municipal limits in accordance with STARS Air Ambulance requirements.

Res # 090/09

MOVED BY Councillor Piper

SECONDED BY Councillor Tchir

THAT the verbal and written presentation from Mr. Derek Finlayson, Conference/Banquet Manager of the Best Western Valemount Inn & Suites regarding its 2009 Charity Event, be received; AND THAT the Village of Valemount write a letter of permission and support for this event.

CARRIED.

**d) Valemount
Secondary School
Re: Mountain Bike
Club Hosting The
2009 BC Provincial
Mountain Bike
Championships**

Mayor Smith welcomed Mr. VanderRoest forward.

Mr. VanderRoest summarized the event indicating that they are hoping for 200-300 students to come and compete in Valemount May 22-24, 2009. On Friday, May 22, 2009 they would like to host a number of Criterium Short Course Bike Races in the center of the commercial core of Valemount along Fifth Avenue which would require flagging and blocking off some of the Village roads.

The Chief Administrative Officer responded that the streets would be all torn up for the Downtown Revitalization at that time, and invited Mr. VanderRoest to work with staff to select an alternate route location.

Mayor Smith responded that Council would like to see these Championships happen and that perhaps an alternate course could be agreed upon.

Res # 091/09

MOVED BY Councillor Capstick

SECONDED BY Councillor Roe

THAT the verbal and written presentation from Mr. Les VanderRoest of Valemount Secondary School regarding its Mountain Bike Club Hosting The 2009 BC Provincial Mountain Bike Championships, be received; AND THAT this be deferred until alternate race routes are brought back before Council; AND THAT approval in principal be granted.

CARRIED.

5. Correspondence

**a) BC Hydro Re:
Community
Relations**

Res # 092/09

MOVED BY Councillor Roe

SECONDED BY Councillor Piper

THAT the letter from BC Hydro regarding Community Relations, be received; AND THAT a letter be written to invite them to a meeting with Council.

CARRIED.

- b) **Measuring Up The North Re: Year Two and Creating Universally Designed Healthy Sustainable Communities Conference** **Res # 093/09**
 MOVED BY Councillor Tchir
 SECONDED BY Councillor Piper
 THAT the letter from Measuring Up The North regarding Year Two and Creating Universally Designed Healthy Sustainable Communities Conference, be received; AND THAT approval be granted to send a representative from the Village of Valemout to the conference.
 CARRIED.
- c) **Ministry of Finance and Minister Responsible for the Olympics Re: One Year Countdown and Host Province Mark** **Res # 094/09**
 MOVED BY Councillor Tchir
 SECONDED BY Councillor Capstick
 THAT the letter from the Ministry of Finance and Minister Responsible for the Olympics regarding One Year Countdown and Host Province Mark be received for information purposes.
 CARRIED.
- d) **Dianne Mickelson & Brigitta McDonald Re: Off Street Parking** **Res # 095/09**
 MOVED BY Councillor Piper
 SECONDED BY Councillor Roe
 THAT the letter from Dianne Mickelson and Brigitta McDonald regarding Lot 1, PGP35390, DL9778 Cariboo Land District Off Street Parking Agreement With The Village of Valemout, be received; AND THAT the Village of Valemout send a thank you letter to Ms. Mickelson and Ms. McDonald for use of their property with off street parking and remove the sign the Village has on the property before May 01, 2009.
 CARRIED.
- e) **University of Northern British Columbia Re: Next UNBC South-Central Regional Advisory Council Meeting** **Res # 096/09**
 MOVED BY Councillor Tchir
 SECONDED BY Councillor Piper
 THAT the letter from the University of Northern British Columbia regarding the next UNBC South-Central Regional Advisory Council Meeting, be received; AND THAT Councillor Capstick participate via telephone conference and inquire if a recruiter has visited Valemout.
 CARRIED.
- f) **District of Clearwater Re: The Heart of the Matter Rural Health Symposium** **Res # 097/09**
 MOVED BY Councillor Tchir
 SECONDED BY Councillor Roe
 THAT the letter from the District of Clearwater regarding The Heart of the Matter Rural Health Symposium, be received; AND THAT provisions be made to send Councillor Roe to attend the Symposium in Clearwater March 26-28, 2009.
 CARRIED.

