# TOWN OF HAY RIVER SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

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The Special Meeting of Council was held on Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Council

Present:

Mayor Miltenberger, Deputy Mayor Maher, Councillors Lester, O'Brien, Burnstad, Wallington and Latour.

Staff:

Terry Molenkamp - Senior Administrative Officer, Gerry Maloney - Director of Finance, Ross deBoer - Director of Recreation and Jaimi Carter - Recording Secretary.

Absent:

Councillor McKay

Others:

Minister Michael Miltenberger, Deputy Minister Maragret Melhorne, MLA Paul Delorey, Leah Miltenberger, Peter Maher, Kandis Jameson, Dave MacDonald, Tom Lakusta, Diana Yeager and Paul Bickford - News North.

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Miltenberger presiding.

#### 2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

#09-150

MOVED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR MAHER SECONDED BY: CLLR LATOUR

That the Council of the Town of Hay River accepts the Agenda for the May 28, 2009 Special Meeting of Council as presented.

**CARRIED** 

#### 3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest for the Special Meeting of Council, May 28, 2009.

### 4. Delegation Minister Miltenberger

Minister Michael Miltenberger touched base on various GNWT plans, issues and progress involving the following;

- Our current economic issues, stating that there are challenges for all industries, governments, and jurisdictions. There is a need for the GNWT to play a counter balancing role to offset the economic downturn.
- Diamond production and operations is down 20%, Oil and Gas/Mining explorations down 80%.
- Healthcare is the biggest cost driver in most governments, consuming some jurisdictions by over 45% - consuming 65% of every \$1.00, leaving minimal room for other infrastructure. Noting that the abuse of alcohol, smoking, poor diets, and lack of exercise use 60-80% of healthcare costs. The goal is to provide education and prevention services.
- The government would like to invest money for further training for professional development and college enrollment.
- 60 Million Dollars will be spent over the next three years towards alternative energy, power, and diesel. These projects include wind turbines, mini hydro, hydro line, Taltson project, biomass initiative, pilot project and residual heat.

- Board Reform package has gone to Cabinet and the MLAs. There will be a regrouping session in April of 2010.
- Initiative to convert Schools in Hay River and Fort. Smith to Pellet Boilers. This
  project has been put forth and contractors are pushing forwards.
- Half a Billion Dollars towards Capital Projects Diamond Jenness Secondary School Renovation Proposal was approved, also there is a four year plan to renovate the Hay River Hospital. These are the two largest projects for Hay River with a combined cost of 89 Million Dollars.
- Business Incentive Program protection it offers the North. The government is trying to get as many projects as possible going.
- Environmental issues Oil Sands. A major priority is the Northern Water Strategy.
   There is a bilateral to be signed by regions; one has been signed so far with the Yukon.
- Seniors Benefit Program package to be released to the public and MLAs this fall.
- 10 Principles of Consensus Government. April 21 to 23, 2009, 19 MLAs defined exactly what consensus government is and how it operates at a Blanchford Lake Lodge Resort.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

#09-151

MOVED BY: CLLR BURNSTAD

That the Special Meeting of Council of May 28, 2009 be adjourned at 8:05 pm.

**CARRIED** 

Certified correct as recorded on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

These minutes were accepted by motion #09-157.

Mayor

Senior Administrative Officer