- g) Ms. Tammy Snow** **Res # 098/09**
Re: Community Hall MOVED BY Councillor Roe
Condition SECONDED BY Councillor Piper
 THAT the letter from Ms. Tammy Snow regarding Valemount
 Community Hall Condition, be received; AND THAT staff
 address maintenance and inventory items of concern and
 have the Building Inspector look at the structural safety of
 the ceiling and roof.

CARRIED.

- h) Union of British** **Res # 099/09**
Columbia MOVED BY Councillor Tchir
Municipalities Re: SECONDED BY Councillor Capstick
Consulting THAT the letter from Union of British Columbia Municipalities
Engineers of BC - regarding Consulting Engineers of BC – TILMA
TILMA Implementation, be received; AND THAT the Village of
Implementation Valemount send a letter expressing the impacts this will
 have on British Columbia municipalities.

CARRIED.

Mayor Smith referenced paragraph one on page forty-one of the agenda "Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA). The purpose of TILMA is to break down provincial barriers which may impede the flow of labour, capital and commerce between our two provinces."

The Chief Administrative Officer explained a possible position on the TILMA agreement.

- i) BC Rural Network** **Res # 100/09**
Re: 2009 Workshop MOVED BY Councillor Roe
and AGM SECONDED BY Councillor Piper
 THAT the information from BC Rural Network regarding
 2009 Workshop and Annual General Meeting, be received
 for information purposes; AND THAT any Councillors
 wishing to attend advise the Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED.

6. **Bylaws** Nil

7. **General Correspondence** **Res # 101/09**
 MOVED BY Councillor Piper
 SECONDED BY Councillor Tchir
 THAT the General Correspondence be received for
 consideration.

CARRIED.

Councillor Tchir referenced the letter from the Valemount and Area Chamber of Commerce and inquired if the Village of Valemount membership has been processed yet. The Deputy Director of Corporate Services responded that the application form had been filled in and forwarded to Accounts Payable for processing, and would follow up to confirm if a cheque has been sent yet or not.

8. Reports

a) **Economic Development Officer**
Re: Airline Shuttle Service

Res # 102/09

MOVED BY Councillor Roe
SECONDED BY Councillor Tchir
THAT the report from the Economic Development Officer regarding Airline Shuttle Service, be received; AND THAT the Administration contact some of the recent air carriers that have been using the Valemount Airport and inquire on their feasibility for a shuttle service.

CARRIED.

Councillor Roe inquired how much would it cost to hire an aviation consultant. The Economic Development Officer responded that the consultant would ask how much do you have. He also reported that in the late 1990's it cost the Hinton/Jasper Airport twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars for a whole airport consultation and guesses Valemount would be looking at anywhere between seven and fifteen thousand dollars. The Chief Administrative Officer will contact prior air service operators to get an idea of cost to run such a service.

b) **Economic Development Officer**
Re: Office Space

Res # 103/09

MOVED BY Councillor Piper
SECONDED BY Councillor Tchir
THAT the report from the Economic Development Officer regarding Office Space for Valemount Additional Hotel Room Tax Committee, be received; AND THAT this be deferred for further consideration.

CARRIED.

The Chief Administrative Officer invited Council to go upstairs after this evenings meeting and see what they feel about the area taped off on the floor.

c) **Chief Administrative Officer**
Re: Valemount Alternative Energy Study

Res # 104/09

MOVED BY Councillor Tchir
SECONDED BY Councillor Piper
THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding Valemount Alternative Energy Study, be received; AND THAT the "Alternative Energy Options for Valemount, BC" report be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

d) **Chief Administrative Officer**
Re: 2009 Grant Writer Program

Res # 105/09

MOVED BY Councillor Piper
SECONDED BY Councillor Tchir
THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding 2009 Grant Writer Program, be received; AND THAT Village Council allocate \$2,500.00 in the 2009 Budget, to support a Grant Writer program for 2009, AND THAT application be made to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for a Grant Writer Project for 2009.

CARRIED.

**e) Deputy Director of
Corporate Services
Re: Rick Hansen
Fund Application**

Res # 106/09

MOVED BY Councillor Piper
SECONDED BY Councillor Roe
THAT the report from the Deputy Director of Corporate Service regarding Rick Hansen Fund Application, be received; AND THAT Grant Writer Michelle Sulkys get in contact with the people at Measuring Up The North to utilize working with them and attend their conference if she would like.

CARRIED.

9. New Business

Councillor Roe reported on attending the Valemount and Area Chamber of Commerce meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2009 and said that they sent a couple of their directors to a provincial Chamber of Commerce meeting and are very excited about their future plans. She also reported on the meeting she attended with Councillor Capstick, MP Cathy McLeod, and several other area communities in Clearwater on Friday, February 20, 2009.

Councillor Capstick reported on attending the meeting with Councillor Roe, MP Cathy McLeod, and several other area communities as well, summarizing some of the key Federal Budget items that could be of importance to Valemount such as Tourism Dollars, Parks & Trails, Senior Housing for People With Disabilities, New Infrastructure Funding, Broadband Internet, and Municipal Infrastructure Rehabilitation. He also reported on attending the Valemount Wildfire Protection / Prevention Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2009.

Councillor Tchir reported on having an excellent holiday. She also reported on the meeting she attended with the Chief Administrative Officer and the Valemount Public Library Expansion Committee on Monday, February 23, 2009.

Councillor Piper reported on attending the Valemount Wildfire Protection / Prevention Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 and that they will be trying to apply for a number of grants. She also reported on attending a VCTV meeting with the Regional District of Fraser Fort George and Mr. Andru McCracken. Councillor Piper attended an Arena Board meeting and reported that they are hoping to open the Fit Pit on Tuesday, April 14, 2009. She also reported on attending the Prince George Treaty Advisory Committee meeting in Prince George on Friday, February 20, 2009. Councillor Piper also mentioned the meeting she attended today along with the rest of Council with Ms. Claudia Frost regarding Greyhound.

Mayor Smith reported on the postponement of the COFI Convention he was to attend in Prince George April 1-3, 2009 due to current economic conditions. Mayor Smith reported on attending the following meetings: Wednesday, February 11, 2009 management meeting with VCTV; Thursday, February 12, 2009 Omineca Beetle Action Coalition (OBAC) meeting in Burns Lake; Tuesday, February 17, 2009 meeting with Valemount and Area Chamber of Commerce President Shawn Alain; February 18-19, 2009 Regional District of Fraser Fort George Board meeting; Friday, February 20, 2009 Grand Opening Event of the Prince George Airport Expansion and Prince George Regional Advisory Committee / Northern Development Initiative Trust meeting; Monday, February 23, 2009 Mayor For The Day Mr. Ian Forman; and earlier today meeting with Ms. Claudia Frost.

Council members referred to a late item from Mr. John Grogan.

Res # 107/09

MOVED BY Councillor Piper

SECONDED BY Councillor Tchir

THAT the information from Mr. John Grogan regarding upcoming 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul, Turkey, be received; AND THAT the Village of Valemount send a letter supporting water as a human and not a corporate right.

CARRIED.

10. In Camera Meeting

Res # 108/09

MOVED BY Councillor Piper

SECONDED BY Councillor Tchir

THAT the Regular Council meeting be closed to the public to permit consideration of two additional agenda items as In Camera items pursuant to Section 90.1 of the Community Charter and that members of the public be excluded from the In Camera session of Council.

CARRIED.

11. Adjournment

MOVED BY Councillor Piper

That the Regular Council meeting held February 24, 2009 be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL
AT A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON _____
RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer